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FARM NOTES.

—Too heavy salting destroys the flavor of good butter.

—Stirring the cream frequently will make more butter.

—If you want the flow of milk to keep up always milk clean.

—Pack as soon as possible after salting if you want to keep butter.

—Milking in a foul smelling stable or yard imparts an injurious taint.

—The market calls for fresh-made sweet-flavored butter and will have it.

—The whole of the cream should be well stirred every time fresh cream is added.

—In salting butter the taste is considered more than the preservation of the product.

The best plan is to maintain the milk flow as uniformly as possible while it continues.

—There is a better chance for having strong progeny if the brood sows have plenty of exercise.

—Rapid milking is an advantage if it is done without hurting or irritating the cow and she is milked clean.

—Butter can be more thoroughly washed free from buttermilk while in the granulated condition than after it is gathered or pressed into a roll.

—A ton of stable manure usually contains 10 pounds nitrogen, 10 pounds potash and 5 pounds phosporic acid, making a total of 25 pounds of plant food.

—Experts say that half of the market value of a bushel of corn is the value of a hundred weight of skimmed milk or buttermilk. Save the by-products.

—Breeding from stock that is immature is a good way to degenerate the offspring, and also to gradually deteriorate their growth, size, development and vitality.

—Even though it costs a trifle more, a superior article of salt should be used in the dairy, as it has considerable to do with both the quality and the keeping properties of butter.

—It does not seem possible that any cow can produce 1247 pounds of butter in a year, but such is the official record of Colantha IV's Johanna, a Holstein cow owned by a Wisconsin dairyman.

—The horse collar that is kept pliable with oil is not likely to gall the shoulder as will one that is stiff and hard. But too much oil must not be used on the collar, or it will ooze out on the shoulder. Oil a little and often.

—Do the apples down cellar begin to smell up stairs? Better get right at it and sort them over. Carry out the decayed fruit and vegetables before they make you or someone else sick. Look out for the health of the family.

—A colt has a small stomach and a big appetite, but its digestion is not as strong as that of a grown horse. Therefore it is important that it be fed more concentrated and more easily digested food than that given a mature horse.

—Regularity in feeding and milking the cows is very important. Both should be done at regular set hours each day, as cows quickly form habits, and any delay is apt to cause worriment which will mean a lessening of the product in the pail.

—Regularity in feeding is important in keeping horses in good condition. A horse not working should have a lighter ration than one that works, but the rations should be given at a regular time each day—not three meals today because he is working, and two meals tomorrow because he is kept in the stable.

—Ducks do not easily digest whole grain, such as corn, wheat, etc., and consequently do better on a ration composed of mashes of ground grain, soaked turnips and potatoes, mashed, etc. If the yards are small, a drinking fountain for providing water is better than an open receptacle, as the ducks will then not be so apt to form muddy pools.

—It is bad policy to buy a collar unless the horse is along to have it tried on. It should fit the shoulder. Never buy a collar that is harder on one side then another, or such that seem lumpy—hard spots and soft spots. The collar should be neither too large nor too small. When the animal is pulling, a space of an inch should be underneath the neck, between it and neck.

—There is an old and true saying that "love lightens labor." When we take an interest in our work the hardness of it is half overcome. Dairying is much harder work than poultry keeping, but if a man has no love for poultry keeping and does the work only because he has to it is more laborious than working in a dairy. The difference very much depends upon the state of mind in which we view them.

—A Denver paper tells about two neighbors up in the divide country, Colorado, who each sold a carload of steers to the same buyer on the Denver market. The first carload were grade shorthorns, the get of good dams and registered bulls. They were long yearlings and netted $36.65 per head. The other carload belonging to the neighbor living across the way were long two-year-olds and were the progeny of just cows and most any kind of bulls that were cheap and bad horns. They netted $19.85 a head.

