FARM NOTES.

-The future breeding qualities of a sheer are shaped to a great extent the first month of the animal's life, and unless it is started right it will never make a good animal.

-It is a dreadfully wasteful way of farming to leave the cornstalks standing in the field to be pastured during the winter. Prepare to save the fodder and get all there is in the crop out of it.

-There is no better way to increase the value of the farm than by putting on pure bred or high grade stock. Mouey put into good stock on the farm is like placing money in a bank at compound interest.

-The man who has hundreds of loads of manure on his farm near his buildings who says he has no time to haul it out, or that it will cost too much to hire it done, is to be pitied. He may live in your neighborhood. The man will soon have no use for the farm

-Weeds are great moisture consumers, but they do not act in conjunction with the tile drains. To grow a pound of weeds requires twice as much moisture as it does to grow a pound of any cultivated crop. For this reason they should not be permitted to grow anywhere where they will be cumberers of the soil. Weeds should not be permitted to perfect their seeds.

—Apple pomace, placed in a silo like corn ensilage, is said to be easily kept in good condition, and may be fed to cattle in connection with other foods to advantage. Ten pounds of the apple pomace is considered sufficient for a cow one day, as an addition to the usual ration, and they relish it very highly. The silo also afford a method of saving apple pomace which otherwise would be wasted.

-Beginners with fruit should not be too enthusiastic over the merits of new varieties. Every year "the best" comes out, the highly praised variety of last year being forgotten in the catalogue of this year. The proper plan is to visit the fruit farm of some experienced neighbor and take his advice. The old standards are usually the best, but new varieties should be tested on a limited scale. Climate and soil must be considered in selecting varieties.

-Seed corn can be selected in the winter, or when the corn is being husked. A box should be placed near the point of operations, and every perfect ear (selecting only the best) should be thrown into it while husking. It is possible that but few ears may be selected from among a large number, but if care is used in selecting, and the seed corn is put in a dry place, it will be found next spring that more grains will germinate and a larger yield

-If a beef breed of cattle is preferred make beef production a specialty, and do not look upon cows of such breeds to be perfect as producers of milk and butter. There may be a few good butter cows among the heef producing breeds, but where a certain article is desired it should be the prime object. If milk and butter are to be specialties the breeds should be those that excel in those products. Too many good points cannot be had in cows. Each cow will excel in one line only, and should be made to do duty where the most

-Farmers use the cultivator for a plow; that is, they cultivate deep, with the object of loosening the soil between the rows. If the ground is to be broken up the plow is the thing to do it with, but two inches is sufficient depth for cultivation. Grass and weeds should never be allowed to grow to a height to demand "plowing" with a cultivator. Keep the top soil loose. and never allow grass or weeds to more than sprout above ground. Deep cultiva-tion frequently does barm in disturbing the roots of plants grown as a crop.

-Cows giving a large quantity of milk have been slaughtered, and every drop of milk has been gathered up, the largest amount ever found being about four quarts; hence milk is largely made during the time of milking, and the cow must be placed under favorable conditions at the time or there will not be the regular quantity of milk. Do not think that the milk is already there, and all you have to do is to draw it out. Only a small portion is in this state. Most of it is there, ready to be changed into milk, but it is not milk, and conditions must be favorable for the cow to make the change.

-Late cultivation of the peach in the colder parts of the peach-growing sections is always daugerous to the hardiness of the tree. Many orchards have their vitality injured by too late and too deep culture. When weeds start and grow late in the season mow them with a machine close to the ground. If the summer cultivation has been properly done but few weeds will appear. The attention must be directed to making good, ripe wood and healthy fruiting. These apparently unimportant matters often secure a crop of fruit when others fail to secure one. Fertilizers may be applied at any time with safety.

-All natural streams over land are more or less crooked, as they bend first one way and then another to avoid obstructions. In making artificial open ditches there is at first an almost irresistible tendency to follow the natural course and simply deepen it. But after the ditch is cut, if it a cultivated field, the crooked places in it makes serious difficulties for the plow, the harrow, cultivator and the mowing ma-Only for a pasture lot is the winding rivulet running through a field allowable, providing it can easily be remedied. By straightening an open drain, and putting sewer pipe in it, the ditch may be filled and plowed over, making a rich, cul-tivable field of what was originally only fit for growing coarse and inferior

-At one time in history, improving a farm was a matter of muscle; now it is brains. 'The soil is gradually losing fertility and the man who thinks is the only one who will be found equal to the condiwas paid by farmers who now find diffiany reasonable rate. This is the day when all kind of information has an intrinsic all kind of information has an intrinsic unwrapped velvet cats and china elephants, value. It is nonsense to abuse land or own feathered roosters or tiny dolls, old women

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

As the sesson for Halloween celebrations is approaching suggestions for these may be found acceptable. The following very 'Hallowe'eny" party for children is described in October St. Nicholas. "A children's Celebration of Hallowe'en." Invitations to thirty one children-a guest for each of October's golden days-were sent out a week in advance and read as fol-

Won't you come to my Hallowe'en party, from 6 to 9, Saturday, October 31? Please wear real play-clothes.

