

Bellefonte, Pa., September 21, 1906.

FARM NOTES.

The art of plowing is too much neglected. Good plowing lies at the very founda-tion of good farming, and the farmer who sends his duli hand or careless boy to perform this work commits a very serious

The ordinary concentrated lye is really caustic soda, which is cheaper than potash. Soda lye makes hard soap and potash lye soft soap. Soapsuds from soft soap make a valuable fertilizer, but soda soapsuds are not considered valuable, except for celery and asparagus, which are always benefitted by soda in any form. The use of any kind of soapsuds is beneficial in assisting to liberate plant food in the soil, however.

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. Roots and vegetables, as they are often promisenously thrown in heaps about the cellar, soon lose their freshness and flavor. Most of our house cellars are too warm for the proper preservation of vegetables, and it is therefore advisable to store only a limited quantity for immediate use in the house, while the main stock should be kept in a cool barn, cellar or outdoor pit.

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—if only a bushel. A peck is better than nothing, for it can be compared with a like quantity of "old familiars," and the method and difference of growth, adaptability and yield noted. It is the farmer's duty to do this, and not leave it to the seedsmen and originators. If all would try experiments there would soon be a great revolution in wheat cul-

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, but the fall season is really a much worse time than in the spring. Digging the hole makes the soil loose, and if done in the fall it has not time to become compact again. Water fil-ters down through the loose soil, which will raise the post a little every year until it throws it out altogether. If the soil has time to settle it absorbs less moisture, and after the first year, if the heaving out has not already begun, it will rarely begin.

An excellent way to keep cabbages is to put them close together, roots in the ground, and cover them, so as to protect against rain, first placing salt bay or straw over the heads. By this plan the cabbages will keep until late in the spring, as the stalks will take root and throw out sprouts or greeus, after the heads are gone. By burying the heads, with the roots up, the frost prevents their use, and when the frost leaves them the ground is damp and the heads rot. It will be found of advantage to store cabbage with the roots in the ground, as stated, if for no other purpose than to secure the early greens.

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 and a weaker demand for the poorer ones. In all probability the time is not far distant when it will be almost impossible to dispose of poor butter at all, except as grease, and at grease prices. Notwithstanding all that is said against imitation butter, it is a truth that the meanest, filthiest imitation of all is made from genuine cow's milk, but in such a slovenly, incompetent manner that been eliminated.

The proper time in which to select seeds looking bag to the passers-by, at twenty-five cents apiece, she can not fail to be infor requiring this portion of the year for so teresting. doing is because there is then no hurry and the work can be done better. The common practice of laying the seed corn aside to renain until spring has done great damage to the corn crop, as very often the excess of imperfect grains is such as to cause a failure of germination over the whole field. Every ear of corn should be examined, and the inferior grain shelled off. Vegetable seeds also require examination, for insects, dampness and other causes interfere with their safekeeping. Of course, every farmer is supposed to be careful with his seeds, but very few farmers know the condition of their seeds until the time when they are required for planting, and then the farmers are too much hurried to do anything

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, which should be one or two years old. The seed is sown in the fall, or very early in the spring. There are two methods of cultivation, one being the digging of trenches, which are filled with well-rotted manure, setting in the roots so that the crowns will be below the surface. The second plan, which is the better, but not generally practiced, is to fill the trenches with manure and set the roots on a level with the ground, covering with rich earth. As they send up the shoots follow with a mixture of rich earth and monute to the second sec of rich earth and manure, to which a fair proportion of bone dust has been added, and continue the hilling up until about two feet are attained. The beds will then be in the shape of high, broad ridges, the cutting of the stalks being done with comfort and ease, and a neater appearance is

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

Don't expect the pigs to thrive in mud-dy pens and damp beds. They will disap-point you every time if you do.

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

A good sow in perfect health always loses flesh while suckling a litter of pigs and needs to be well fed. Pigs often lack vigor because the brood sows are kept too fat. A good thrifty con-

dition is much better for the pigs than too As a rule aged brood sows are the most

As a rule aged orood sows are the most prolific, the best mothers and produce the consideration; it should be almost bright red and should be near the top of the fire-

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. (Gov. Edward W. Hock, of Kansas.)

Some attractive models of the plainer types of suits show jackets which are made contrasting material to the skirt, the only thing that connects the two collars and cuffs of the skirt material added

With one particularly stunning walking suit even that connection was missing, yet jacket and skirt very evidently belonged

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. The jacket was plain cloth, exactly the same color as the striped stuff, and the velvet collar repeated the color note—only more insistently—of the stripe itself.

For such coats the regulation coat sleeve is used almost entirely, usually with some sort of a trim little cuff.

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

A great many cassimere effects are seen in the new cloths-rich dark Scotch colorings and irregular weaves. Some of these have self-toned raised figures; others are in dull rich colors.

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. Such plaids may look well on the doughty "Highlander" or the small American girlie under a dozen years, but have never been appropriate for a grown woman, for street wear even when in fashion. This year, fortunately, in our desire to avoid extremes even the plaids dashes to give them character.

Divide perennials that have grown to 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 wearied of the regulation bazaars and festivals might try having a Japanese fair. Japanese lanterns and crepe paper decora-tions are always get-at-able, even when it is impossible to secure the flowers specially belonging to that interesting nation-the cherry blossom, iris, snowball and wistaria. It would add very much to the pictur-

esqueness of the occasion if all the aides were garbed in Japanese costume, and the small tables, each one covered with a big Japanese umbrella.

