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FARM NOTES.

If a clover crop was not sown in the orchard last month, attend to the matter at once. Don't let the ground be bare all winter.

A sick animal relishes something dairy. A few sliced carrots, a warm mash of bran and ground oats, or a mess of clover hay that has been cut and soiled and slightly seasoned with salt will usually be relished.

An ice house should be so constructed as to have double wall (or air space) surrounding that portion above ground and the rest of such is but little compared with the protection afforded. There should also be double doors. It is not difficult to keep ice in a building above ground if the double walls are used and the ice securely packed.

Field mice do not attack old trees if they can get the bark of young trees, but they sometimes do much damage to orchards. Wrap the trees with tar paper, extending the paper several inches into the ground. This method not only prevents the depredations of mice, but also serves to protect against the borers. The paper need not extend over a foot above ground.

If the strawberry bed has been overrun with grass and weeds the best thing to do is to burn the bed over late in the fall, and next spring the strawberry plants will get a good start. The weeds and grass will render any strawberry bed useless and unprofitable if something is not done to give the plants an opportunity to get ahead in the spring. Mulching will also be serviceable in the bed.

The value of breeds is greater than is known to some. Formerly it was considered necessary to keep a steer until 4 or 5 years old before sending to market, but with the use of improved breeds steers can now be marketed at 2 or 3 years of age, and will be heavier than those of twice that age that are not well bred. Good breeds save time and feed, increase the weight, and lead to higher prices.

Milk that contains blood indicates that the cows have received an injury to the udder from some cause. Wash the udder with warm water twice a day, the water to be as warm as the cow can bear it; wipe dry, and gently rub the udder with a towel until considerable heat is created. For weeks on the udder apply castor oil after each milking, washing the udder with warm water when the cow is next milked.

Farm animals of good breeds are in greater demand now than formerly, despite the fact that electricity is restricting their use. The horse is indispensable on farms and in drawing loads in cities. The automobile and traction engines are too costly to take the place of one horse. Good horses are bringing fair prices, and the scarcity of beef cattle is also sure to increase the demand for both steers and cows.

The Russian thistle, which was considered a dangerous pest in the West, has not spread as rapidly as was expected. It seems to thrive best on alkali soils, and is not partial to all kinds of lands. Since its appearance it has subdued the Canada thistle, and has been very beneficial in several States. Though it is not a desirable plant to have on the farm, the farmers who have learned to keep it in subjection no longer fear it.

Eight sheep on one acre (using 10 acres) have been kept at the Minnesota station, and nearly a full load of hay was also taken from each acre. On the 10 acres were eight sheep, which provided themselves with all they required, due to the use of hurdles, or temporary fences, which permitted of growing for them forage crops, and which matured at different periods, including rape. With the husbanding system the number of sheep on an acre can be increased.

When horses are not thrifty it may be attributed to sameness of diet. A pint of linseed meal, three times a week, will "loosen the hide," and the animal will soon show the effects of such an addition to the food. If the bowels are moved too freely by the linseed meal reduce the supply. Linseed meal is harmless and no danger will result from its use, but it should not be fed too freely to mares with foals. Carrots should also be given in connection with the linseed meal.

If a cow gives 16 quarts of milk per day she must consequently consume an equal quantity of water. If the water is icy cold she will not drink because she there-by becomes chilled. She will fall off in her yield of milk because she cannot produce unless she drinks a quantity sufficient for the milk and the demand of her body. She voids usually a large quantity of water. The water for the cows as the weather becomes colder, therefore, should be warm if the flow of milk is to continue.

Fields that are left in stubble, or that are covered with weeds, cannot now be benefited by cultivation, where the seeds of the weeds have already been scattered, but as soon as the frost does its work, and the weeds are dry, rake over the fields with a horse rake and burn all the refuse. Dead weeds form harboring places for field mice and insects, and during windy days, after the weeds are thoroughly dry, they are blown to other fields. By burning all refuse there will be fewer weeds turned under next spring.

By the use of ensilage the ration can be greatly cheapened, but ensilage is not a balanced food, and must not, therefore, be used exclusively. A ration of 45 pounds of ensilage, eight pounds of clover hay, one pound of bran and one of linseed meal will cost about 10 cents a day and be as nearly balanced as can be desired. This ration will be better digested than one composed mostly of dry food, and the ensilage can be grown from a silage corn at a cost below that of any other food that can be produced on the farm.

It is much easier to destroy birds than insects, but as the number of birds is reduced the insects multiply. The wren is a very useful bird, and may be induced to remain near the dwelling houses if boxes are provided for them, but, as they are unable to contend against English sparrows, the entrance to the wren boxes should not exceed an inch in diameter, as the wren is very small and can only protect itself by going where the sparrow cannot follow. Every encouragement should be given birds by feeding them and providing suitable places for their protection and accommodation.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

We hear much of love to God; Christ spoke much of love to men.

