

FARM NOTES.

-Because some plants are partial to monsture it does not indicate that such plants must be grown in a wet soil. There is quite a difference between wet, undrain-ed soil and soil that retains only sufficient moisture to be of advantage to the crop.

-Early flower plants may be started in the house window, in small starch boxes or flower pots. Use rich earth, sifted, and do not keep it wet, but slightly moist. The boxes or pots should be placed in the sunlight during the day and kept in a warm room at night.

serving the same parpose as clay, but they contain but a trace of plant food. 'The best use for coal ashes is to sift them and use them in the poultry house, in order to afford dusting materials for the fowls. They also act as excellent absorbents for the droppings, and assist in keeping the

Domestication has changed the conditions somewhat, and lambs come early, but they are not well protected with wool covering and need warmth. This fact must not be everlooked when the ewes are due to Domestication has changed the conditions

-Fencing is an item of cost that all farmers must shoulder in order to pasture live stock. The fences of the United States have cost more than all our national wars, but habit reconciles millions to this expensive absurdity. One excellent use for un sightly stone fences is to crush them and use them in road building, the larger ones for filling up hollows in the roads between hills

-It does not pay to use old strawberry should be plowed under and used for some other kind of crop that requires the hoe, which will prepare the ground for a new strawberry bed the following spring.

-It is not the fat (cream) in the milk that causes an increase in cost for food, but the solids. The nitrogen, potash, and phosphates are in the skimmed milk. The difference between the solids and the fat. rence between the solids and the fat, so far as actual value is concerned, is but little, as the skimmed milk can be utilized on the farm to advantage. Fat in milk costs less in proportion to its market price than any other article produced on the farm.

-If your trees are infested with borers they can be found by tracing the bark. Insert a sharp needle to destroy them. Then paint the trees with white lead and linseed oil, mixed a little thicker than you

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. The most manifest sign of wisdom is a contin-

Culture has been recommended as a curr for gossip, and now work is prescribed for the woman who thinks she is worn to a the woman who thinks she is worn to a frazzle. She may be exhausted, but she probably needs a change of work more than a rest from work. Consider the strenuosity of the Christmas shopper. A day's house-work would wear her nerves to tatters, but battling with crowds does not, in the lan-guage of the streets, "feaze her a little bit."

A nerve-worn woman went to consult a big physician not long ago. She couldn't sleep. She couldn't think. She couldn't sit still. She was melancholy and impa-tient, and though her husband had just been elected to be a prominent banking president and she had a beautiful home and two interesting children she didn't think -Coal asbes make light soils heavier, erving the same purpose as clay, but they but a trace of plant food. 'The of her time in tears.

The droppings, and assist in keeping the floors clean.
On the same diet an animal at rest will fatten more readily than one that takes exercise. No animal should be allowed to lose flesh, as the loss of a pound in weight is equivalent to a loss of two, for the reason that an animal should gain in stead of losing. There is also a loss of time when the animal ceases to make any gain in weight.
Sheep are tender and but for their dense covering of wool could not endure our severe winters. In the wild state the lambs are not produced until mild weather.
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"Study my dear madam," he said tersely. "Study what?" "Anything but yourself and your absolutely unimportant feelings and sensations. Study the lives of the poor in this city. Post yourself on the hop girls that you and others like you are driving to distraction. Be useful. Forget yourself. Get away from your own aches and pains, and above all, shun sympathetic fitted by studying for stiff examinations such as poor obildren in their 'teens have to pass. Brain culture is a fine tonic, and hysteria needs mental stimulation more than sedatives." "Study my dear madam," he said terse

For the housewife harassed by care of children and servants a complete change of work would do a world of good, but this is often an impossibility.

In such cases physical effort will give some relief. If specific sports cannot be indulged in, much benefit may be derived by sharing the play life of the children. Simple lessons in dancing given by the mother will prove of mutual good. Long walks and skating act as a tonic on over-strained nerves strained nerves.

