

FARM NOTES.

The flavor of butter largely depends on the food the cows eat.

Regularity in feeding and milking makes cows give more milk.

Young chickens on pasture need feed three times a day until a month old, then twice a day.

It is a useless waste of time and money to have more poultry than can be taken care of well.

Gilt-edge butter is not due wholly to the excellence of the cow, but also to the intelligence and management of the farmer who attends to the stork and looks after all the details necessary in order to produce a superior article, in order to get the highest prices.

In selecting cantaloupes do not aim to secure a large size for family use. The best flavored and sweetest varieties are the small kinds, and they are also the earliest.

Keep the blossoms picked off the pany plants or they will cease to bloom, as the production of seed is an end to flowering.

It is not necessary for a cow to give only a small quantity of milk in order to give rich milk. One can use a breed that is famous for large yields of rich milk rather than to get rich milk and low yields.

When currants and gooseberries have been injured by the borer as soon as the leaves start to drop, they are easily discovered and should be cut out as far down as the pith is eaten out and burned at once.

Hemp can be easily grown in all sections of this country, but the obstacle to its successful cultivation is the labor of preparing it for market.

One of the safest and best ways to send a few choice cut flowers to distant cities is to cut slips in potatoes and insert the flower stems, taking care that they are firmly fastened in and supported by a little cotton or paper.

Muriate of potash is a product of the Staassfurt mines in Germany, and its sale is controlled by a German syndicate.

Weighing the milk is the best means of registering the capabilities and peculiarities of a cow and her yield.

The effort to produce the seeds of apples exhausts the tree more than to produce the much larger quantity of meat, because seeds contain a much larger proportion of the mineral elements.

Stock should be fed a variety of food. Many flocks and herds have to subsist almost entirely upon grain foods the entire year, which is an injudicious mode of feeding.

Sometimes we see trees which dry up the grass under them, while in the same neighborhood will be trees under which the grass will grow greener than where it is not thus shaded.

In order to get good melons select a light, sandy soil. Dig spaces two feet square and eighteen inches deep. Fill the holes with good, well rotted compost, and fill up over the holes.

Growers of peaches are using cow peas as cover crops in the orchard. The vines shade the land, and may be turned under when the pods are nearly ripe, or may remain as a mulch in winter.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

It is easier to prevent ill habits than to break them.—Milton on Plato's ring.

Some of the most exclusive dress-makers have this year borrowed ideas from pictures by old masters, of course with modifications to suit modern requirements.

Nothing is prettier than the Gainsborough frock in white muslin, with its tucker of white net run through with Konny blue ribbon, which, by the way, is not the fashionable blue.

The trend of fashion is toward the short-waisted effect, but this can no longer be called Empire; personally, I consider this an improvement, for the modern line is peculiarly becoming, lengthening the leg and giving a pretty idea of a waist, which in the days of the old Empire frocks was conspicuous by its absence.

Now that handkerchiefs have almost disappeared from the back of the hat a new comb has been devised in order to keep the hat properly in place. It is an ordinary shaped long comb with wavy teeth—in order to better hold—with five outstanding pear-shaped knobs, that are quite ornamental as well as useful.

"Khaki" was some few years ago carrying all before it as a fashionable shade, and has once more made its appearance under two or three different names, which give a fictitious suggestion of novelty to the familiar color.

In Tassore silk it loses much of its characteristic crumpledness, and in combination with a certain tone of Japanese blue, introduced in the form of embroideries all round the skirt, it is full of modistic possibilities.

With this was worn a tiny Tassore wrap in kimono form outlined with a little box-pleated ruche of satin ribbon in the same khaki shade, the belt and mitted stole front being likewise worked in Chinese roses.

Up to a very short time ago milliners vied flowers would not be seen on the best hats. Now we see little of anything else, except aigrettes or plumes.

A shade of blue that has many followers is that known as bleu de Jony. It is beautiful to color and linen and fabrics many of the vests of tailor-mades.

Time was when the orange was a luxury; now it has become a necessity even to families of very moderate means.