In the corner of each card was a tiny water-color sketch—a witch riding a broom, a blinking owl, a broad-winged

Every response was an acceptance, and straightway preparations for the party began. From a farm-house we drove home one day with a load of cornstalks, pumpkins, and carrots. Everybody in the bousehold who could use a jack-knife was pressed into service. Big pumpkins and little were transformed into lauterus, with faces upon which black or white paint had sketched queer eyebrows or fierce mustachios. They were distributed about the house tucked among russet oak-leaver and green pine-boughs on each mantel, set lantern-fashion on a newel-post in the hall, or hung here and there from overhead grilles. Cornstalks were stalked beside a fireplace at a safe distance from the fire, and the house was lit dimly by pumpkinheads or candles set in hollowed carrots. The dining-table was set with a group of carrot candlesticks and bowlfuls of apples, nuts, grapes, and candy. Upon a fat pump-kin was perched a Hollowe'en witch holding a haudful of raffia, which came from the mouth of a grabbag. In her black gown, peaked hat, and flying red cloak, with a veritable broomstick in her hand, she was the star of indoors. On the lawn, ready to offer a welcome to every guest who arrived, was a greater star, a life-size witch, with a pair of twinkling red eyes which could be seen two blocks distant. Her framework was a rough wooden cross with one end hewn to a sharp stick which was driven into the ground. Pillows were tied about her lath-like form for shape, while her garb was a nightgown. The pumpkin-head was of noble proportions, the hair was a bunch of black raffia, and over it perched a lordly hat with a peak nearly a yard high, wide brim, and a crisp scarf of orange-colored paper tied in a magnificent bow at one side. The head was nailed securely to the framework, and inside the candles flared safely, far the witch's cap was linen with asbestos. That she made a hit would be praising her mildly if her feet had not been securely planted in the earth she might have been tempted to curtsey from the attention she receiv-

When fifteen small girls filed downstairs led by their young hostess, they were blindfolded one by one, each played a game of blindman'sbuff with the boys in the hall, the one who was captured being her partner for supper. It shattered in an in-stant the ice which has always to be broken at a children's party. The crowd watching blindman's-buff began to shriek with laughter which grew to genuine hilarity when the sixteenth girl chased the sixteenth boy into a corner. There was a hungry tush at half-past six for the diningroom and parlor where eight small tables were set, four children being scated at each. The supper was a simple one, consisting of tongue and chicken saudwiches with stuffed potatoes, baked apples with whipped cream, gingerbread men, chocolate,

nuts, and grapes. When the evening's fun began, a jolly young aunt was appointed referee and reccorder in the various games. The first part of the program was held in the kitchen while tables were being cleared and dishes carried to the butler's pantry. There was, of course, a tub filled with lukewarm water (it is too chilly a night for a cold plunge), and in it floated a score of rosy apples Bobbing for them was no end of fun, and the first youngster clever enough to bring one up in his or her teeth was given the first place on the list of honor, which meant later the first chance at the grab-

An apple tied to a string was swinging in a doorway-it got bitten at last-then fifteen minutes were spent over what the small hostess called "candle-boots." It excited curiosity enough when there was handed about a plateful of walnut shellhalves. Each one was numbered on the bottom with India ink, then into it had been poured a spoonful of paraffin. In the center stood a bit of oil-soaked, cotton string to mike a wick. The children, each one keeping in memory the number of his walnut-shell, crowded about the tub on the kitchen floor, and on its waters was lannched a fleet of burning candle-boats. All sorts of exciting adventures befell them: they bumped into each other, one or two were capsized, some took fire and burned up, while a few sailed on serenely with their little candles burning up the last drop of grease. The last survivor was inspected for its number, than its owner's name went

third on the roll of honor. There was no greater for during the evening than a "peanut carry." The boys chose partners and were ranged in two lines from the dining-room to the parlor. At the end of each line was a table; one held a big basket of peanuts, beside the other stood the umpire, with her pencil and paper. On it was a wooden bowl and two plates. When the umpire called a girl's name she and her partner walked down the center to the farther table. Covering the backs of their hands with all the peanuts they could hold, they carried them to the other table, where they were counted. It sounds like an easy task, but the winner had only seven or eight peanuts to his credit. When the children began to giggle, when hands grew shaky, or a walk quickened into a run, the peannts went tum-blind everywhere to the delight of the on-