Tea, rice wafers and crystalized ginger might be brought to those desiring only a light repast, and cherry ice, with a tiny mend that they go to their governpaper umbrella sticking out of each cup, Of course one fancy table devoted ex-clusively to Jaapanese articles would be in

order, and no fair seems complete now-adays without its fortune-telling booth. The Japanese fortune teller may make herself as charming or as witch-like as her all value and trace of genuineness have fancy dictates, but if she will seat herself on a straw mat under an umbrella, and dispose of the contents of a mysterious-

> The fortunes, which will tax the in genuity 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. This tree, whose fruit is the egg of fortune, should be planted securely in a tub, within easy reach of the fortune teller. Eggshells, whose contents have carefully been removed from one end, are stuffed with confetti, among which is hidden the fortune, written or printed on a small slip of paper. Next paste a piece of paper over the opening in the shell, cover this with an appropriate head dress, press into service the artist "in your midst" and with a few clever strokes of the pencil the eggshell is transformed into a very fair counterfeit of a Japanese lady or gentleman.

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

Protect dahlias 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 gar-

den radish, three times daily. Study catalogues and send in order early for bulbs. The proverbial early bird 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.

Now, after this process, the best part of that vegetable has gone with the water drained from it, and even the high seasoning, indigestible mess of pottage.

The right way to cook any vegetable is to put it directly into freshly boiling water and keep the water boiling during the cooking process. Remember, the vegetaables are to be put into the water, not the water poured over the vegetables. Add salt in proportions of a teaspoonful to one-half gallon of water for green vegetables.

Green vegetables and potatoes contain a great deal of potash salt, which has a tendency to thicken the blood if indulged in freely. For this reason persons subject to rheumatism should avoid such vegeta-

In broiling, the fire should be the first Usually the bogs with coarse, straight box. A bed of hardwood coals, charcoal bair will not fatten near so rapidly as the or coke is better than coal, as there is less flame, therefore less danger of smoking the The thumps in pigs is often caused by an excess of fat about the internal organs and especially around the heart.

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. The object of these endeavors, it is stated, is that it may be able to say by the time Secretary Taft and Acting for the suspension of hostilities have Secretary of State Bacon arrive that peace already has been secured and that therefore there is no need for the American government's intervention, either to restore peace or insure perma-

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, but that they believe they can settle it between the government and the revolutionists without the necessity of any intervention. At least, they say, they are making an attempt to accomplish this end unaided and with fair

This is the latest phase of a rapidlychanging 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 follows:

"All campaign operations are suspended, and in consequence the government forces will act only on the defensive throughout the republic. The secretary of the interior will issue all the necessary orders for the execution of

this decree.' The decree caused great surprise, as it was believed to signify a change of oped of lack of faith on the part of the heart by the government officials, who for the past two days have been strongly against taking up peace overtures with the emissaries of the revolution-

The three American warships are the are subdued-generally invisible, but with most imposing and interesting objects a lovely undertone and unexpected bright 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 condi-

tions. 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-five guns, came later, and was ordered to proceed to Cienfuegos. It is believed that the small force of the gunboat Marietta is not considered a sufficient guard, owing to the conditions in the besieged city.

gotiations he could hardly be more senting the insurgents and even some of the insurgents themselves, who are supper served on dainty Japanese china, at anxious, through him, to negotiate declines to do otherwise than recomment.

TAFT STARTS FOR CUBA 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.

CASTORIA

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. It was also stated that the cruisers Tacoma and the Cleveland have sailed from Norfolk, Va., and that the cruisers Minneapolis and Newark will follow them. The Minneapolis and Newark carry about 700 men altogether and the Tacoma 150. Should all these vessels go to Havana the navy would be able to land a force of 4000 men in Cuba by Wednesday or Thursday, if any devel-

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opments should occur rendering such action necessary.

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Peace Plans.

thus far of President Palma's order

been that Liberal leaders, who hith-

erto have had every reason for antici-

pating arrest, are circulating openly

in Havana again, and even conferring

with members of the government with

regard to peace, and that such insur-

vents in the field as have been con-

sulted, while they express themselves

as agreeable to settling matters amic-

ably, at the same time assume an in-

dependent attitude which cannot be

said to bode particularly well for a

prompt settlement of existing difficul-

The peace endeavors have really re-

solved themselves more into negotia-

tions between the Moderates and Lib-

erals than between the government

and the insurgents. The Moderates.

while entirely loyal to President Pal-

ma, seem now to be less concerned

over his continuance in office than with

the perpetuation of the control by their

the Moderate organization, and Alfre-

do Zayas as president of the Liberal

party, will largely be able to dominate

Felipe Romero, who was instrumen-

tal in reviving the peace negotiations.

said that the insurgents outside of Ha-

vana were ready to resort to arms at

a moment's notice if evidence devel-

government, but that they were anx-

tous to accelerate the peace efforts if

justice was done. He added that the

presence of the cruiser Denver had

nothing to do with their remaining out

Romero asserted that until now

President Palma was not fully cogni-

zant of the strength of the insurgents.

The Liberals, he said, are satisfied that

President Palma is conscientious, but

insist that alleged election illegalities

Medical.

and injustices must be rectified.

the situation.

of Havana.

Havana, Sept. 18.-The only results

nent tranquillity.

prospects of success.

ists.

If Commander Colwell's mission here was in the nature of making peace nebusy. He is receiving delegates reprepeace of some kind. He has held consultations with these emissaries, but

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