FARM NOTES.

—It may not pay to pasture cattle on small farms that are highly cultivated, as the land may be too valuable, but on many small farms there will be nearly always something that cannot be marketed, but which will contribute to the support of a cow or a few pigs.

-When purchasing nursery stock next spring look carefully for disease. Scale is sometimes sent out with trees that have not been fumigated. All reliable nurserymen now fumigate young trees before shipping them, but as inexperienced workmen may make mistakes every fruit grower should make it a point to examine all trees before accepting them.

-After deducting from the rations of a cow the food for support, which will be the same whether she gives much milk or little, the surplus will be converted into milk and determine the measure of profit to her owner. It is, therefore, desirable to make that surplus as large as possible. The last pound of food she can utilize will pay the best.

-Abandoned farms are evidences of lack of skill and industry on the part of their former occupants. The fact that some of these farms have been made profitable demonstrates that more farms are abandoned because of inducements in other directions to individuals who can not make the farms pay more than for lack of capacity of the soil.

-The keeping quality and taste of but ter depends largely on the quality of the salt used in making it. Salt that contains lime and magnesia, the two principal impurities, is unfit to use. But as the difference in price between the best salt and inferior grades is slight, while that between good and bad butter is very large, it pays to get the best always for dairy purposes.

-Trees, flowers and shrubbery add much to the value of the house, but it is better not to set out plants for ornamentation if they are not to be cared for, as a neglected farm is a very unsightly spectacle. A farm surrounded with vines and flowers will sell when a better farm, but not so ornamental, will not find a purchaser. Paint and whitewash also add largely to the attractiveness of a farm.

-Canna roots should be kept in the cellar. They can stand cold well, provided they are in a dry location, but moisture will seriously injure them. Put the roots in the ground after danger of frost is over in the spring. The canna is a beautiful plant, and the more rapid its growth and larger the plant the better, hence the ground for the roots should be well prepared and manure used liberally.

-The soil for young fruit trees should be deeply plowed and if subsoiled so much the better. The surface should also be harrowed fine. Planting trees in holes is well enough, but the land nevertheless requires preparation, so as to afford the roots facili- tucks. ties for making rapid growth at the start. The shorter the tops of young trees, the less work the trees wili have to do, but pruning trees should be judiciously done.

-Now that winter has come it may be noticed that the corn is yet standing in some fields, not having been cut at the proper time. Such corn is a dead loss to the farmer, so far as the fodder is concerned, and reduces the profits of the crop. It debt or mortgage their farms because they do not know how to manage their business.

—There are several crops that may be grown for seed, and which will provide food for poultry, among them being soridea to button then in the back. ghum, millet, Kaffir corn and sunflower. If these plants produce seed they are of but little value for animals as fodder, but if the stalks are run through a feed cutter and used for bedding, or thrown on the manure heap, nothing will be lost, while the seed will be valuable for the purposes desired.

-If the delicious flavor peculiar to butter is due, as many suppose, to flavoring oils in the vegetation consumed by the milkgiving animal, butter made from the same food should have the same flavor, though coming from different animals. It is notorious that it does not. Hence it follows that the true butter flavor must be dependent either on oils built up anew in the animal body or to vegetable oils changed by animal influences.

-House plants should be carefully washed daily, or two or three times a week, according to the amount of dust that accumulates. Plants breathe through the agency of the leaves, and may therefore be suffocated with dust. It is not necessary to saturate the earth in the pots, though the earth should not be allowed to become too dry. An excellent fertilizer for plants is a teaspoonful of phosphate of potash in a gal-lon of the water used for watering, to each quart of which should be added a teaspoon-full of ammonia water.

money from sheep than ever before. One farmer in New England derived over \$1,000 from 100 ewes by selling "hothouse" lambs, according to report, using the improved breeds. While this may not be accomplished by all who venture into the keeping of sheep, yet it should not be over-looked that wool is only one product from sheep. Lamb and mutton bring better prices than wool, and some of the mutton breeds of sheep contain individual members of the flock that weigh over 300 pounds each on the hoof. The lambs from such large sheep grow very rapidly, and reach the market weeks ahead of the scrub lambs, thus bringing high prices because they get into the market before competition begins.

