

FAIRM NOTES.

In 1890 the city of Philadelphia maintained a "town bull."

Satisfied with the varieties in the orchard? It is now a good time to decide which trees had better be grafted next spring.

A farmers' institute bulletin says that mulberries make splendid shade trees for the poultry yard, and the fowls devour the berries.

It is estimated that an average 1000 pound cow will during the year consume two tons of hay and one ton of feed, besides pasture.

The State Veterinarian of Nebraska says it is unwise to risk the noses of hogs. If they have plenty of salt and ashes they will root very little.

If the pigs root out, dig a trench one foot deep beside the fence, and tack poultry wire netting to the posts. Their sensitive noses will avoid it.

Watch the peach and other trees carefully for weak crotches. A few well-applied bolts, where needed, may save loss when wind storms come. Do it now.

Nearly all varieties of pears are better if ripened indoors. The proper time to gather pears is shown by the ease with which the stem parts from the branch, when the fruit is slightly lifted.

If the pears and quinces are scabby and cracked, and if the leaves have prematurely dropped from the trees, it's a sure hint that you neglected to spray with Bordeaux mixture early in the season.

A sheep is very particular about eating at the first table. It will not touch hay that has been nosed over by other stock. So with corn and oats, they do not like the grain that rats have played over.

Dead branches on fruit or other trees are a draft on the vitality of the tree, requiring nearly or quite as much moisture as the living. In removing such dead branches the cut should be close and smooth.

A good breeding sow is one that is rather round and long, with well-sprung ribs, broad loin, deep sides and some length of neck. The sire should be shorter, more compact and with finer bone, which type indicates early maturity.

Dr. John Funk, State pomologist of Pennsylvania, says that apples in cold storage next spring will bring \$8 and \$9 per barrel. Dealers in the East are now furnishing barrels and paying \$3 and \$4 for all the apples they can get.

The essential points for producing sanitary milk are a healthy herd, quartered in a clean, well-ventilated and well-lighted stable, cared for and milked by clean attendants, and the product stored in clean utensils in a clean room.

One who has tried it says that the most successful treatment that he has found for nail wounds in horses' feet is to clean out the wound and pour full of hot tallow or lard. This seems to give very little pain, and one treatment generally cures.

Barn cellars for the storing of manure are not much in use in this country. The easiest plan for handling the manure is to haul it out onto the land as soon as a load has accumulated, unless it contains corn-stalks and other materials that need time for disintegration.

There are always a lot of good corn fodder used during the winter and spring on the ordinary farm, where from a dozen to 20 cows are kept doing their best at milk. It will soon be "everlastingly too late" to cut corn for fodder, as it will soon be past the stage for making the best feed, if the frost does not catch it.

When a sow becomes weak, showing a disposition to drag its hind parts, a dose of Epsom salts in the swill for several days will generally effect a cure. Dissolve two or three ounces, according to age, in hot water, and mix with her drink. Also put three drops of tincture of nux vomica in the feed three times a day. Feed ground oats and bran, but no corn.

Goats are browsers, not grazers, and prefer weeds and brush to grass. Angoras will live and thrive in any climate that a sheep will. They are prolific breeders, and productive shearers until 12 years old. They are not good milkers as the Maltese or Swiss goats, but they give plenty for rearing their young. On the average the Angora goat lives a dozen years, and is in its prime between the ages of 2 and 6.

Some veterinarians claim that there is no drug that will kill bots in horses, but others say that the juice of raw Irish potatoes will kill them instantly. For immediate relief, grate raw potatoes, add water enough to pour out of a bottle and drench the horse. House flies and potatoes as regularly as salt is given them, will not be troubled with bots. For horses that are not used to potatoes, cut or grate them and mix with their food.

The following poison is one that both rats and mice are particularly fond of, and yet it is claimed to be harmless to dogs, cats and other domestic animals: Mix three parts squills and one of sugar powder, and spice with fennel essence sprinkled on the sugar. Mix a pinch of this powder with the paste, cheese, butter, flour, meat or grease intended for the vermin. The powder should be kept in a well-closed vessel, as air has a tendency to ferment the squills.

