

FARM NOTES.

Anything irregular affects the percentage of butter fats. If the horse has sore shoulders, it is a pretty sure sign that his collar does not fit him.

Thrifty young trees are more apt to live than the larger ones. Their roots are smaller, and more apt to be all taken up in transplanting.

The young, inexperienced hen, is the profitable hen. The poultryman who fails to take this fact into consideration will inevitably fail.

Oats for sheep are excellent, particularly lambs and culls being prepared for market. Fed in connection with corn, the sheep gain in flesh rapidly.

Keep the beef calves upon dry feed for some time in the spring until the grass gets large and sweet. It does not pay to turn upon grass too early, as there is not much strength in early grass.

Let your word be surer than your bond, and your wholesale customers will have the larger part of your load sold before it gets to the store and the consumer will have the pot on ready to receive it.

My way when giving liquid medicines is to take a piece of rubber hose about 15 inches long, tie it on the neck of a bottle, and put the end of hose down the animal's throat. There is then no danger of getting glass in the mouth.

Every man that has a large number of hogs should endeavor to give them a good pasture. Too many breeders are contented with a hog pasture that is covered with native grasses only. Clovers and blue grass make a good pasture for swine.

When a man takes me around and with pride, shows me his calves and his lambs, I feel sure that that man is on the road to success. You do not find success patting the man on the back who is half-hearted or ashamed of his farm animals.

I have found that the weather has a lot to do with the milk. Before a storm, my cows stop the flow of milk. As a barometer they cannot be surpassed. As soon as the storm comes, the milk comes. Sometimes the storm may pass over; but it acts all the same.

Dark honey sells lower than that which is light. Dark honey will not be found in hives until the summer heat and moisture have liberated certain chemical properties contained in decomposing vegetation. These properties are secreted by flowers or growing vegetables.

The fact that we have been able to make money out of hogs even with the most unscientific methods of breeding and care is proof that under proper conditions the hog will make his owner rich. Scientific management means the care of swine to keep away disease, obtain early maturity and keep up the natural fecundity of the animals.

The trap nest is a good thing in the experiment station and on a large poultry farm where it is desired to keep track of what each hen is doing. On the ordinary farm, however, trap nest is of no value, for the reason that, after she has laid, some one must be at hand to release the fowl and record her number. If the farmer wishes to keep an individual record of his poultry he will have to work up some other plan rather than that of the trap nest.

The wide tires seem to be gradually displacing the narrow in some localities, especially for farm work. They should take the place of the narrow tire on the highways, as the roads can be kept in condition with much less expense where heavy loads are drawn upon broad tires than when narrow tires are used. It is not only for the sake of the highway, but there is a saving in draft upon almost all kinds of roads.

When the season of berries is over collect all the crates and berry boxes and store them away for next season's use. The farm not only looks better for having the crates and boxes gathered from the fields, but also indicates a careful and thrifty farmer. There are berry fields every winter where boxes and crates have been strewn in confusion everywhere, and about the railroad stations are piled crates and boxes exposed to the wind and rain. With such management berries do not pay.

Vegetable and animal substances, deposited in the soil, are consumed during the process of vegetation, being mostly absorbed by the roots of plants, combined with water. These substances compose what is called the food of plants. This food is mostly taken in by the roots, which are analogous to the mouths of animals, but some portion of the nourishment of vegetables is claimed to be also derived from the atmosphere, imbibed by the leaves.

Unthrifty fruit trees that are in grass land should be plowed so as to break and turn under the sod before the lime is applied. The grass tends to exhaust the soil and starve the trees. But in plowing care must be taken not to break the larger roots; the smaller roots may be broken with advantage, as it is a sort of root pruning which is beneficial to the tree, but large roots are apt to throw up suckers when they are torn, and the check to the tree is too great.

A controversy has existed relative to the degree of fermentation which manure should undergo before it is applied to the soil. Some agriculturists contend that long, fresh or unfermented manure is to be preferred. Others assert that stable and barnyard manure never should be spread in the field till the fibrous texture of the vegetable matter is entirely broken down, and it becomes perfectly cold, and so soft as to be easily cut with a spade.

It is a very desirable thing to be able to haul all the hay into the barn the same day it is cut. The worriment and anxiety consequent upon the liability of a storm before morning are thus avoided, and experience has taught that hay having no more than three or four hours' sun will come out in the spring perfectly sweet and in fine condition for the cattle. In adopting this plan it is well to keep the hay constantly stirred with a feeder. There has long been a fear of putting hay into some barns that contain a noticeable amount of water, but if it is properly packed by being evenly distributed over the mow, each forkful trodden upon, and the barn kept closed as much as possible, the result will probably be gratifying.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Judge not at least unkindly of a friend's thought, and then, if you are mistaken, the fault rests not with you.—The First.