—The countries that lead in quality of live stock use roots as food for the animals. England which gave us our best breeds, would never have done so but for her large would never have done so but for her large crops of turnips. The English market reports give prices of beets, mangels and turnips as regularly as do our journals for grain and hay. In some sections of this country the root crop is becoming an important one, but we rely mostly on corn, which produces not only largely of grain, but also of fodder; hence it is cheaper to grow corn than roots, but better results would be obtained if roots were added to the corn, hay and fodder. Labor-saving which produces not only largely of grain, but also of fodder; hence it is cheaper to grow corn than roots, but better results would be obtained if roots were added to the corn, hay and fodder. Labor-saving implements now cheapen the cost of producing roots compared with former years, and with the use of roots the food is more varied, which promotes more rapid growth of young stock and greater yields from producers.

Plain huckaback towels can be transformed into pretty toilet articles. A nice pair of bathing shoes can be made by cutting out uppers (using the uppers of cast-off old shoes as a model,) and stitching them to a pair of cork soles. Bind the edge with colored braid and sew on little or ribbon to the back seam and pass it through the rings as a fastening to the shoe.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A Daily Thought.

It is so easy for a woman to become what the man she loves believes her to be!-EDITH WHAR-

SPATS. -White spats are smart.

-Checks are very modish. -Browns rival the tan shades.

-Leather color is quite fetching.

-Plum shades come to match plum cos

tumes. -Moss and hunter green shades are to

be had. -Black spats are worn with any sort of

suit. -Antelope and suede are seen in the

feminine spat. -Buttons are rather large and altogether

-Any dress may be matched by having the spats made from the material. -An invisible blue and green has been

matched with spats. -The material must be firm, a good

mality of broad cloth being best. -Pale gray and mode shades are smart-

est when a contrast is desired. -A girl in black velvet looked smart with white fox furs and white cloth spats. -It would seem they'd be clumsy over boots, but let a thing be modish and a woman can endure most anything.

-First and foremost, lingerie blouses are white. The idea seems to be almost universal, though an occasional colored blouse pops out here and there. Almost without exception, the French waists are of handkerchief linen or batiste—all in the inevitable white. The newest mode is a very deep cuff-maybe quite to the elbow with a short puff above. In many cases the elbows are trimmed with ruffles and embroidered to match the front. By the way, embroidery upon blouses is more lavish than ever.

One of the latest Parisian novelties is to embroider on the fullness of the sleeve below the shoulder. It does seem that em broidery is running riot, finding ever new fields to spread itself. Almost without exception, the waists are trimmed with German valenciennes— that rich creamy lace—or with Irish crochet, which, surely, has never before been so popular. One of the new ideas is to carry the embroidery over on to the lace insertion.

Some of the few exceptions to white are delicate lavendar and pink blouses of handkerchief linen. They are trimmed in the usual way, with tiny tucks, tucks, German valenciennes and embroidery. These delicate shades are so lovely that it will be something to regret if they do not find

Crepe de chine is popular for blouses; though, of course, not to be compared in importance with the prevailing batiste and handkerchief linen. One pretty blouse of this was pink, made with valencien-nes lace and silk embroidery. The sleeves had short, full puffs, caught up in three sections by rows of short, horizontal pin

Coming to the American ideas, the blouses are of the prevalent batiste, with a very few exceptions of lawn—and nearly all white. All of the best waists are of batiste. Among the new ideas is the blouse with a short sleeve — the pretty little kind that stops at the elbow and is finished with a sash effect. It is, of course, adapted to house wear.

There are always the old reliable tailoris such farmers who abandon their farms because farming don't pay and they go into made waists of madras and linen. The cuffs, while the latter has the short cuffs, which, of course, is more strictly tailormade. They are made upon the usual

The "mannish waist" is an idea for the woman who would follow tailor ideas to an extreme. It is made 'on exactly the same line as a man's shirt - perfectly plain, with a small yoke, buttons in the front, and has stiffly starched cuffs and detachable linen collar. These are usually made in white madras, though there are some in blue and gray cotton cheviot.

To sum up, the lingerie blouses are white, of batiste, much betrimmed with lace and tucks, and embroidered with a lavishness exceeding everything so far.

BOILING RICE.

