

FARM NOTES.

A horse's appearance is not only injured by a "hump belly," but its lung capacity is reduced.

Feeding in sheep husbandry is like any other problem in live stock; however good care they must degenerate.

Lambing will not worry so much when separated from the ewes if retained in the field where they are accustomed to run.

Dairymen prefer to milk before they clean the cow and dust and odors which arise when cleaning and feeding is done.

Yellow-meated poultry is most appreciated in all markets. Stock should be plump, straight-backed, well and cleanly picked and neatly packed to command the top market price.

Bitter cream comes from keeping cream too long from cows that have been milked since early last spring. It is best to churn every few days, even though there is only a small churning on hand.

There is no standard for judging the Guinea fowl. They should, however, be of uniform shape, great activity and reasonably good producers of eggs. Their entire egg crop is produced in summer.

Do not forget the poultry as winter weather is approaching. See that their houses are free from cracks, and that the roofs are in good condition. Hens must be comfortable and well fed to produce eggs during cold weather.

When cold nights begin the farmer should begin to stable his stock. A pound of fresh saved by this method in the fall will save three or four times its value in feed during the winter, besides adding greatly to the comfort of the animals.

At present prices of corn and of feeders the man who has the feeders and has not the corn to finish them is pondering seriously over the prospects. High prices for dressed beef steers will alone justify long feeding under present conditions.

It is claimed that Massachusetts leads in the cranberry output, with an average crop of about 400,000 bushels annually. New Jersey is a close second, with about 350,000 bushels, and Wisconsin ranks third with an average of about 100,000 bushels.

The potato storeroom must be dark, cool, well ventilated and dry. There should be a double floor beneath where large quantities are piled together. There should also be opportunities for ventilation at the walls, and at intervals through the pile.

For forestry purposes the white pine is considered to be one of the most satisfactory. The seeds are to be sown in the spring. Trees do not make heavy demands on the soil for food. Trees can be set out on hilly or other ground where crops cannot be cultivated.

See that the stables are in proper condition before the cold nights come, when the stock should be comfortably housed. See that the cracks are all closed—except the opening for proper ventilation. Keep the stock comfortable and you will save in the expense of feed to abundantly pay for the care that is required.

A good condition powder, to be fed in limited quantities to the brood sow, is composed of a teaspoonful each of copperas, sulphur and a half-cupful of oil meal. Give once each day for each sow weighing 250 pounds. It is needless to say that all tonics should be given only when the animal is out of condition.

Clay soils are lacking in nitrogen, and sometimes phosphoric acid. This can be supplied by barnyard manure. The growing of legumes has made it possible for the farmer to grow some kind of a leguminous crop, one that will gather nitrogen from the air and store it up in the soil. Sals is not a plant food, and therefore cannot supply the elements needed by the clayey soil.

The meat market in America consists of two classes, broilers and roasters. Broilers, small broilers and large broilers. Squab broilers when dressed weigh from three-quarters of a pound to one pound each; small broilers, the size most in demand the greater part of the year, weigh from one to one and a quarter pounds each, and large broilers from one and a half to two pounds each.

For old orchards the "trimming up" method is perhaps, the best. Cut off the bottom limbs to a point three or four feet from the ground, then cut off the ends of the most extending branches. Do not prune too closely. Pruning may be done any time this winter or early spring, but the wounds should be covered a touch with paint. An old tree bleeds freely, and will suffer if there are a large number of wounds on it.

Always ship poultry by express in warm weather. During cold weather poultry can be shipped any day in the week, either by freight or express. It should be entirely cold, but not frozen, before it is packed. Boxes are the best packages. Line them with paper and pack so closely that the contents cannot move, but never use straw, and never wrap dressed poultry in paper. On the cover distinctly mark the kind and quality of the contents, the gross weight and correct tare in plain figures.

H. M. Cottrell, after years of experience and observation, says that cowpea hay is nearly equal to alfalfa in feeding value, and contains nearly one-half more flesh and milk-making material than clover hay. It is rich in the mineral matter that is needed in forming bone, blood, flesh and milk. These qualities make it especially valuable for feeding growing cattle and pigs, dairy cows and fattening steers and hogs. The cowpea enriches the land on which it grows, the same as alfalfa, clover and soy-beans. It makes hard soils melow and aids in holding loose together, and stands dry weather well.

It is a very good idea to dig up the earth about your trees—especially fruit trees that are planted this fall. The fall is a very good time to plant and in certain parts of the country practically all the tree planting is done in the autumn months. But a tree is not to be left to itself after you dig a hole for it and put it in the ground. There is a certain amount of care necessary if you would have the best results. Some time after you plant the tree, along in the very early spring, spade up the earth about the newly planted trees. Then again in the summer it is a good idea and again in the autumn. Do it at least four times a year and the trees will appreciate it.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

The easy enough to be pleasant. When life goes on like a song; But the man worth while Is the man who will smile. When everything goes dead wrong.