Laundry starch is the despair of many housewives, who wonder why the home-washed shirts and collars can never have the required stiffness and gloss. Try mixing one ounce of white wax with two ounces of spermaceti, melting them together by gentle heat. Then, when you have made your regular starch, add to it a lump of Mixed wax and spermaceti about the size of a walnut (if you have a large amount of starch,) this melt in the hot starch; mix in thoroughly. The result will be stiffer starch and a high gloss.

Wear a pale blue or lavender belt and hat with your white lingerie frock. The prettiest little dancing frocks are princess lingerie, of short round length. Bright jet buttons finish the black and white frocks.

On the right person the all-black gown is always the most striking one in the crowd.

To lose self-control is to lose the key to any situation. No man who cannot hold himself in hand can expect to hold others. It has been well said that, in any discussion or disagreement with another, if you are in the wrong you cannot afford to lose your temper, and if you are in the right there is no occasion to. Or, as a lawyer has wittily put it, "Possession is nine points of the law: self-possession is ten."

The girl who dives can keep her hair dry by following the method of two girls who lived frequently without wetting a hair of their heads. They first brushed their hair high on the head and pinned it in a firm knot. Then they took a piece of oiled silk three inches wide and twisted it tight about the edge of the hair so that an inch of the rubber came against the skin, and the rest was over the hair. This was fastened as tight as could be drawn. Over this was also secretly pinned a long towel that made another bandage and over this was drawn a close oil-skin cap. With her head done that way a girl can dive for half an hour and keep her hair quite dry. You see the protection comes in the two bandages that, tightly fastened, do not permit of the water leaking under, which always happens if a cap is worn with nothing else on the head.

An appetizing and inexpensive cold cut can be kept on hand for a long time in the winter in this made of beef and pigs' feet. Get from the butcher four pigs' feet with legs to the first joint, and a shank of beef of about the same weight, sawed and cut. Boil the pigs' feet in a pot of water without salt until the bones fall out, then lift the meat from the liquor and set away to cool. Strain the liquor into a jar and the next morning remove all the grease from the top. At the same time you are cooking the pigs' feet boil the shank of beef in another kettle with unsalted water. When perfectly tender take out the meat and set away to cool, as well as the strained liquor. The next morning cut all the meat in small bits, both pork and beef, add the liquor the pigs' feet were cooked in; season with salt, pepper and a little bit of celery salt or other seasoning and pour in moulds. As soon as cold they will be stiff and ready to slice into delicate pieces. The gelatine in the pigs' feet is superior to aspic. Keep in a cool place. The liquor that the beef is cooked in may be seasoned for a delicious bouillon.

DRESSING IN CHARACTER.

The invitations read as follows: "Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mother Goose, Grandma, Little Red Ridinghood, Martha Washington, and Josiah Allen's Wife request the pleasure of your company, Tuesday evening, April 1, at eight o'clock, at the Sorosis Club Rooms. Come dressed to represent a well-known character, dead or alive, real or fictitious.

As the guests arrived they were greeted by Red Ridinghood, and were numbered and registered, and each given paper and pencil in the cloakroom. They were then announced by Mother Goose and passed on to the reception committee, Martha Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Grandma and Josiah Allen's wife. A prize was offered to the one who succeeded in placing the most characters, and also the one who best represented the original character. The last was carried off by "Mr. and Mrs. Micawber and the Twins." The guessing contest was lively and furnished ample amusement until the time came for refreshments, which were very light.

While the guests were yet seated slips of paper were passed and each one was requested to write their earliest impression. These were gathered up and read, and created no end of fun. As the guests were leaving each was given a sealed prophecy of their future, which were dainty and pleasing fortunes inclosed in the shell of an English walnut.

This was acknowledged to be the most pleasing event of the kind throughout the season.

Why in the world, just because elbow sleeves are in fashion, does every woman don them irrespective of their appropriateness to the costume she buys?

Yet as you go along you notice women everywhere, their coat sleeves cut off at the elbow, the long sleeves of their blouses stick out in anything but graceful fashion, sometimes made even more impossible by gloves—actually short ones—at the end of the long sheer sleeve!

Or, what is in equally bad taste, the blouse sleeve is cut short, too, but the wearer has been careless about putting on her gloves and goes along blissfully unconscious that a bare arm with a walking suit is decidedly incongruous.

Elbow sleeves belong only to the more formal types of dresses and should be strictly relegated to their types. Reception and visiting costumes are at their prettiest made with sleeves of elbow length, but the plainer styles—morning dresses and walking skirts and the rest of the less formal things—are better made with long sleeves.

Two exceptions to this rule are the stunning new shirts the athletic girl is making herself still more fascinating in, and the pretty little morning dresses for porch and home wear, made of cool dimities and batistes and those quaint, old-style limes d'inde, with their prim, set patterns.

For athletic short sleeves are a positive delight—there's no rolling the sleeve up to have it come rolling down, very much mused in the operation; and home dresses are given a little feminine touch by them which is charming.