It is an excellent plan to definitely set aside one hour of the day to absolutely forgetting everything but the pursuit of a favorite study or hobby. Such occupation absorbs the mind, worry is forgotten, the nerves are quiescent, the whole system has time to recuperate, and renewed interest comes for the good things of life.

Even the invalid is often benefited by the work care. If she is not confined to her couch and is any sort of a seamstress. there are many opportunities in simple dressmaking, millinery, dainty blouses or little bonnets.

Bankrupt in health, the invalid may yet find a valuable asset in thought for others.

A Quaint Offer of Marriage.

A quaint offer of marriage, written more than 100 years ago, is carefully preserved in the family of the young wooer's descendants. It was addressed not to the young woman herself, but most respectfully and decorously to her parents. The father of the "Betsey' referred to had ten daughters, and as he was a clergyman for fifty years in a small New England town it may be surmised that his affirmative answer to spare his "seventh" was as quickly assenting as it was final. The wooer was also a clergyman, and he and his Betsey passed their entire married lives in the same pastorate, ministers of those days living and dying with their flocks. Here is the lover's plea:

Both reverend sir and worthy madam, Soft wedlock's bands first was talked in heaven. When happy man in Eden dwelt alone The smiling God a spouse did form of bone

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That friendship might their joyful souls inspire And knit their hearts in a seraphic fire. With wedlock chain I wish myself to bind If from your lips the answer should prove

Betsey, your seventh, I wish you to im part

we may join our hands as well as That hearts And live in love and share each other's

cares, While fleeting time whirls on with rolling

years Till grizzly death dissolves the silken

That we may rise and mingle souls again

By the Way.

The court crier had a bad cold, so that the duty of making the opening proclamation fell to another court officer who, as it happened, had never acted as crier. This officer had heard the proclamation often enough and knew it by heart, but this is what happened: The deputy sheriff opened the door and announced "Court!" The substitute crier rapped on his desk, and within and without the bar those present arose and stood in silence while the judge passed to his place.

Then the substitute began: "Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!" His voice seemed to him horribly loud, and all recollection of the words to follow suddenly left him, but he pulled himself together and went on bravely, "All persons having anything to do before the honorable the justices of the supreme court in the jury season thereof now sitting at Boston within and for the county of Suffolk may draw near and give their

At this point he sat down; but, see ing the judge looking up in surprise, he saw his mistake, and, springing to his feet, he added:

"By the way, gentlemen, God save the commonwealth of Massachusetts.' -Green Bag.

Famous Carved Pulpits. St. Gudule, the cathedral church of Brussels, has a carved pulpit, representing in carved wood the expulsion from paradise. Among the animals are the bear, the dog, cat, eagle, vulture, peacock, owl, dove, ape, etc. There is an equally fine one in Ant-

werp cathedral. The decoration is of a lavish and striking character, figures, birds and beasts being mixed in artistic profusion. The Church of St. Andrew at Antwerp contains a very elaborately carved wood pulpit, repre senting the calling of Peter and An-drew. The figures are of life size, standing in a boat. Beside them is a net with fishes. Wilton church, near Salisbury, possesses the finest pulpit in England. It is made of choice marble, beautifully carved. In Worcester cathedral is a pulpit of carved marble the gift of the late Earl of Dudley. A pulpit which certainly ranks among the finest if the world is that possessed by the Church of St. Mary, Radcliffe, Bristol, England. In the Church of the Holy Name, Oxford street, Manches ter, there is a marble pulpit with panels of beautiful mosaics. Each panel contains the portraits of saints worked in Venetian marble.

