#### FARM NOTES.

-The best capital a farmer can have is a thorough knowledge of his business

-Stock needs plenty of light. Insufficient light in the barn makes the place un-

—A man never knows the kind of soil he has until he digs into it and watches its action with different crops.

—To make Excelsior axle grease, take tallow, 8 pounds; palm oil, 10 pounds; plumbago, 1 pound. Heat and mix well.

-One writer estimated that \$100 worth of butter bears off from the soil less of its valuable elements than five cents' worth of

-To drive pails into bardwood dip the points in lard or tallow and they will go straight and not double down under the

-All animals which chew the cud are cloven-footed. Those that drink by suction are herbivorous: the ornivorous animals lap when they drink.

-Never feed the cows before milking except in cases where new cows have just been purchased. Being strange they are slow to let down their milk.

-One reason why poultry manure is rich, concentrated, and active is because fowls feed principally on seeds and insects all of which are rich in fertilizing matter. -Legitimately the fowl has four well-

defined uses, as an egg-producer, for its flesh, for its feathers, and in exterminating pests, and to these might be added, saving -A cord of manure, 128 solid feet, is carried in three loads by a cart eight feet long, three and one-half wide and 12 inches high. In general, three big loads, or four

moderate loads, are a cord. -A good stockman speaks kindly to his animals. He is not cruel and rough in his ways, knowing that to have faithful and

profitable stock it is necessary that they should have the best treatment. -Fertile eggs with strong, vigorous germs can be obtained only from healthy stock well cared for. For fowls require plenty of exercise, sanitary quarters and clean food, with pure water, some grit, vegetables and green cut bones or meat

-No amount of persuasion or temptingly high prices should induce the breeder to part with his best birds, for if he desires to steadily improve his flock no matter whether it is of socalled common birds or pure-breds he must take his pick first of

-The chief object in keeping the dairy cow is for the milk and butter she is able to produce. Cows giving the most and richest milk should be selected and the feed making up the ration should be such as will maintain the greatest possible flow of milk the cow is able to produce.

-No fowl over 2 years old should be kept in the poultry yard except for some special reason. An extra good mother or a finely feathered bird that is desirable as to see it yellowing while it is still weara breeder may be kept longer. But ordi-nary hens and cooks should be fattened for market at the end of the second year.

-When the cow is suffering from congested udder it is an excellent idea to dry for som her off at once and feed one half oun nitrate potash night and morning in the Give plenty of clean water, feed pure and wholesome food and massage the udder once each day with a little iodine

-Treatment recommended for canker of apple trees by one of the experiment stations is to paint the affected trunk with a combination of one pint whale oil soap, three pints slaked lime and four gallons of water: thicken to right consistency with wood ashes or with Bordeaux mixture thickened with lime until like whitewash.

—When it is necessary to treat one-quarter of the udder when the cow is still giving milk, immerse the teat in warm water for 15 minutes after milking. Better results may be obtained if half a dram of belladouna has been placed in the water. Milk the affected quarter as gently as possible, but he sure to remove all the milk that is in the quarter.

-Two things are essential to the thrift of animals—a variety in their food and regularity in its receipt. One article of food cannot supply all the necessary sustenace, because it may lack some of the essential elements, and is almost sure to have some insufficient quantities. Animals do not thrive as well when fed irregularly as when they get their food at certain seasons. when they get their food at certain seasons. The more regular the food is supplied the better the results.

—A three-penny nail measures one inch in length and contains 557 to the pound. A six-penny nail measures two inches in length, and contains 177 to the pound. A twelve penny nail measures three inches in length, and contains 54 to the pound. A seven-penny nail measures two and onequarter inches in length and contains 141 to the pound. A ten-penny nail measures two and three-fourths inches in length, and contains 68 to the pound. A twenty-penny nail measures three and one-half inches in length, and contains 34 to the pound.

-The soil is the farmer's capital, and he can only keep that capital unimpaired by adding fertility to it. As the fertility decreases, his capital decreases and becomes impaired. Plants and animals are his stock in trade and he can only have the best stock in trade by having the best plants and animals. He can only beat the other fellow in the competition of trade by having a better stock in trade and something that people want and are willing to pay a good price for, because it is a good article. The more fertile his soil, the cheaper he can produce the articles which the

clares that he effectually put an end to the depredation of hawks in his poultry yard by fastening an old scythe, ground to plates and then the sauce and accompanya razor edge, with the sharp end down, on ing vegetables, which by this time would a high pole set in the edge of a field near be cold his yards. The hawks, as is their habit, A tra his yards. The bawks, as is their habit, lit on the scythe, grasping it with their claws with the result that their feet were covered with a small fringed napkin. badly out. This angered them and they attacked the soythe, literally tooth and toenail, and of course got the worst of it. Every hawk that came along met with a like reception, and within a short time they were either killed or driven away.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. DAILY THOUGHT.

Often what seems discord to us is only the great chord the harmony requires and from out the fretting notes grows the divisest music. We always get what we want really when we want it, not when we think we want it; that is quite another affair. - Anonymous

If femininity doesn't look nice next summer it is not the fault of the merchants, their buyers, the manufacturers, the expert toilers nor the designers. Each and every one of these alert ones has done his or her one of these alert ones has done his or her hest as is evidenced by the thousands of fascinating lengths with which shopland is packed. All told, dots and stripes are the most popular figurings, though some of the dots are rings, and many of the stripes are too fine to be plainly seen. Plaids and big checks, broken or solid, are among the novelties, and they are not at all loud, as the materials are films.

the materials are filmy.