Fortunately, with California's competition, and the rivalry between the spicy, seedless navel varieties of the Pacific coast and the sweeter but unacceptably seeded fruit of the India river and other parts of Florida, the orange has become so cheap that it can form part of our daily menu.

About the only drawback to the orange is the eating of it. Juiciness is delicious; but juiciness on face, fingers or front of a fresh white blouse has its disadvantages.

When eaten for itself alone, the orange usually forms a first course at breakfast or a last at dinner and luncheon.

Probably the neatest method of orange eating is to remove the skin entirely, get off all the pith with a sharp knife, then separate into sections.

The fashion in tropical countries of paring an orange whole and then eating it suspended on a fork is, to say the least, unsightly.

As a rule, oranges are served whole in a fruit dish or basket, the deep orange tints bringing out the paler colors of less luxuriously toned fruits.

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AN ASSIZE OF BREAD.

Mobile's Regulation of Bakeries Early in the Last Century.

In the latter half of the seventeenth century and the early part of the eighteenth centuries the regulation of the price of bread by public authority was a familiar principle in the English colonies of America.

It is interesting, however, to note a survival or perhaps a revival of this principle as late as the nineteenth century in the town of Mobile, a place whose economic history is marked by many peculiar features.

On Oct. 10 its tail extended over a space of 50,000,000 miles and at several points was not less than 10,000,000 miles in width.

At first it was generally conceded that it was the famous comet of 1550, the one which caused the Emperor Charles V. of France to resign his imperial throne, he taking it to be a warning from God.

On July 8, 1815, Mr. Martin, the baker, appeared before the board and paid the sum of \$10, a fine inflicted on him for having his bread too light, one-half of which sum was paid to the police officer.

Beginning May 3, 1817, the assize of bread was proclaimed weekly instead of monthly, as before, and this system was continued for a little more than two years.

Working the Minister. "Don't imagine ministers have an easy time," remarked the Brooklyn preacher. "If I gave to every one applying for alms, I would be bankrupt."

Chippendale. Chippendale not only made chairs, but almost everything in the furniture line, except the one article with which his name has been most frequently associated in later days.

The Samian Letter. The letter Y is called the Samian letter. It is so called because its Greek original was referred to by Pythagoras, the philosopher of Samos, to illustrate how deviation from the straight path of virtue becomes constantly wider as the lines are extended.

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The safest way of not being very miserable is not to expect to be very happy.—Schopenhauer.

THE GREAT "WAR COMET."

Its Fiery, Spreading Tail Was Fifty Million Miles Long.

The wonderful "war comet" of 1861 sprang so suddenly into view and blazed with such unexampled brilliancy as to astonish the astronomers and frighten those unlearned in cometary lore half out of their wits.

On the night of July 3 of that year it exhibited a most wonderful spectacle. In the evening the nucleus did not appear to be larger than a star in the first or second magnitude.

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A STRANGE MAKEUP. When Wilton Lackaye Looked "Like a Sore Finger."

Barrett was a very pompous man, and as my bump of reverence has always been a conceivably he early marked me out for his displeasure.

My modest disposition and my desire not to meet the star's eye did not avail me. He spotted me the first thing.

A Dame School in England, 1837. On a perch forming a triangle with the corner of the room sat a cock and two hens. Under a stump bed immediately beneath was a dog kennel in the occupation of three black terriers.

The Number Three. Three, which since the days of Pythagoras has been the divine number, is not invariably fortunate, for, though the fates are three, so also are the furies.

Rapid Change. "My hair turned from raven black to snowy white in a single night." "That's nothing. I went into a pawnbroker's shop once and stayed only fifteen minutes. When I came out my watch had turned from gold to silver."

Must Have Read It. He (virtuously)—I call it simply outrageous for the newspapers to print all this terrible stuff. She (sternly)—How do you know it is terrible?—Baltimore American.

Time brings no mercy to the bigot's hate.—Schiller.

Can anything be more offensive than foul breath in man or woman? Who has not had the experience of a conversation with some one whose every word seemed to reek with corruption? Foul breath is only one symptom of a foul stomach.

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