FARM NOTES.

the greatest returns in profit and continue her usefulness for many years.

-Other classes of domestic animals have risen and fallen in public popularity, for varying periods of time, but not so the

-Sheep cannot be kept on damp loca tions without heing liable to foot-rot. Their quarters should be dry, and they will thrive in an open shed that faces the

-For embellishing lawns and balf-shady corners nothing exceeds the hydrangea grandiflora. It gives a mass of beautiful large bunches of flowers, and is always at-

-- By kneading and rubbing the udders of young heifers and drawing the teats a good form may be given to this organ and the future milk secretion be considerably -The cow stands out superior to all

other animals in her relations to man. She came across the ocean with our fathers when they sought refuge in the American

-To preserve the wagon wheels so that they need not be taken to the shop, heat linseed oil to the boiling point and pour it into a trough. Have enough oil to cover the felloes, and turn the wheel slowly through this hot oil.

-Dehorning cattle is no doubt cruel, at the time of operation, but those who favor it maintain that cattle which have been deprived of their horns eat out of the same trough without doing injury to one another, and greater safety is insured during ship-

-Weeds in the pastures should nat be allowed. Cattle consume certain kinds when the young plants are appearing, and a ssist in destroying them, but other kinds will be rejected and go to seed. Sheep destroy many weeds, but where weeds are uneaten by animals they should be removed by hand.

-You may have the best cows in the world, but if you do not feed and manage them properly they can never be made to pay. One advantage of having pure-bred stock is in the feeding. There is such a thing as scrub feeding as well as scrub stock. When a person gets a good cow he is much more likely to take good care of it than he is of a scrub.

-This spring has been very backward, so far as planting seeds of tender crops are concerned. The ground is hardly warm enough for melous, beans, squashes and sweet corn, and should the nights remain cold such plants will make but little growth after they appear above ground. Nothing will be gained by setting out

-Any farmer can try the experiment of inocculating the soil with the necessary bacteria for promoting the growth of a crop. Should the soil seem unadapted to clover it will be found of advantage to produce of the control cure a few bushels of earth from a field upon which grew a luxuriant crop of clover, broadcasting the earth over the field should wear white more than they do.

-A cattle breeder, who has experimented in various modes of feeding, states that he estimated the cost of the food according to the value of the land and the crop, and with a bunch of steers on a pasture, from May to September, he cleared \$6.80 an aore. As no labor was required, the steers securing the food from the pasture, the gain was an addition to that which pastures give ordinarily, while the manure is also an item of profit.

-Pyrethrum is well established as an insect powder. It is cheap and very effec-At the experiment station at Amherst, Mass., they mixed a tablespoonful of the powder in a pailful of equal parts of for it may be extremely becoming and currante, potatoes and other plants infected with bugs and worms. The buttermilk makes the powder stick to the plants, and in about half an hour the insects get a good supply of it, curl, drop to the ground and

-Young celery plants should be started early. Sow the seed in rows, one foot apart, and transplant when the plants are three inches high, placing them four inches apart in the row. The soil for celery should be very rich, and also rather moist than dry. A special liquid fertilizer for celery is soapsuds, but an abundance of manure or mixed fertilizer should also be used. It is very important that the rows be kept clean and the plants watered during a dry period.

-Breeds of swine have been injured to a certain degree by using animals for breeding purposes that were not fully matured. Experiments made with matured sows and young sows show that the cost of raising pigs from matured sows is much less than from the younger dams, while the losses of pigs were also much greater when the dams were young. It has been claimed that liability to swipe cholera and other diseases is likewise caused by the use of immature animals for breeding purposes.