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would have it for ordinary painting. Re-move the soil, so as to be able to paint an inch or two helow the surface; also paint about 18 inches above the ground. You will find this very effectual, and a protec-tion to the trees. Paint in the spring and

-Garden seeds should be ordered now, in order to avoid delay in the spring, as seeds men find it difficult to fill orders promptly after the winter is past. The catalogues contain a great many varieties that could be culled out, but they also contain the latest and newest improved kinds. It is well to try the improved kinds, but where one has a variety that has been test-ed and found adapted to the soil it should be retained until the new varieties have been tested on a small scale.

-A great many farmers defer pruning until the trees are in leaf in order to pre-vent "bleeding," or running of the sap, which occurs when the pruning is done earlier. It is probable that not much harm is done by this practice, though it is well to know that pruning in leaf is always a great check to vitality and vigor. It should therefore he practiced on trees that are making too strong growth and whose wood is growing at the expense of the wood is growing at the expense of the fruit.

-When clover is made a special crop on the farm it will seldom be the case that nitrogen will be laoking, especially if a crop of clover is turned nuder occasionally. On grain-growing farms, where stock is as kept, and the manure applied to the soil in addition to the plant food provided by growing of clover, the phosphates will usually be the best fertilizers for the far-ment to procure. One bag of superphos-phate of bone meal on each acre of land will show wonderf, il effects in such cases.

will show wonderf, il effects in such cases. —The seed catalogues contain many spe-cialties for 1906, and tomatoes are largely in the foreground. The varieties offered seem to be an improvement, according to the claims made for each, and, as a packet of seeds costs very little, it will be an ad-vantage to experiment with them. The old-time Trophy, which brought all other varieties more prominently to the front, is now almost unknown, and the best kinds of this year may be discarded in a few sea-sons. Improvement is going on all the time.

time. --There are thousands of acres of hill-side land that are not utilized, yet a hill-side is an excellent location for an orchard. Some of the best orchards are on land that cannot be plowed. Where land can be tilled it is an advantage, but hillside land will not only permit of fruit-growing, but can also be utilized for sheep, especially the merinos, which are bardy and active, foraging over hillsides or level ground. Wherever a portion of the farm is too billy for cultivation it can be given up to sheep.

Sheep.
—The raspberry and blackberry fields now require a cutting out before spring unless such work has been done. Feeble canes will not produce much fruit, and even the best canes will not yield choice fruits if the canes are too thick. The canes also require manure or fertilizer. Some blackberry fields have done service for years without fertilizers, but if the field is given good cultivation and well supplied with plant food, the fruit will make some of the unproduct itable fields pay well.
Creams in dress goods are in notable ascendancy. All kinds of soft woolens are called for in cream, and cream serges have alled for in cream, and cream broad-oloth of the chiffon weight has far outdistance any color in the running, and cream in the extreme.
Perforated leather or kid in out work of the Richelieu type is used for trimmings on cloth and velvet gowns and sometimes for waists or boleros without sleeves. It is usually of the color (or a shade of it) of the material of the gown or garment.

Eight hours' sleep. Sleep on your right side. Keep your bed room window open all Have a mat to your bed room door. Do not have your bedstcad against the wall. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of your body. Exercise before breakfast. Eat little meat, and see that it is well ooked

(For adults.) Drink no milk. Eat plenty of fat, to feed the cells which destroy disease germs. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy these

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Daily exercises in the open air. Allow no pet animals in your sleeping coms. They are apt to carry about disase germs.

Live in the country if you can. Watch the three D's-drinking water amps and drains.

Have a change of occupation. Take frequent and short holidays. Limit your ambitions. Keep your temper.—Sir James Sawyer.