All told, the white wash kid glove is ideal. It is dainty and fine, and it is washed in soap and water. It costs \$3.50 in the elbow length. A jaunty glove for commoner wear is the chamois.

THE REAL VALUE.

How All Literature is Contained in a Few Great Books.

Young people must every now and then hear it said or see it written that all the real value in literature can be put upon a small shelf—that is to say, the really important part of all that is written is contained in a very few good books, all the rest being either unimportant or different ways of saying the same things that have been said before. The statement, of course, is not true if it be taken literally. There are certainly many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of books that contain original thoughts or experiences that are truly valuable; but, generally speaking, the best part of all that has been written is to be found in a few volumes. To understand how this is possible we must remember that nearly all rules are the same as other and simpler rules. In arithmetic, for example, the whole science consists of only four simple ways of treating numbers. We can add, subtract, multiply and divide, and that is all we can do to numbers. The rest of the book is only the working out of these four rules; thus all of the arithmetic could easily be put into a little page that one could carry in the vest pocket.

All behavior, all right living, is also set forth in a few simple laws. These illustrations will show what is meant by saying that all literature is contained in a few great books. The Bible and the works of a few famous poets and essayists contain all human wisdom, and these are within the reach of every purse.—St. Nicholas.

THE WARLIKE MOROS.

They Prize Their Weapons and Would Rather Fight Than Eat.

An inordinate military conceit is a dominant quality of the Moro. To him there is but one measure of defeat—to wit, annihilation. If beaten, he expects nothing less; if he meets less, he has saved the day, perhaps won a victory. They are all of one profession—arms. As children their first toys are wooden arms, their first instruction the play of the sword and the spear. Whatever else as men they may be—priest, farmer, robber, pirate, merchant, lawyer—they are always, first, soldiers.

For a young man to lose his creese means to lose his right to marry, and it is the desire of all to die creese in hand. In fear of loss they sleep on these precious arms or with them tied to the body. For the same reason their cannons are kept lashed to timbers in their houses.

Firearms, indeed, are their main danger with civilized people. If they see the opportunity thereby to secure such arms, Moros can never resist the temptation to rob and murder. To get them they will risk all, lose all and never whimper. To them without the best arms death were preferable.—Major R. L. Ballard in Metropolitan.

A Fortune In a Tune.

Song writing is one of the most lucrative of occupations, provided one has the knack of appealing to the popular taste. The average writer stands a better chance of making money by producing pathetic rather than so-called "comic" songs. "The Lost Chord" has made three or four fortunes. It has been the most lasting success on record, and for years Sir Arthur Sullivan, as composer, and Madam Antonietti Sterling, for whom it was specially written, received a royalty amounting to 12 cents each on every copy sold. It was a gold mine to the publishers too.

Onion Soup and Fame.

Membership in the French academy, the hoped-for reward of Gallic writers, was once closely associated with onion soup. During the restoration in France a club was formed under the title of "Diner de la Soupe a l'Onion." This organization contained twenty members. It met every three months, when the dinner was opened with an onion soup. The club was to endure until every associate was elected to the academy. This was accomplished in 1845, when the last banquet was held.

Pat's Escape.

An Irishman, meeting another, asked what had become of their old acquaintance, Patrick Murphy.

"Arrah, now, dear honey," said the other, "poor Pat was condemned to be hanged, but he saved his life by dying in prison."

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A Husband's Retort.

A man, accompanied by his wife, visited a merchant tailor to order a suit of clothes. The couple differed as to the material and the manner of making, and the wife lost her temper.

"Oh, well," she said, turning away, "please yourself. I suppose you are the one who will wear the clothes."

"Well," observed the husband meekly, "I didn't suppose you'd want to wear the coat and waistcoat."—Everybody's Magazine.

Mistaken Idea. "It may be laid down as a broad proposition," said the professor of political economy, "that you cannot get something for nothing."

"I once got the measles for nothing, professor," interrupted the young man with the wicked eye.—Chicago Tribune.

An Editor's Reply.

"Why didn't you retaliate when that fellow struck you?" "I didn't know him, and it is our rule not to pay any attention to anonymous contributions."—Bohemian.

To take for granted as truth all that is alleged against the fame of others is a species of credulity that men would blush at on any other subject.—Jane Porter.

Cityman.—Are you afraid of burglars since you lost your dog? Subbubs.—Not at all. We've got a new baby at our house, you know.

Mr. Jumbo.—So you called on Miss Honkey last night. Make a mash? Mr. Hippo.—Two of them. Her little brother got under the sofa.

"Aren't you afraid your boy will drown when he goes bathing in the ocean?" "No," answered the prudent parent. "Judging from most accounts of accidental drowning, my boy is comparatively safe. He can't swim."

Willie.—Oh, mamma, Tommy's ketches a fly, and he's pulled both its wings off. Mother.—What a cruel boy he is! Willie.—Yes, he is. He wouldn't let me pull one of them off.

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