

FARM NOTES.

In shipping apples see that the barrel is well filled that the fruit will not rattle around in it.

A practical farmer claims that melon seeds will keep better tied up in a piece of mosquito netting than in any other way.

Fruit plants that are well mulched are not liable to have their fruit buds injured by the late frosts as those not mulched.

All crops have a tendency to deteriorate if the seed is carelessly selected. The best quality only should be chosen for the next year's planting.

Onions keep nicely at a temperature of about 35 degrees. An authority advises putting them in slat bins over ten inches in depth, but six inches is much better.

Professor Massey says it would not be easy to find a fruit that can be more rapidly improved by careful selection, or run out more rapidly by careless handling, than the tomato.

To dry herbs they should be tied in small bundles and hung in an airy shed. There is always a good demand for sage if the leaves are large and dried in the shade, so as to retain their original color.

An acre of soil nine inches deep, if of ordinary fertility, is estimated to weigh about 3,000,000 pounds and contains about 2000 pounds of nitrogen, 3000 pounds of phosphoric acid and 6000 pounds of potash.

Jersey cranberries come into market about October each year, and they are closely followed by the Long Island product. The first crop of cranberries reached the city markets early in September, and came from Cape Cod.

When harvesting the vegetables, handle carefully, and cut the tops an inch or more from the top, so there will be no chance of decay from close cutting. Beets especially need to be carefully topped, as if cut too close they will bleed, and not only lose all the sweetness, but shrink and soon spoil.

Potatoes are readily kept in a frost-proof cellar where there is little heat, doing best when the cellar is cool and damp. Under such conditions they show no signs of either sprouting or shriveling till late in spring. Potatoes, as well as all other vegetables, should be kept as dark as possible, and the cellar should be so arranged that there is a good circulation of air.

Barley as a feed for live stock is much commoner in European countries than it is in the United States. In this country it is confined more largely to States of the Pacific slope. By-products left from the breweries are usually used as stock feed. Barley is a crop that can be raised in a great many different climates and is surer of maturing a crop than some other of the small grains.

The improved cow, says the American Farmer, is the cow that continually improves in her milking qualities. She is not the only improved cow, for the producer of good beef stock and of the improved steer is an improved cow. It is not only necessary to have the improved dam but the sire should also be improved, if the improvement is made that is necessary. Keep up the improvement lest there be a retrogression.

Burn off the asparagus beds now and clean the ground thoroughly, applying manure plentifully. All bushes or weeds that have not been cleared from the ground will serve as harboring places for mice and insects. When the materials on the surface of the ground which have been destroyed by frost are dry, and the grass also dead, it is not difficult to burn an entire bed over and thus consume many seeds on the ground.

Carrots, parsnips, turnips and beets keep best when placed in boxes or barrels, which are afterward filled with sand or fine soil. It should be nearly dry and be shaken down so that it will fill all spaces between the roots. So stored, the vegetables lose none of their fresh, plump appearance, there being no signs of withering or shrinking. In consequence they can be cooked in much less time and have a much better flavor than those which have become withered.

There is more difficulty in keeping onions, though the red and yellow sorts keep well if perfectly dried as soon as gathered, and kept where there is no sign of dampness. Where there is a large quantity to store, it is best to place them in shallow boxes, one placed above the other in such a way that air can circulate freely among them. If they can be kept in a dry room, where the thermometer is barely above freezing, they should keep well.

With care most of the vegetables can be stored so that they will be in good condition till spring. Not all kinds can be kept at the same temperature and do well, but they must be treated according to their several needs. Generally, the cooler they are kept and yet not freeze, the better the results will be. Pumpkin and squash, however, require a warm, dry atmosphere, and must be carefully handled in gathering. The stem should be left long, as when broken off it is almost sure to cause decay. It is a mistake to store squashes until fully ripe, as if the finger nail will, by hard pressure, break the skin, the squash is in no condition to keep all winter.

As the crops are gathered the wise farmer pulls up the weeds from not only the plot of ground but also from along the fence line, cleans up all rubbish, and then has a large bonfire. It is the only safe way to get rid of a lot of the weed seeds. To plow them under is a good method to cause extra work next season.

This will also destroy many insects, and then if the garden plot is plowed up and rye sown for winter covering, it can be plowed under early next spring, and extra strength is given the land.

Where the land lies open in the fall, it is a good plan to till it occasionally.

Some farmers keep their land scrupulously clean in the early season, but let it run wild late in the fall, thus well seeding it for the following year.

Professor Bailey thinks it advisable to induce your neighbor to keep his land as clean as you keep yours. Rank pigweeds and their ilk are a compliment to a man's soil. Land that will not grow weeds will not grow crops, for crops are only those particular kinds of weeds a man wants to raise. Weeds have taught us the lesson of good tillage. There is no indication that they intend to remit their efforts in our behalf.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

There is nothing more beautiful than cheerfulness in an old face.—Richter.