-Fruit sometimes sells at a low price and does not pay, but the same may be said of all crops. The farmer, however, is not usually a fruit grower (except of apples.) and strawberries, raspberries and blackberries are seldom cultivated on some farms. Whether grown for market or not, such fruit should be produced on every farm by way of variety and for home use. The luxuries can be produced more easily by farmers than can the regular crops of grain. It takes two or three acres of wheat to huy the produce that can be derived from a quarter of an acre of small fruits

and vegetables. Ground intended for onious should be plowed as early as the weather will permit, as the onion crop is the first to go in. One method of producing onious is to sow the seeds in hotbeds and transplate the small bulbs later. The seeds may be sown in hotbeds in January or February. By thus growing them there is a saving of time and less difficulty with weeds. If preferred, the onion sets may be procured of seedsmen. In fact, onion sets should now be in the ground. Plant the sets in rows, placing them four inches apart in the rows. -Ground intended for onious should be ing them four inches apart in the rows. The rows may be sufficiently wide to permit of the use of a wheel hos. It is important to keep the grass from between the onions as well as to have the space between the rows clean. Onions can endure frost, and will start to grow almost as soon as

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT. "Now and then a fool says a good thing, but nore frequently a good man says a fool thing."

Selecting colors that are becoming is not only an art but a mystery that many wom--The best cow is the one that will give en fail ever to solve successfully. Yet there are certain well fixed rules that may be borne in mind when choosing a new frock or that will entirely preclude its being unbecoming. If the truth were known these combinations are sometimes understood, but a woman will wear her favorite color regardless of the fact that it fails to suit her. For example, a certain young woman who spends quite a good deal of money upon her frocks insists upon going in for the "off" shades. She affects saffron and mustard yellows, "flame" reds

and sage greens. These are all right for her whose skin is clear, but this particular woman is not strong and her skin is constantly blotchy and afflicted with tiny scaly red places. She has never been known to wear a shade that would subordinate her complexion; those that she chooses throw into prominence all the sailowness, making her homely, when, did she choose her colors proper-ly, she might pass as being pretty, so effec-tive is her carriage and good her figure.

Wood browns are the thing for her and dark greens, not bright greens. Dark blues would be all right, and for evening fairly dark light blues relieved with soft white, such as lace or chiffon, white and rose pinks. Pinks lighter than rose are too try-

One of the safest rules to go by is to match the color of the eyes. A woman who does this rest assured that she is looking her best; in regard to color scheme. As in everything there is an exception, and it should be borne in mind that while light blue is pre-eminently the color for one with eyes of the same shade, she should eschw the tone if she has very high color or her complexion is really had. Light blue is peculiar in that though classed among the trying shades, it is a boon to the sallow woman, worn near the face, being whitening in effect. On the other hand it has the quality of accentuating facial blemishes or color that is "beefy."

Fortunately this last is rare. Decided touches of apple green should be affected by women with light blue eyes, always providing their skin is clear. Pink, of course, is good, but green is better, as it emphasizes the color of the eyes. Mauve is not for the blue eyed unless the skin is absolutely clear, then it is desirable.

There is scarcely any color or shade that is not good for day wear by a woman with blue eyes. Her hair is almost certainly a yellowish shade, or black and anything snits these two.

Brown haired women have a wide range of colors, always providing their skin is clear, but the gamut of browns is precisely suited to them. This is particularly nice just now when all browns are so fashionable, and the shades are unlimited. There are charming "woods" for day, and for evening tans, cafe au lait, creams and yellows. If the eyes have bazel glint, a womplants of tomatoes, peppers, etc., from the hotbed until the weather is fairly warm. pink and blue grays, some verging into mauve.

> The exception in this class come for the thickness of the complexion.

Middle aged and white haired women and seeding to clover, the possibility being Generally speaking, women who have passed the meridian of life have fairly good or even excellent skins and nothing makes them look so dainty and attractive as white. Indoors in the morning white linen and muslin blouses are most becoming, and certainly not expensive. The collar should be white, and a white tie is prettier than a colored one. For the street soft grays, lavenders and of course black are becoming; indeed if a white haired woman cannot wear white in the house she should wear all black, taking the precaution that her gowns shall have white guimpes or yokes. At this rate she will always look her best and at little expense, for guimpes are easily cleaned. Freshness of course, is the essentia! of white.

quite the reverse. I am speaking now of orimson and scarlets, and not pronounced A woman with high color should never forget that a red frock will make her complexion even more vivid, and that the only way she can wear the color is above her face-that is to say, as a hat. On the same principle a pale woman should never wear a red hat unless she has some red below her face, as a frock or trimming for such a hat will make her paler.