lookers. There was a game of bean bags, then a spirited soap bubble contest. For this partners were drawn again and a ribbon stretched from end to end of the room, with boys on one side of it and girls on the other. It was played almost like a tennis game, a girl blowing a bubble to her parttions, for there is too much taken off and not enough put back on. In the past the down the line, and the children who kept farm equipment was very simple, but now a bubble floating for two minutes wou. farm equipment was very simple, but now a man can go broke buying implements unless he exercises caution. At one time it cost but little in actual cash to live, about the grab-bag in front of the witch-doll, who yielded up her reins Fach boy and girl, according to Once a ruinons rate of interest his or her place upon the list, pulled at a black or an orange-colored strand of raffia. culty in loaning their surplus money at One jerk brought out a bundle wrapped in tissue-paper-and such queer things were a scrub animal of any kind. It is non- who nodded their heads, and old men who sense, because it is a losing game. winked their eyes, long-tailed mick, or fat

little owls, and Japanese novelties without

What a stampede there was down cellar when the jolly aunt appeared with a cornpopper, tin pans, and a package of popcorn. Upstairs they came again presently with half a bushel of hot, snowy-white kernels. Then with bowlfuls of popcorn and peanuts they made a circle about the jolly aunt, who announced that the last half-hour was to be devoted to something very weird and 'Hallowe'eny. She sat before a low table chanting softly, while into a saucer she tossed a tablespoonful of salt and poured alcohol upon it from a silver flagon. When she touched it with a match it blazed up in a blue uncanny flame. Then she began in a slow, deep voice:

'Little Orphan Annie's come to our house She had scarcely reached the last verse

when the saucer-lamp flared strangely and went out. The reader lit it again, with her salt and alcohol, and recited:

All around the house in the jet-black night, It stares through the window pane." but the light went out as she whispered,

"All the wicked shadows coming tramp, tramp,

tramp There followed Eugene Field's ghostly "Seein' Things," with its "scary" refrain. But as she ended the last stanza, the lights suddenly blazed up, real electric lights instead of tallow dips in carrot candlesticks, and the clock struck nine. There was a sourry upstairs for warm caps and coats. 'Good nights' were said, not only to the little lady hostess, her tall mother, and the jolly aunt, but to the witch-lady on the lawn, whose round eyes still glowed. Her black raffia hair was blowing across her pumpkin face; she could not very well push it aside, for her arms were stretched

out stiffly and her back would not bend. It had been a very jolly Hallowe'en; even the witch lady seemed to acknowl edge it the next morning, when ber head was carried down cellar and her queer wooden leg bumped its way up the attic

Horrors of Shipwreck. Seamen Crazed by Sufferings Tarew Themselves into

Boston, Oct. 17 .- A story of a North Atlantic shipwreck, in which eight seamen suffered so fearfully from exposure, hunger and thirst that some either died outright, were washed away or, crazed by their fearful experience, therew themselves into the sea, was told by the two slurvivors of the coasting schooner Van Name and King, of New Haven, which was beaten to pieces by a gale off the South Carolina coast on October 6.

The two men who lived through five days and were rescued by the schooner Stillman F. Kelly, which arrived here, are William Thomas and William G. Warner, both about 29 years old, and hail from Antigua, British West Indies. The six who, one by one, succumbed were: Captain William A. Maxwell, of New Jersey; Mate E. A. Chase, home unknown; engineer, a German, name unknown; colored steward, name unknown; colored seamen, William Grizell and Alfred Arthur. both of Jamaica.

The Van Name and King left Charleston, S. C., for New York, with a cargo of hard pine. Two days later she ran into a heavy gale, and after wallowing about in the great seas for several hours sprang a leak. The pumps were started, but within a short time the engine room was flooded and the pumps choked.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of October 6, with her hold nearly full of water, the little schooner was hove down on her beam ends. The crew clambered on the weather side and lashed themselves to the bulwarks. There they remained, washed by the seas that broke mercilessly over them, all day Friday. That night the storm increased in fury, and one great wave crashed aboard, breaking both legs of Seaman Arthur and sweeping Grizell from his fastenings. Arthur's companions could do nothing to ease his sufferings, but when on Saturday the schooner turned completely over, they managed to cut his lashings and drag him on a piece of the after house. It was several hours before they were all huddled together on their little raft. That night Arthur died in the arms of Captain Maxwell, and his body was dropped overboard.

Sunday night the waves subsided and a little rain fell, which was eagerly caught in a tarpaulin and brought some slight relief. It was only temporary, and not long after Mate Chase's mind gave way entirely, and the craft was again lightened

when he jumped into the sea. The next victim was Captain Maxwell, who on Monday forenoon became violently insane and followed his mate's example of self-destruction as

a relief to his sufferings. The spectacle of two men throwing themselves into the sea proved too much for the German engineer, and a few hours after Captain Maxwell's he, too, leaped to his death.

The last victim was the colored steward, who died Monday night, and whose body was consigned to the waters by the two remaining seamen.

Relief came 12 hours later, when the schooner Stillman F. Kelly sighted the little craft and hove to alongside. Both Thomas and Warner had to be taken off in slings, and for two days were unable to move.

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