Choosing the fall hat is by no means the joke the comic papers would have us believe. The last few years have required sober judgment and strong resolutions, for never before were models so eccentric. Take the tiny turban that is now in fashion. Worn by a girlish little figure with a slender face and delicate features and lots of fluffy hair the effect is as winsome as possible.

But how seldom can this little maid be brought to think so! She craves the enormously big hat of all black in which she looks half buried and which deprives her of the much-needed height.

A tall woman may wear a large all-black hat, whether she be stout or thin. The slender woman of medium height will need no guide, but a stout woman of the same number of inches should choose her hat of medium proportions, neither too large nor too small, and preferably trimmed high.

A small hat becomes a slender face unless the face is too long; but in choosing for a face the main point to remember is to take care that the sides of the hat extend beyond the cheeks.

Although hats are growing less bell-shaped they are more monumental than ever, trimmings are growing more lavish, and the increasing size demands quantities of false hair or "posiche," as it is called in Paris.

Some of the prettiest hats are bordered with a two-inch line of some contrasting color around the edge of the brim, and are lined with silk or satin.

"Mutilles," a kind of featherless or wiry egret, is being immensely used on large hats, and is extremely expensive.

Hats with wings as big as those of barn-door fowls, that wave and flap in the wind, are another eccentricity of the present day.

Hats trimmed with crushed rosettes of different-colored chiffon, silk velvet or crepe are very pretty, while the new hats of soft colors, pale blue, pink, yellow or white, trimmed with embroidery and "contour," are being worn to a very great extent at the seaside, where silk moulin veils are in evidence.

Large hats of the Rembrandt shape are ultra fashionable. They are worn off the face, and so form a becoming setting for it.

In order to meet the proportions of some of these hats, which are huge, the hairdressers are making the effects of the head as large as possible, not high, but wide.

Curls and braids play an important part in the new coiffures.

Nowadays, when trying on hats, one very often receives certain bunches of false hair, puffs or even coronet bands.

These are adjusted to fill in the sides and back, and not only make the hat becoming, but the woman more attractive.

For Mourning Wear.—Under the best of circumstances the wearing of it requires knowledge and judicious handling.

Appropriate jewelry made of gun-metal and black enamel only should be worn.

There is a decided line between the wearing of mourning and the wearing of black.

The latter is so universally worn nowadays by women that it is rather confusing to know just where and how the line is drawn. For example, anant velvets are mourning, other varieties are not.

The smart girl wears with her tailored shirt sleeve-links and stickpin to match. They may be bought in set, and are really very pretty. They are shown in linen and silk and come in many clever plaid effects.

Another requisite is the French handkerchief to carry in the pocket of the tailored shirt. They are made in linen and silk and come in many clever plaid effects.

There is a decided novelty in belts known as a shaped linen belt. They are made of a good quality of linen, closely stitched, embroidered in Oriental colors and shaped so as to fit the waist closely.

Long mannish looking stocks of white linen, pique or duck are extremely popular and smart for wear with the tailored shirt.

Many braids are used. They take the form of soutache, wide and heavy effects in fancy braids of monochrome and combination colors.

Wide braids of heavy silk construction are used as hand trimmings upon many of the new cloth skirts, particularly those of a solid color.

An appetizing way of utilizing stale cake is to cut thick slices in halves; spread with figs that have been chopped and stewed in a little water, flavored with lemon juice. Place together sandwich fashion and steam. Serve with a liquid sauce to which has been added a little lemon juice.

For Chili Sauce.—Eight quarts of ripe tomatoes, one pound of brown sugar, one cupful of salt, one ounce of cloves, one ounce of cinnamon, one pint of strong vinegar, one quart of small onions, one ounce of celery seed, one ounce of allspice, one teaspoonful of black pepper, one red pepper. The tomatoes should be measured after being peeled and chopped. Put them in a saucepan over the fire and simmer one hour. Chop the onions and grind the spices. Mix all the ingredients given with the tomatoes, simmer for one hour and seal while hot in large necked bottles.

The dressing of the neck for elderly women is a point for the most serious consideration. To the elderly woman it is a crucial test, and needs careful treatment. In the majority of cases something is required immediately next to the face, and something light in color. A severe line is unbecoming, except to the freshest of faces.

The soft mull ties, with the attractive embroidered or lace ends, should have a prominent part in the elderly woman's neckwear. Besides, they are unusually smart this season, and are worn by the young as well as the elderly.

The bonnet and hat are much-discussed questions for the elderly woman. The bonnet tied under the chin is entirely out of fashion. In its place is the bonnet toque, which is not only becoming, but entirely suitable as well.

The Royal Month and the Royal Disease.

Sudden changes of weather are especially trying and probably to none more so than to the scrofulous and consumptive. The progress of scrofula during a normal October is normally great. We never think of scrofula—it hunches, outaneous eruptions, and sweating of the bodily substance—without thinking of the great good many sufferers from it have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla, whose radical and permanent cures of this one disease are enough to make it the most famous medicine in the world. There is probably not a city or town where Hood's Sarsaparilla has not proved its merit in more homes than one, in arresting and completely eradicating scrofula, which is almost as serious and as much to be feared as its near relative, consumption.

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