Brunettes are apt to go in for red merely because they are brunettes. Yet nothing will make a coarse skin look worse than red, and it is a fact that brunettes really have tine texture skin. It stands to reason then, that one should take care how she uses the color, for it has the possibility of

making her look "beefy." Black haired women, and others of non-descript coloring should beware of black frocks and hats unless they have delicate complexion. Then it is all right. Browns are not good for pronounced brunettes, but rather blues of any kind except very pale ones, terra cottas, dark and light greens. If the skin is very good, yellow and tans are desirable for evenings and white, of course. Certain combinations sometimes make possible colors, that otherwise would be

quite dreadful for some complexions, and these are worth remembering. Green sets off white and rosy skins. It may be relieved with white, red, and rose.

Bright blue becomes the blonde. It should never have any relief of rose or violet, but yellow and orange have a rather

Dead white against the skin may be worn by the blonde or brunette, but the skin must be white or rosy.

Black relieved with white, red, or rose suits both blondes and brunettes, but the latter less than the former. The wisdom of wearing red against the skin when the latter is sallow is not to be decided off-hand. A sallow face in which

there are red spots will appear coarsely red when played on by a flood of red light. Then the blotches show up conspicuously. The effect of blue upon yellow is to render it whiter. That is why "blue" is used in laundar work. Sallow faces played in in laundry work. Sallow faces placed in a framing of blue look pale; but the blue should be relieved with red when the hair

Is important to know exactly what is meant by tapestry-blue, for that is the leading color of the spring in costumes and house gowns and in millinery. A visit to the establishments where old tapestries are for sale will prove helpful.

ODD WAYS OF POETS.

Tennyson, Artistically Fastidious, Was a Personal Sloven.

There is a sort of idea in the public mind that the poet is what scientists widely in personality.

Pope, for instance, was a miser. Dryden, Sedley, Rochester and Shelley seemed to have no use for money and "splashed it about in the most insane fashion. Shakespeare was a keen man of business. His contemporaries, Marlowe and Massinger, did not leave enough to have their bodies decently buried.

Coming down to modern times, Tennyson was artistically the most delicate and fastidious of men. A misplaced comma, an epithet which was not the perfection of expression, gave him nights of insomnia.

Yet he was perhaps the most utterly careless man of his generation regarding his personal appearance. Had he not been carefully watched by his devoted wife, he would have been quite content to wear a suit of clothes until it dropped off him bit by bit in obedience to the law of gravitation.

A great admirer of Tennyson once described his first meeting with the great poet.

It occurred at a roadside public house in the Isle of Wight. The late laureate was seated by the kitchen fire, with a short black clay pipe between his lips, burning grease spots out of a pair of check trousers with the point of a redhot poker.

It was probably Tennyson's "faculty of silence" which helped him to secure the friendship of the greatest talkerin both senses of the phrase-of his generation, Thomas Carlyle.

Carlyle had occasional fits of silence, and he and Tennyson would sit on opposite sides of the hearth for six hours at a stretch without exchanging as many words.

At the expiration of such a period of silent intercommunication Carlyle would knock the ashes out of his last pipe and remark with every symptom of the keenest intellectual satisfaction. "Aye, Alfred, mon, we've had a glorious nicht!"

Tennyson's great and friendly rival, Browning, was as different from him in his personal peculiarities as he was

in point of genius. He always looked as if he had just been turned out of a bandbox. Tennyson was one of the most silent of men, Browning one of the most ebullient and loquacious. Tennyson was pessimistic and somewhat morose. Browning was always bursting with optimism and expansiveness.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

WOMEN OF HOLLAND.

Dutch Feminine Costumes Are Too Complex For Words.

The women's costume is a trifle too complex for verbal description, as dipped into cold water it is hardened: feminine belongings usually are, but the same treatment softens copper. the white lace cap which covers the head from eyebrows to nape of neck and from ear to ear, curving out in rounded wings on each side of her cheeks, is always a conspicuous and inevitable portion of a woman's attire. It may possibly be that on Sunday this cap is a trifle whiter or stiffer or daintier than on week days, but the difference is not very apparent.