In protein a pound of clover hay is equivalent to six pounds of corn stover or four pounds of timothy. Timothy is probably the most expensive hay that can be given a dairy cow. Ten pounds of corn grain and 20 pounds of timothy hay contain but a very little more than half as much protein as the same amount of corn and 20 pounds of alfalfa hay. It would seem more profitable for the farmer to sell his timothy and buy clover or alfalfa, even if prices are exactly the same.

When lime and manure are both applied to the soil, the latter should be plowed under and the former applied to the surface and harrowed in. Wallace assisted an instance that when a boy is resists in putting 1000 bushels to the acre. When through a portion of the field had lime applied to a portion of the manure, plowed under, and a portion with manure and no lime. When lime was applied without manure there was a fairly good crop. When the manure was applied without lime there was a better crop. When the manure was plowed under and the lime applied on top there was a record-breaker crop.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues.—Cicero.

The modern girl can do everything a man can do and do it on less food and with less sleep. No man could live the life of the ordinary society woman leads and not be a wreck at the end of the first season. Certainly no man could run the risks the average woman runs in the mere matter of health and not become a confirmed invalid on the spot.—Ladies' Field.

A good many women who used to have a small flock of hats for various uses now have only two, because these two have cost more than all the half-dozen of former seasons put together.

If You Have Pearls.—They should be worn constantly to preserve their luster. Put away in a jewel box they become yellow and dead looking.

They should never be placed in hot water or come in contact with grease. Clean them with soft linen handkerchief, dampened, and rubbed carefully over the surface. Afterward rub them gently with a piece of soft, dry chamois.

When putting away wrap them in jeweler's cotton to preserve their color. Never keep in a box lined with colored silk or satin. They may absorb the color and become stained.

It is hard to tell how much the average society woman spends for her shoes, but she will have to pay a good deal more than usual this winter if she indulges in all the extravagances that have been designed for the season's fashionable foot wear.

One shoemaker in town says he has just had an order for white satin wedding shoes to be covered with a fine silver web studded with seed pearl. Pointed and blocked toes will be fashionable this winter, and the square-toed boot quite out of favor.

Many women in Paris now have their undershirts frilled and wired out around the hems to show their foot wear.

Women who drive a great deal are of the opinion that a coat that reaches to the feet is burdensome and always in the way.

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Judging from the fatalities thus far known, many having been caused by poisonous gas fumes, it is almost certain that the 36 miners still entombed in the mine have succumbed to the deadly after damp.

There is also a possibility that the explosion occurred so close to the men that they were killed by its force or the resultant fall of tons of rock and earth.

Since the explosion a large force of rescuers have labored almost constantly in an effort to reach the imprisoned men. The work has been necessarily slow on account of the wreckage and after damp. Notwithstanding the fact that the rescue parties have worked in 15-minute relays, a score or more of their members have been compelled to go to their homes suffering from the poisonous gas. Two of the rescuers are in a critical condition.

All day long a crowd estimated at 2,000 persons have stood about the mouth of the ill-fated mine, awaiting some news from the entombed men. Hundreds of these persons are relatives or friends of the unfortunate miners and their grief is pitiful. Relatives have been impeding the work of the rescuers and officers arrived to keep them away from the pit mouth.

A young mother living in New York, recently drowned herself in agony at the discovery that she was a consumptive and had transmitted to her idolized boy the seeds of consumption. When the doctors told her the child was diseased she caught him in her arms and they died together. Consumption is not hereditary. Consumption in antopes in which the lungs show the healed scars of tuberculosis. Hope should never be taken from the consumptive. It is a certain thing that people with obstinate cough, bronchitis, bleeding at the lungs, weakness and emaciation, conditions which if neglected or unskillfully treated terminate in consumption, have been perfectly and permanently cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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There are two things she must never send him—fancy work and her photograph. The former he does not want; the latter he should not have. It must be very sweet for a man to know that the girl took the trouble to paint a case for his cravat, or embroider him a pin cushion; but she may feel certain that he will never use either.

Groceries.

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