There is plenty of choice here. Besides the peanut butter, which is one of the handiest things to keep on hand where a quick picnic lunch is often in demand, there may be almonds chipped fine or run through the coffee mill or meat chopper, salted and moistened with a little mayonnaise or sherry, chopped pecans mixed with mayonnaise or Boston brown bread buttered and spread with a filling of chopped walnuts or butternuts.

Semi-tight-fitting princess gowns, the folds of which start from just beneath the shoulder blades, without whalebones, of course, and showing no seams, are given the patronage of supreme elegance for evening dresses.

Braid, especially very narrow braid, is as much in vogue as ever. Buttons and tassels share in its popularity.

Morning hats are trimmed with scalloped and frayed ruffles of soft silk. Dresser millinery exhibits velvets, feathers and fur. Drawn or gathered silk net and velvet hats are worn in the evening.

On coats the shawl collar is preferred to the commoner and more masculine tailor-made revers. Some coats are collarless and show a deep seam, or inner, collar in a lighter shade of cloth. These details are given a great deal of thought and minute work in current fashions.

The shoulder seam in all dresses is disguised by draperies or embroideries. The shoulder line is always drooping, and in spite of the amounts of materials with which bodies, are trimmed they never in the least degree "bugle."

Various shades of blue—old blue, royal blue, peacock, pastel and Natter—are the mode, and replacing the very popular violet of last season. Many winter hats are trimmed with flowers. Fancy birds and feathers provide the barbarous air which seems always to be admired by the majority, though shunned by the more artistic few.

The somewhat loose out of the latest tailor-made coats is most favorable to slightly stout figures. It lengthens without broadening. Tight-fitting coats only accentuate embonpoint.

Chinese hands will be used for the decoration of bodies of both silk and cloth costumes.

They will be used in surprise effects, for revers, for the bordering of the wide mandarin sleeves and for the covering of buttons.

The Chinese embroidery worked out in typical Chinese design and colorings is very good.

The same designs worked out in combinations of various shades of blue, worked on a black background, will be greatly favored.

Then there are the old gold effects worked on a satin ground of that color, and sometimes carried out in the blue tones.

Certain dull soft shades of red also enter into a general Chinese scheme of color, and a gold thread is used in many instances to accent the beauty of design.

The tailored waist should unquestionably have the regular shirt sleeve with cuffs two and a half inches wide. The cuff should fit snugly around the wrist, but be sufficiently large to give the muscles full play.

Neck finishings are of several kinds, and while the stiff linen collar will be greatly worn, the soft collars are considered smarter, and are shown on many of the newest models.

When making these collars they should be cut in one piece on the straight of the material. Do not curve the lower edge so that it will set down below the throat line. It must be curved at the upper edge, however, to make it at least half an inch higher in the back than in the front.

This kind of a collar will be very much prettier if made to fasten in the back, even if the waist is buttoned in the front. In this case the collar can only be fastened to the waist at one side; otherwise it should be fastened all around. The collars are made independent of the waists and tacked to them by hand.

It will be necessary to bone these collars to keep them from crumpling. Cover the bones with a double thickness of muslin, and place one on each side of the center front about three inches apart and sloping toward the back so that they form a V. Arrange the bones straight up and down at the sides and back.

A new and pretty way to close these collars is with the cloth buttons and buttonhole loops. The loops are worked on the inside edge of the hem of the collar but do not extend beyond the edge. This conceals the buttons and makes a very pretty finish.

If a small lead pencil is used in making these loops it will be found much easier to keep them the proper size to slip over the buttons without trouble. Put the needle in the material and carry the thread over the pencil to the opposite side, where the pencil is again drawn through the material.

In this manner bring two or three strands of the cotton over the pencil before taking it out and commence to buttonhole stitch the loop.

The Marie Antoinette waist, which gets its name from the pleating decorating it, continues to be worn. The frills are used singly and double and vary in width from one to three inches.

They are placed on one or both sides of a narrow box pleat in front and around the cuffs and collars. Buttons are worked in the pieces intended for the front, and they may be buttoned on the collar and at the waist line.

It would be interesting to know if any part of the world beats Iceland in the average length of life of its inhabitants. It is shown in the census of 1905 that on an average the people of that island live to the age of 61.8 years, which is very nearly double the mean duration of human life as it was computed a generation ago. Sweden and Norway are regarded as very healthful countries, but Iceland takes the palm in longevity, the mean duration of life in Sweden being 50.02 years and in Norway 49.94 years.

Some of Iceland's earthquakes are nerve racking, but on the whole the lives of most of its simple and industrious inhabitants slip along with few incidents that unduly stimulate or depress the pulse. Summer and winter the same old mail boat from Leth steams into the harbor of Reykjavik every three weeks, but very rarely brings news that touches Iceland so closely as to make excitement. In fact the little island enjoys many of the advantages of civilization and avoids most of its drawbacks.

But the summer tourist is reaching Iceland in larger numbers every year, and the island is now tied to Europe by a submarine cable. The next census will doubtless show the effect of these startling innovations upon longevity in Iceland.

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