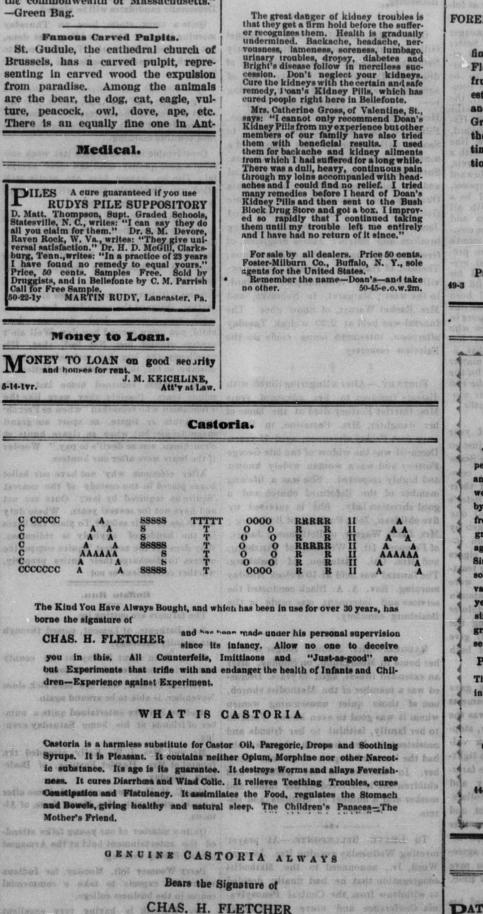
Peanuts are not alone good to eat, it seems. They make pretty winter window gardens, too. Many an ingenions school-marm has found this ont for herself, when, casting about for something new where-with to illustrate to her young charges the ways of nature, she placed a few raw pea-nuts in a pot of moist earth, with the re-sult that a pretty running vine soon wound itself about the casing of the window. A coarse sponge dampened and kept moist makes a capital lodgment for the small seeds one buys in mixture at the bird store. A pine cone banked up with moss or small stones in a sacer and sprinkled with mostard seed evolved into a charming little pyramid of tiny yellow flowers. pyramid of tiny yellow flowers.

Feather boas will be a very strong fea-ture of spring styles. Ostrich boas will, as usual, be the sort the modish woman's heart will yearn for, and that she will own if her purse will allow—for they are longer, larger, more magnificent and more costly than ever; but, failing this, there is an abundance of cheaper attractions in coque feathers, marabout and combinations of these with ostrich feathers.

A late Paris "wrinkle" is a large rose of gold gauze or of velvet and crepe placed in the boa where it crosses the bust.

Gold trimmings are strongly represented in the early spring styles. Gold braids, gold belts, gold embroideries, gold cloth ribbons, moire and fancy as well as plain; gold cords, gold net and fancy gold gauze with brocade design or with a printed color de-sign for accessories, as well as plain gauzes of gold shot with a pale tint.

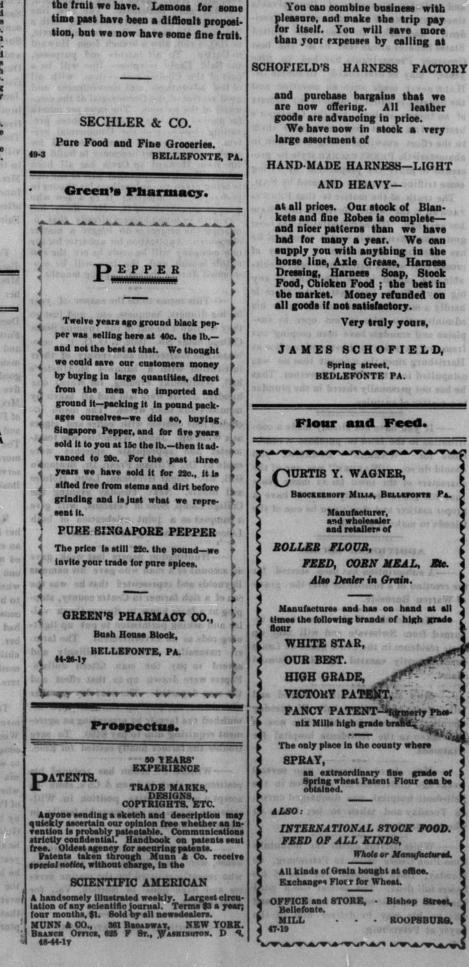
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