

FARM NOTES.

The art of plowing is too much neglected. Good plowing lies at the very foundation of good farming...

The ordinary concentrated lye is really caustic soda, which is cheaper than potash. Soda lye makes hard soap and potash lye soft soap.

To enjoy palatable and wholesome vegetables during the winter months proper care and attention are just as essential in harvesting and storing as in cultivation.

In selecting seed wheat each and every one should be guided by his peculiar locality, but every true, enterprising farmer should experiment with some of the improved varieties...

Some farmers argue that it is best to set posts early in the fall, when the ground is solid. Of course, a post carefully set at any time will remain in its place...

An excellent way to keep cabbage is to put them close together, roots in the ground, and cover them, so as to protect against rain...

Every year the line is being drawn more closely about dairy products, and each succeeding year brings an increased demand for strictly first-class grades...

The proper time in which to select seeds is late in the fall or winter. The reason for requiring this portion of the year for so doing is because there is then no hurry and the work can be done better.

No family garden is complete without an asparagus bed. This vegetable can be grown from seed, but the quickest method of procuring it is to put in roots...

POINTS ABOUT THE HOG. The hog quarters should be kept in such condition that they will never be a taint to the air blowing over them.

Don't think that high breeding can take the place of good feeding. Of course, much depends on the breed, but more on the feed.

Don't expect the pigs to thrive in muddy pens and damp beds. They will disappoint you every time if you do.

If the sow is kept in good condition on the right kind of food her pigs will be strong and vigorous.

A good sow in perfect health always loses flesh while suckling a litter of pigs and needs to be well fed.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

There is so much bad in the best of us, And so much good in the worst of us, That it hardly behooves any of us, To talk about the rest of us.

Some attractive models of the plainer types of suits show jackets which are made of contrasting material to the skirt...

The skirt was of striped material, so deftly made that it seemed like a plain cloth until you got close to it. And the way it was cut brought the stripes together directly in front into sharp diagonal lines.

In length, most of them are about hip length, and they are fitted closely—either double or single breasted—or are semi-fitting. The loose coat, for such purposes, is very seldom seen, except upon the very young girl.

As for plaids—though we are told it is to be a strong plaid season—it is well to have it forced home that this does not mean a garish and impossible mixture of reds, blues, yellows and greens put on in enormous squares.

Divide perennials that have grown too large. Most perennials will be better if divided every third year.

Begin to make preparations for window boxes and terrariums. Darker shades are promised than were worn last year.

A Japanese Fair.—Church workers who have wanted of the regulation bazaars and festivals might try having a Japanese fair.

The fortunes, which will tax the ingenuity of the fair-givers to make varied, should be written on Japanese paper napkins—or the bag may be discarded and a Fortune Tree substituted.

A too liberal insistence on the virtues of early rising, unaccompanied by the corollary of "early to bed," is apt to work much mischief.—Gentlewoman.

Protect dahlia and cosmos from early frost by sheets or newspapers fastened on sticks.

A Simple Remedy.—The Japanese cure for Bright's disease is to eat common garden radish, three times daily.

Study catalogues and send in order early for bulbs. The proverbial early bird is thus sure not to catch the worm.

There is a wrong way and a right way to cook vegetables, a fact apparently not universally recognized by cooks.

The wrong way is to put them over the fire in lukewarm water, throw some salt in and allow them to boil and boil in this until, overdone, they are ready to be taken out, drained and eaten.

Taft Starts For Havana

Havana, Sept. 12.—The government is making final strenuous efforts to restore peace in Cuba and thus avoid any kind of American intervention.

Members of the government say they are making the efforts in accordance with the advice contained in President Roosevelt's letter; that they have no objection to friendly assistance of the United States in case it becomes necessary...

This is the latest phase of a rapidly-changing situation that developed when an extraordinary gazette was issued containing a decree signed by President Palma on the recommendation of the Secretary of Public Works Montalvo.

The decree caused great surprise, as it was believed to signify a change of heart by the government officials, who for the past two days have been strongly against taking up peace overtures with the emissaries of the revolutionists.

The three American warships are the most imposing and interesting objects in Havana bay. Their presence, undesignedly yet pointedly, is typical of the fact that it is the intention of the United States to take a hand in Cuban affairs to the extent at least of bringing order out of the present chaotic conditions.

The cruiser Des Moines arrived Saturday and the auxiliary cruiser Dixie, with 250 marines on board and ready at a moment's notice to land field pieces and rapid-fire guns, came later, and was ordered to proceed to Cienfuegos.

Commander Colwell's mission here was in the nature of making peace negotiations he could hardly be more busy. He is receiving delegates representing the insurgents and even some of the insurgents themselves, who are anxious, through him, to negotiate peace of some kind.

Navy Department Ready to Land 4000 Armed Men on the Island. Washington, Sept. 17.—Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Robert Bacon left Washington Sunday over the Atlantic Coast Line for Tampa, Fla., to embark on a naval vessel there for Havana, in accordance with the instructions of President Roosevelt to ascertain the exact political situation.

It was announced at the navy department that the battleships Louisiana, Virginia and New Jersey have been ordered down the Atlantic coast on a shake down cruise and they have been directed to keep in touch with the government at Washington by wireless telegraphy and if necessary in the event of an emergency arising they will be sent to Havana.

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HOSTILITIES SUSPENDED

Cuban Rebels Are Indifferent Over Peace Plans. Havana, Sept. 18.—The only results thus far of President Palma's order for the suspension of hostilities have been that Liberal leaders, who hitherto have had every reason for anticipating arrest, are circulating openly in Havana again, and even conferring with members of the government with regard to peace, and that such insurgents in the field as have been consulted, while they express themselves as agreeable to settling matters amicably, at the same time assume an independent attitude which cannot be said to bode particularly well for a prompt settlement of existing difficulties.

The peace overtures have really resolved themselves more into negotiations between the Moderates and Liberals than between the government and the insurgents. The Moderates, while entirely loyal to President Palma, seem now to be less concerned over his continuance in office than with the perpetuation of the control by their party.

Romero asserted that until now President Palma was not fully cognizant of the strength of the insurgents. The Liberals, he said, are satisfied that President Palma is conscientious, but insist that alleged election illegalities and injustices must be rectified.

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