

FARM NOTES.

Clean out the well just as soon as it can be done and there will be less danger from typhoid fever and other diseases. A well should be cleaned out at least once a year no matter how clear the water appears. Some farmers keep but few pigs and raise only enough meat for home consumption, but where a clover field can be used to advantage for hogs it will pay to keep a number of them and sell off the surplus when the price is high. Small hogs bring better prices and sell more readily than very large ones.

The effect of a strong ray of light falling on milk is to develop the fermentive organisms that lead to the decomposition of the liquid. They are of a vegetable character, and need light as well as warmth to enable them to thoroughly do their work. It is an excellent plan, therefore, to keep milk in the shade, not necessarily in a dark room, but away from the light of a window.

Temperature has more to do with preserving butter than anything else. If exposed to variable temperatures no amount of salt will help it. If kept from contamination of odors, and in a cool place, it will retain flavor and keep much better than when preserved in brine. Brine, however, assists in many respects, but should not be depended upon entirely.

Of all roots, except potatoes, beets are more sensitive to frost. Carrots being mostly deep in the ground will stand considerable freezing without much injury, providing they are left to thaw in the ground. Parsnips and vegetable oyster plants (salsify) are better for being left out all winter, and of parsnips especially, only enough should be put in the cellar for use when those out doors cannot be gotten at.

Seed corn should be selected carefully. Nibs one and one-half inches long on an ear of corn result from bad selections. On such an ear the silks from the kernels on the tip of the ear are so slow in maturing that there is no pollen to fertilize them. Select ears that show by being well filled at the tip that the silks mature close together, not more than three or four days apart.

Barn yard manure assists in retaining moisture in the soil because it is an absorbent. Manure has an indirect action on the elements of plant food existing in the soil, as it breaks up chemical compounds during the process of fermentation. Thus it may be noticed barn-yard manure not only exercises a mechanical effect on the soil, but provides plant food, its action being quick or slow, according to the kind or condition of manure used.

The farmer who raises a few pigs for his pork barrel may count the cost and affirm that pigs do not pay, but where a few pigs are raised they will consume a large amount of material that would be of no value except for their use. When the pork barrel is full the farmer is at least fortified for the winter with meat, and in many cases where no pigs are kept there is a waste of material that could be utilized with the aid of at least one or two porkers.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A Daily Thought.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or find it not.—Emerson.

Light clinging, soft materials seem to be especially in favor—chiffon velvet, silk corduroy, radium, messaline and the ever faithful mousseline do soie.

There are many styles and fads and notions about combs and pins for the hair; but nothing will ever supersede for one instant the exquisite richness and propriety of real tortoise shell, carved or adorned with gold.

Fur trimmings are admirable for street dresses and evening cloaks. They will be seen on many of the handsomest garments of the winter. But—it is exceedingly bad form to wear fur on an indoor dress.

Short skirts for evening wear are still popular among very young women. For dancing there is no question about their being practical and decidedly comfortable. But a woman over twenty-five should not think of it.

One handsome evening cloak is of pompadour moire. It is distinguished from the popular Empire style by a cape effect in the back, though there are the flowing sleeves in front. It is trimmed with sable, and lined with accordion-pleated chiffon. This idea of sable trimming was seen on some very handsome evening cloaks.

Coming all the way from evening cloaks of filmy loveliness and all kinds of magnificence to shoes—plain, every-day walking shoes—the jump is sudden. However, geminal calf is a very new and very practical idea. It takes the place of the old calfskin admirably, for it is soft and pretty, and very much easier to clean. It is usually made up into a perfectly plain shoe, with a Cuban heel running from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches.

A person of wide experience in that realm where fashion's mandates are as gospel truth was heard to remark that no one thing takes precedence over others in the matter of the latest mode. The only way to get down to facts is to listen attentively to what all the authorities have to say, and then simmer the whole down to your own personal taste. Some one says, looking very much shocked, "Why, the ideal in Paris such and such a style is quite the vogue. Very true; but if you are in Paris, you will note that about 500 different things are quite the vogue. Paris is an authority, and Paris knows that there are a multitude of tastes in the world."