—All things considered, wheat, bran and middlings are as good, if not better, than any other foods. Such feeds as gluten and oil meal are good for milk, but are deficient in minerals that the animal requires. Cows should have some mineral matter. There is a greater amount of mineral matter in wheat bran than in any other feeds. But a mixture of wheat bran and gluten half and half, with good ensilage, will make a very good ration and is more commonly fed than any of the bought feeds in the best dairy sections.

—There are many different kinds of weeds, and some of them start off early in the spring, almost before the frost leaves the ground. It is the early weeds that give the farmer the most trouble. If the land was plowed last fall, cross-plow it the coming spring, and then harrow or cultivate it as often as can be done until time to put in the seed. Every time the land is cultivated more weeds will germinate to be killed, and the more weeds that can be destroyed before the regular crop starts the fewer there will be to combat later on.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

That "Love is blind" one can't dispute
(He's often deaf and dumb to boot!)
But if he sightless be, I pray,
How does he always "find the way?"
—*Walter Pulitzer.*

Physicians here and there are beginning to realize that there is an intimate connection between flesh-eating and disease, the latest one to present the subject being Dr. W. H. Guilfoy of the metropolitan health department. The vital statistics of this department show an alarming increase during the last few years in mortality from cancer, heart disease and Bright's disease, and this led Dr. Guilfoy to tabulate the nationalities in which the heaviest ravages of these diseases occur. He found that foreigners of the so-called flesh-eating nations reveal the highest mortality, the Bohemians being affected most by cancer and the Irish by heart disease and Bright's disease. In this connection it is well to draw attention again to the fact that the flesh of animals that have been cruelly treated in transit, which occupies days, and unmercifully used later in stock yards and slaughter houses, cannot possibly be fit food for human beings. In cancer, Bright's disease and tuberculosis, animals are unwittingly taking a terrible revenge on the race that tortures them.

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One of the secrets of a successful birthday entertainment for children is to specify the hours in the invitation, say from 3 to 5, 6 to 9, 7 to 10, according to the ages of the little ones. If children arrive early at a party and stay on indefinitely not only the guests but the entertainers are worn out, so it is better for all concerned that festivities end while everyone is having the "best time ever" than to wait until amusement begins to pall.

Another point in party giving is to have some simple form of "play" to fill up every minute.

The presence of a young girl friend or some jolly young man to start things is often of great assistance to the mother.

As soon as two or three children assemble begin playing games, for it is usually the first half-hour or hour that makes or mars the success of the party, especially where the children are of mixed ages.

Let some one stay in the dressing room to help the children take off their wraps and make introductions if necessary.

As to the kinds of games, if one lives in an apartment where the rooms are small and the other dwellers have to be taken into account, the entertainment may have to be limited to quiet "sports."

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A soap bubble contest makes excellent fun. For this have clay pipes enough for all (and it is wiser to lay in a few extras in case of accident), small bowls of soapsuds and fans made of stiff paper with which to propel the bubbles from the starting point. Lay a long stick on the floor to serve as a goal. At a given signal the bubbles are blown and the fans brought into use to drive them to the goal. If a bubble bursts before any of the players have reached the goal the player may return to blow and start a second one. A simple prize may be given the successful contestant, while the others may be allowed to keep their pipes as consolation and souvenirs.

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For a Pig Drawing Contest.—For each drawing pin on the wall a large fresh sheet of white paper. Blindfold each of the would-be artists, then lead them in turn to try their luck at drawing a pig with a charcoal pencil. A china pig box of candy may go to the most successful artist and a pig bank to the one who makes the most unsuccessful attempt.

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For Silhouettes.—Put a large sheet of white paper against the wall. Turn out all the lights but one, then let each child in turn have his picture drawn with a pencil. Remove from the wall and cut out the sihouette.

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For Shadow Pictures.—Hang up a sheet between two rooms, leaving the front room where the audience is seated in darkness. Have but one light in the rear room and place so that the shadows of the performers will fall directly on the sheet. Now let the performers, divided into sets, each take their turn in providing fun for the others. Illustrate, if you like, the different nursery rhymes and stories, for instance:

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To get her poor dog a bone.