The ladies assure us there is a vast difference in the quality of the net and the amount of handiwork employed, but the lens made no special note of that. In shape and outline the camera finds great distinction between these caps and those of Katwyk or Marken or Bols le Duc, but between Sunday and Monday caps in Volendam it records none whatever. For the rest of the costume feminine Holland asks above all things apparently a very flat, narrow chest surmounting enormous hips, and Volendam is no exception to this fashion rule. The invariable black "best waist" of the elder women is usually brightened by a square yoke of lighter color and material, and the dark apron or overskirt is topped by six inches or more of gay plaid or bright colored band worn over an underskirt of dull blue striped or black material and uncountable petticoats. About the throat a collar formed of many rows of heavy dark red coral beads is fastened by huge sliver clasps, and the number of rows, the size and quality of the beads are matters for feminine pride. Long hair is not the glory of women in Holland, save perhaps at Marken. It is usually hidden and at Volendam is cut quite close and entirely covered by a tight fitting thick black silk cap concealed beneath the snowy white lace. The younger girls, from the tiniest toddler to the young Rose color should not be against the skin. It should be separated by the bair, or white es and caps the exact counterpart of meisje, old enough to wed, wear dresstheir grave mothers, no less full of skirt or narrow of chest, but much gayer in color. A group of tiny maidens in a stiff breeze on the dike resembles nothing more than a swarm of butterflies.-Florence Craig Albrecht in Scribner's.

THE BUSY BEAVERS.

These Tireless Workers Have Altered America's Landscape.

Because its operations are chiefly nocturnal, so that it is seldom or never call a "fixed genius," that every poet seen, and because of its skill in conis the exact counterpart of every other trolling water and in house building, poet. There is probably no class of something of mystery has grown up men in the world-if class it can be about the beaver. It is said that it called -- whose members differ more fells trees for the purpose of building its dams and can lay a tree where it wishes to with the accuracy of the most skilled axman. It is said also that it uses its tail as a trowel, plastering the mud on its houses and dams with this appendage as a mason spreads his mortar.

Myths like these will probably have many unexplained things about the beaver's life.

Long before the white man came to America the beaver was hard at work building his dams all over the country and in narrow and sometimes in wide stream valleys, arresting the water and so collecting in its ponds the detritus swept down from the hills and from the upper reaches of the stream.

As this sediment gradually filled up the shallow ponds the beaver moved to other places, and when in time the dam broke down and the waters drained off a wide level meadow was left-

All over the continent in suitable localities, from Mexico north to the tree limit and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, this was going on century after century, and in this way no doubt were made vast areas of level meadow. whose origin is now unsuspected by the people who occupy them .- Forest and Stream.

PUZZLES IN NATURE.

Some of the Seeming Contraditions

That Science Encounters. The man of science, like the man of law, has brought before him many an anomaly; but, unlike the judge or the advocate, he knows that the contradictions he studies are only such in seem ing. He feels confident that nature at the core is in agreement with herself. Any day, he believes, these apparent contradictions may be resolved into cases of detected law, not simple enough to disclose itself to aught but the most rigorous analysis.

In the realm of heat it seems that certain rules of radiation, conduction, boiling points and the like are general, not universal. In most cases they act as if alone; in a few cases their effect is masked by causes as yet not understood. Let a few cases as perplexing as that of the alloys under refrigeration be briefly recounted.

Common solder has a lower melting point than any of its ingredients. Sulphur fuses at 120 C. and thickens again at 220 C. When steel is heated and While almost every substance expands with heat, rubber shrinks. In most cases electrical conductivity is impaired by increase of temperature, yet a carbon pencil rises to an almost threefold augmentation of conductivity when brought to incandescence in an electric lamp.

We may be well assured that when these anomalies are resolved the explanations will bear in their train other difficulties for research yet more subtle. Science never does worthler work than where, as here, she points to her own unfinished walls and bids the student as a privilege and a duty to supply their gaps as best he may .-George Iles.

"Old Moore."

"Old Moore," under whose name almanacs and prophecies have been appearing regularly for generations, was not a charlatan. His name was Henry Andrews. He was a bookseller of London, and, according to an old year book, "his prophecies were as much laughed at by himself as by the Worshipful Company of Stationers, for whom he manufactured them, in order to render Moore's almanac salable among the ignorant, in whose eyes a lucky hit covered a multitude of blunders." Andrews "had a very extraordinary genius for astronomy and was greatly esteemed for his integrity and modesty by every scientific man who was personally acquainted with him."

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