"How do you boil your rice?" is an everrecurring question to the Southern housewife as her guests gaze with envy at the snowy mounds of dry but perfectly cooked grain. Like most things "it's easy when you know how!" Wash the rice in fresh cold water, says Harper's Bazar. Put into a saucepan, cover well with hot water and boil briskly for half an hour. When the water is all gone, put the rice into a fine colander, set the colander on a saucepan filled with boiling water, and finish your cooking by steam. When properly cooked each grain is separate. If rice were used more frequently as a vegetable instead of potatoes, the hous keeper would find she had made a gain economically as well as rying over wool and its price year after year, declaring that "there is no money in sheep," other breeders are making more money from sheep than ever before

THE NEW RUBBER PLANT.

The old favorite in halls and on porches has not lost prestige one bit; but its cousin, the Ficus Pandurata, a native of Cuba. is working its way into the housewife's heart. It is indeed a handsome plant. Its habits are very much the same as the everyday rubber plant, and it is an easy matter to care for it. Its leaves are about fourteen inches long and six or eight inches broad, growing rather close together on the stalk. The dark wax-like green is made more attractive by the prominence of the principal white veins showing on the sur-face. If trimmed and trained in bush form, this makes a beautiful piece for a large hall or library, or of course, most anywhere outdoors. It is easy to care for, even suffering neglect cheer-fully. In some awkward corner, where no furniture seems to look well, its rich, handsome leaves growing above a solid tabouret, solve this problem for Mistress Housewife

TO MAKE TOILET ARTICLES. Plain huckaback towels can be trans A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, November 29. George Ackerman was sent to

prison for 14 months in New York for illegal voting. Charles A. Stillings, of Boston, was

sworn in as public printer at Washington and assumed his duties. The large shoe factory of the Landis Shoe company, at Palmyra, Pa., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of

\$100,000. Several buildings at the United States proving grounds at Sandy Hook, N. J., were destroyed by fire of un-

known origin. While suffering from delirium tremens, John F. Carr, of Philadelphia, committed suicide by stabbing himself 15 times.

Friday, December 1. The board of health of San Francisco has condemned 4000 pounds of eastern turkeys, owing to poor refrigeration en route.

The body of John N. Tinsdale, a wealthy mining operator, who disappeared in New York on November 5, has been found in the river. Celia Tarbox, aged 15 years, was ar-

rested at Biddeford, Me., charged with stealing \$400 worth of jewelry from a family in Perth Amboy, N. J., by whom she was employed. While the street was crowded with

pedestrians, burglars broke the win dow of the Bauman Jewelry company's store in Chicago and escaped with \$9000 worth of diamonds. Saturday, December 2.

Henry M. Smith, a Philadelphia sewer inspector, dropped dead on the street from a stroke of apoplexy. Three children of Fortunat Trepannier were burned to death in a fire

which destroyed their home at St. Tite Quebec. Henry Gresham, an employe of the Norfolk & Southern railroad, was found murdered at Munden's Point, in

Princess Anne county, Va. Mrs. Anna Merrill, widow of the late Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, who died in New Jersey November 1, died in Chicago, of paralysis of the heart. Monday, December 4.

Three laborers were killed and four injured in the Erie railroad tunnel at Jersey City, N. J., by being run down by a train.

Lockiaw killed Walter A. Sims, a young Lancaster county (Pa.) farmer, after he had caught his hand in a shredding machine. Mrs. Sarah M. Perkins, aged 81

years, one of the best-known woman suffragists in Ohio, was run down and killed by a wagon in Cleveland. Falling 38 feet from a loft in his barn, near Lineboro, York county, Pa.,

W. H. Masemore, a well-known retired farmer, 63 years old, fractured his skull and died. Tuesday, December 5. George M. Ballard, commissioner of public works of Newark, N. J., died

as the result of an operation. The Hamburg Vitrified Brick Works. at Hamburg, Pa., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$60,000. The assets of the suspended Catho-

lic Bank of Mexico are \$2,856,194, and liabilities \$915,043, about \$800,000 belonging to poor citizens being tied up. Ellison G. Waite, grandson of Justice Waite, of the United States Supreme Court, was found dead in bed at Columbus, O., from a stroke of ap-

The New York Central Railroad Company has forbidden Sunday card playing or serving of drinks on all limited express trains, and porters hereafter must brush off passengers' coats in the vestibule.

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THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.-In spite of the fact that the word Dyspepsia means literally bad cook it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and erd it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that-let us hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

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