If you have a real dog in the house or a Teddy bear, this is specially fetching, letting "Mother Hubbard" limp in on her staff, followed by her dog and reaching up into an imaginary cupboard.

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,
Jack jump over the candlestick.

is another good one, also scenes from "Bo Peep," "Little Riding Hood," "The Three Bears," "Robinson Crusoe," "Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son," and so on. After one set of guests has furnished entertainment let the other try, while the first party guesses the story being illustrated.

The supper of refreshments always delight youngsters, and a few menus appropriate for a child's party are suggested:

MENU NO. 1.
Hot Tea Biscuit.
Cold Chicken. Nut Sandwiches.
Lemon Jelley in Lemon Pigs.
Eclairs. Bonbons. Fruit Lemonade.
Birthday Cake.

MENU NO. 2.
Beef and Ham Sandwiches.
Parker House Rolls. Orange Marmalade.
Vanilla Ice Cream with Hot Maple Sauce.
Afternoon Teas with Meringue.
Cocoa. Birthday Cake.

MENU NO. 3.
Tiny Baking Powder Biscuit spread lightly with Jam.
Sandwiches of White and Brown Bread put together with Nut and Fig Filling.
Salted Popcorn. Bonbons.
Chocolate Ice Cream. Little Cakes.
Fruit Lemonade. Birthday Cake.

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On the crown of the new hat depends much of the difference between last year's styles and this. It is well for the girl who is remodeling her own headgear to bear this in mind.

The new crown is high, but as much of the effect is built up with ribbons around the band, this is not an insurmountable difficulty when transforming the mushroom effects of last season.

Many of the new hats are moderate-sized sailor shapes, slightly turned up at one side. The crowns are built up to the height of five or more inches by straight bands of ribbon, galloon, shirred velvet or even straw braids of a different color from the hat. The top is quite concealed.

Generally this trimming is so elaborate that there is no other trimming necessary, save wings at one side or at the back. The greater the oddity of this high band trimming the smarter one's headgear will be.

How to Stop a Nose Bleed.

When the bellboy responded to the signal he found the elderly traveling man standing in the center of the room holding a handkerchief to his nose, from which the blood was oozing.

"Give me a slap alongside of the head, good and hard," said the elderly man, turning his face toward the boy and speaking with difficulty.

"But, sir, I"—

"Don't stop to talk," sputtered the traveling man. "Slap me, I tell you," again holding his head forward. The boy hesitated for a moment, then timidly slapped the man's face. "Harder!" commanded the smitten one. The boy hesitated no longer, but with his open palm dealt the man a vigorous blow.

"That's better," grunted the gory one as he removed the handkerchief and after a test found the bleeding had stopped. "I'm subject to these attacks of nose bleed," he explained to the astonished youth, handing him a tip. "I have tried all sorts of remedies, but nothing acts more promptly than a blow alongside the head. The shock seems to paralyze the ruptured blood vessels, and they quit work at once. Try it some time if you have the occasion. I got the idea from an old physician in Mexico."—New York Press.

Could See For Himself.

Clarence Foster ("Pop"), the old ball player, was always busy sewing in his spare moments in the clubhouse. Foster was a handsome fellow and took pride in keeping himself looking neat and natty as far as his attire went, and he was as particular as an old maid regarding his clothes, so was kept busy doing the tailor act with the needle and thread. One August "Pop" was taken ill and was ailing for some few days. The fact of his illness got into the public press and so became common talk among the players. A few days after the announcement was made that Foster was ill the St. Louis aggregation blew into the Washington grounds. The first day Foster was discovered sitting in front of the clubhouse, busy at his everlasting sewing.

"Hello, Pop!" shouted Catcher Joe Sugden. "I heard you were sick, but how are you now?"

"Well, Joe," carelessly responded Foster as he paused a moment in his tailor stunt, "I have been sick, but just at present, as you can see for yourself, I happen to be on the mend."—Washington Star.

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