As to these materials. Swiss is the classio. It has a crispnes altogether exquisite in the finer sorts, a co'webby quality that is as alluring to the gentler sex as Mr. Spider's parlor proved to be to poor Mr. Fly. Other sheer materials are practically along through the British postoffices last year along these lines, though perhaps the threads are not twisted so bard. Witness the dainty cotton marquisette and the coton chiffon voile.

With a Filet Effect. -It was quite nataral that the lace craze of the year should find its way into these new textile offerings. The filet effect has been caught and appears in geometrical sections in one otherwise usual length of white Swiss, which shows in addition black and white embroidered dots. This novelty costs \$1.85 per yard.

Hair-Line Stripes.—Dotsadorn materials with bair-line stripes too. As dainty as possible is a black and white hair-striped novelty with silky embroidered dots in delicate pink as big as

eas. This costs \$1.25. White hair-line stripes, not close together, are on a deep blue length. Between these stripes are embroidered dots in emerald green and white. This costs but 85 cents per yard, as may be conjured in a

clever rig.

Dotted Plaids.—As pretty as possible are the dotted plaids. The blooks are over an inch in width, in white and a color. But the color is exceptionally dainty (lovely lavendar, soft beige, dainty blue, orisp green and delicate pink) in so sheer a material, and the possible senerges is blue. terial, and the possible squareness is blur-red by countless wee dots embroidered in white. These cost \$1.50 per yard.

A big black and white plaid cotton mar-

quisette, 46 inches in width, is marked 75 ents.

As to Dots.—The song of the dot is a symphony all by itself. It has taken on shadings, color blendings, high tones and shrinking minors, compelling motifs and indefinable outlines which prove that "age cannot wither nor custom stale its infinite variety."

There are shaded dots, and there are dots in outline. Color combinations are worked out in dots. Indeed, the dot is as necessary to a summer frock as it is to a French maiden upon matrimony bent.

The women who do not cut their wedding dresses up the next Winter but keep them with reverent sentiment to the end of their lives, are always on the lookout deep tawny yellow.

The best preventive of this is to pack the gown away in muslin sheets that have been rinsed through deep blue water until a deep indigo. Ordinary blue muslin can

be substituted if preferred. Stuff all the folds with blue instead of white tissue paper, and keep in a box with a close fitting lid, that is also wrapped with heavy paper to keep out the dust.

One woman, who this Winter wore ber wedding frock at her twenty-fifth anniversary, declared its unusual whiteness was due to the fact that she had packed away

with it many pieces of white wax.

This is an old receipe for keeping white satin or silk from discoloring, and though the user could not give the reason of its access, she is so well content with results that she does not bother with the why and

wherefore.
She said that a manufacturer told her that the bleeching of wax is by long exposure to the sun, air and dew, which forms a sort of ozone in the wax, that when it is placed in with the satin is given off and has a tendency to keep the fabric

Never attempt a large course dinner with only one maid. A six course affair, wellcooked and served, is ample, and consists of soup, shellfish, joint or fowl with vege-tables and sauce, a salad, dessert and afterdinner coffee which is always served in the drawing room, or black coffee, which is passed at the table and served in small cups, writes Elizabeth W. Morrison in the

fousekeeper.

By having everything at band before serving the confusion which otherwise follows is obviated.

The dishes should be in the warming closet. Extra silver and plates for the dessert and cracked ice for water on the sidepoard, the latter in a pretty dish and served with a spoon.

Always have a clean plate at each guest's

place, and when one is removed always replace it with another.

The plate holding the shellfish and the dish in which soup is served is placed on this plate but after this double plates are

not used. The plates should be removed with the left hand and replaced by the right one. When the food is passed for individual helping serve it on the left. The lady on the right of host is belped first, then in order to the right, around the table.

See that the dishes for hot foods are warm, but not bot, and those for cold foods very cold and not luke warm. When only one maid is helping serve only such dishes as can have the sauce —A writer in the Scientific American de-ares that he effectually put an end to served by the bost and hostess, as it would

The Postal-Card Craze,

Three years ago souvenir or picture postal cards were on sale in about one hundred stores and shops in the United States.

Today they may be had in eighty thousand different places. What was originally a

or inn had a pretty souvenir of this kind, while, in the big cities every place of interest was reproduced on a postal. Then the idea struck the United States. The Eastern cities took it up. Now it has spread

may be gained when it is stated that a man who has a booth at a seaside resort

ous governments from postage on souvenir cards approximates millions.

So widespread is the interest in these cards that what is called a postal-card congress is held every year at Leipzig, Ger many. Like the stamp collectors, the card faddists have a paper. The sale of special-ly-made albums for souvenirs postal cards has become something of an industry, too. People trade postals as they trade stamps and rare coins.—Saturday Evening Post.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, be'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing home to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the prize ring as well as in it. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach we are utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Disoovery, and you protect yourself in your most vulnerable spot. "Golden Medical Discovery" ours "weak stomach," indigestion, and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition. It is a temperance medicine, entirely free from alcohol and

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