Speaking of afternoon gowns, worn at teas, matinees and at home, simple ideas seem to be universally popular among the authorities, which, after all, is only consistent with good taste. Some hold strictly to the severely plain tailored gown, and declare that the best material for the purpose is broadcloth. This does seem a sensible thing, come to think of it. Even the fancy tailored gown is practical. In regard to skirt length, the French women, almost without exception, prefer the long skirt, while American women hold to the short. This may be explained by the fact that French women travel more in carriages, and are not hampered by the care of their gowns with too much walking. American women, of course, have their carriages, but, at the same time, are not afraid of a little exercise. For the woman who must be more or less ornate, even in her visiting gown, chiffon velvet is the ideal material. This, however, requires a sweeping length, for it needs some support.

A severely simple gown of olive green broadcloth, is made with plaits and three wide ruffles. The yoke and cuffs are of an olive green several shades deeper, and made of silk corduroy. The fastening is gold thread, and the collar is of heavy coral lace bejeweled with emeralds and rubies.

Pattern 6608 is another plain gown of golden brown broadcloth. The buttons are of brown velvet, and the girdle is plain gold cloth with a greenish tint. The collar and yoke and cuffs are the same gold cloth embroidered in gold thread and green silk and decorated with emerald jewels.

VOGUE OF THE NIGHTCAP.

London society has taken to wearing nightcaps—not the old-fashioned kind, but exquisite creations of muslin and lace, elaborately trimmed with ribbon.

Countess Fabbriotti, the famous society beauty, and one of the latest recruits to the ranks of titled milliners, is responsible for the quaint revival.

"The revival of the nightcap has been extraordinarily successful," said the Countess. "When I first introduced the little caps of lace a few weeks ago I never thought they would have such a vogue."

"Of course, the old style of nightcap was terribly unhygienic, but that cannot be alleged against the little caps that I make, for they are made entirely of lace or open netting."

"Young people as well as old wear them. Indeed, I have just got an order for two dozen real lace nightcaps for a bride."

KILLED IN FOOTBALL GAME

Gridiron Battle in New York Results in Tragedy.

New York, Nov. 27.—William Moore, right halfback of the Union college football team, died from injuries received in a game with New York University. He was 19 years of age, and lived at Ogdensburg, N. Y. Moore was knocked unconscious by a blow on the head while he was carrying the ball and bucking the line. He died about six hours after receiving the injury from cerebral hemorrhage.

Moore was injured about the middle of the game, when the contest was closest and the play fiercest. In an attempt to get through the New York centre Moore went at the line head first, like a catapult. This play was his last. No one saw what Moore's head struck, but he dropped limply to one side of the scrimmage, and the ball fell from his hands.

Rib Driven Through Heart. Rockville, Ind., Nov. 27.—Carl Osborne, 18 years of age, was instantly killed in a football game between Marshall and Bellmore high schools, at Bellmore. He staggered after a tackle and was picked up dead. One rib had been broken and driven through the heart.

Paralyzed and Speechless. Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 27.—Robert Brown, aged 15 years, was probably fatally injured in a football game. His body is paralyzed, and he is unable to speak.

OFFERS CUP FOR YACHT RACE

King Edward Offers Trophy For Trans-Atlantic Contest. New York, Nov. 28.—King Edward it was announced has offered a cup for a trans-Atlantic yacht race to be sailed in 1907. The race is to be from Sandy Hook to the Needles. The race is to be under the management of the New York Yacht club and open to yachts of the world. A special meeting of the club will be held to accept the offer, which was presented by Prince Louis of Battenberg at his recent reception at the club.

Policeman Shot by Burglar. Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—Alexander Montgomery, a policeman, was probably fatally shot in the abdomen in the foreign quarter of the city by Harry Smith, a negro, who had been arrested by the policeman for attempted burglary. Montgomery had captured Smith, after the latter had been pursued by a crowd of Italians, who had detected him entering a house. As the negro was being led to the police station he turned on the policeman and shot him in the abdomen. The crowd attempted to escape, but the negro held him until other policemen arrived on the scene.

Four Men Burned to Death. Washington, Nov. 27.—James C. Orr, Harry Savoy, Richard Thomas and Gus Gray, all colored, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the office building of a kindling wood yard at 3002 K street. The building in which the men were burned was a two-story structure, and it is supposed the men were asleep on the second floor. A fifth man jumped from a second-story window, breaking a leg, but escaped the fate of the others. The fire originated in a blacksmith shop adjoining the building in which the men were burned.

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