—Henry Drummond.

"Women should be all curls and curves," says Mrs. Anna Bradley. There is no reason why they shouldn't; curls and curves are cheap enough these days.

Pastern robes of white linen, with elaborately braided designs of pink, blue or green soutache.

Dainty little silk coats are much worn with sheer fabrics, such as voile or marquisette, and most attractive models are shown. Some of them show loose drapery falling from a long shoulder line in loose folds, others have square, bib-like trimming falling loosely over a girle, and still others show modifications of the postilion hack.

Little black lace coats in loose hip-length models daring into ripples at the bottom and with wide kimono sleeves, are bordered with accordion-pleated frills of pinked chiffon taffeta. Such coats are very effective when worn over lingerie gowns either colored or white. Taffeta coats in light plain colors, braided in soutache, are also much used to slip on over summer dress.

The three-quarter length wraps of heavy black hand-made laces are exceedingly handsome. Many of them are made up over gray instead of white chiffon, which gives a less glaring effect. They are very loose and full, fitting smoothly on the shoulders and falling in deep ripples, sometimes straight from the shoulder seam, again from a shallow yoke. One particularly handsome coat of black d'Alencon lace had hung accordion-pleated bell sleeves falling well below the hips. It was made up over white liberty satin, shrouded in pearl-gray chiffon. The front had choux of black and white chiffon at wide intervals to conceal the fastenings.

One of the newest ways of keeping dresses, especially evening ones, fresh is to sew throughout the lining tiny perfumed silk sachets. Any odd bit of silk does for this purpose. Make the sachet about one inch square. Put in a layer of soft white wadding, into which has been sprinkled some sachet powder. Sew up and tuck firmly to various places in skirt and bodice. This gives the delicate elusive fragrance to your frock which is rather hard to attain when liquid perfume is used. It also has the additional benefit of keeping away destructive moths when the garment is laid aside for a time.

The clothe hats of this moment are absolutely enormous. The hats themselves are very large, and they are so fully trimmed they appear even larger than they really are. The new idea is to cover the hat almost entirely with flowers, and then to throw back over the latter one of the new circular veils. The effect is something alarming, but undoubtedly attractive.

All the newest and most attractive millinery models show a line of dark straw on a light brim. The inch-wide line of straw takes the place of a hem, and it is eminently becoming and attractive.

Already there are displayed in the shops, millinery trimmed with grapes, a sure sign of the ending of the season; not only are the natural shades of the fruit chosen, but gold, silver, and even pink.

Brown foliage is an absolute rage in Paris this year, and the best effects are obtained when brown net veils are worn with it.

Nowadays people have come to realize that an architect is a good thing, that he is profitable to engage, but they have not so universally come to acknowledge that the setting of the house in its surroundings, the working up of the lawn's surface into pleasing effect, and particularly the selection and distribution of trees and shrubs, is a matter not to be settled off-hand.

Advice from a landscape architect or from an architect who has had some experience in planting should be sought. Given even a village lot, it can be made to look broader or narrower, deeper or shallower, by means of the planting, says *the Selection of Gardens*. Furthermore, the selection of material is of the greatest importance, because one ignorant of the characteristics of trees and shrubs may select a lot of inferior kinds that as years advance get less attractive or outgrow the allotted space instead of a selection that grows more beautiful as years go by. If one goes about this the right way he can frequently get some guiding information from his architect.

Even the most modest cottage cannot afford to lose this last touch of the designer's skill.

In a book published this month on the subject of beauty there is a chapter on the "Thoroughbred Woman," which may contain some points of interest to the average woman who considers herself included. "You can always tell her instantly," says the author, "when you see her in a railroad car or in a hotel. She travels with all these belongings which are necessary to keep her in the perfection of grooming and comfort, but none of those belongings which attend the showier phases of her existence. She is not like some women I have encountered in a Pullman, who carried no impediments but a toothbrush and a "treasuring sack" to sleep in. She has her toilet of neat necessities, has my lady of breeding; she has her hairbrush and nailbrush and toothbrush and clothesbrush; her comb and manicure articles, her face cloth and her personal towel of soft, snowy quality, for how does she know what links in the stiff, laundered towel of the Pullman company? But her baggage, it is inclusive in the matter of toilet necessities—among which, too, are always her own drinking glass and her own soap—is exclusive of such trifleries as have no place on a train.

Mrs. R. P. Montfort, of Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio, writes: "I have received the Medical Adviser, and very much pleased I am with it. I think it quite a prize to get such a book for so small a sum. I do not think a cent-penny dollar bill could tempt me to part with it. My husband said to me yesterday, 'That book is worth five dollars to you.' Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the paper covered book, or 31 stamps for the cloth binding to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Medical.

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