

FARM NOTES.

Five drams of tartar emetic in the drinking water once each day for four or five days is advised for worms in horses.

Do not neglect when setting aside paint brushes to put them in turpentine. This will remove the paint, and the brushes can then be cleaned with hot water and soap.

It has been proved that top dressing of manure evenly distributed by a spreader checks evaporation to the extent of about one ton of water per acre day. This is worth a great deal to growing crops in dry season.

Do not be too cautious about the cost of labor and money for soil improvement. The first thing necessary in gardening is a rich soil, and that is bound to cost money. Success depends largely upon the proper soil conditions.

At the West Virginia station no fertilizers or combination of fertilizers increased the yields more than about manure. This shows that the trouble with most soils in this country is they need humus and not plant food.

Dr. O. P. Bennett, of Macon, Ill., has a bunch of artichokes planted in each of his poultry yards. These make a dense shade during the summer, and spring up vigorously year after year. They require no cultivation, and frost does not injure them.

For grease heel in horses wash the parts with strong soap, then use a mixture of carbolic acid, 1 ounce; glycerine, 3 ounces; olive oil, 8 ounces. In case this does not stop the itching dissolve a half ounce of sugar of lead in a half-pint of soft water and use twice a day.

Horse buyers say that every pound over 1600 pounds on a draft horse is worth 25 cents. This would show the necessity of breeding and raising large horses. Select the large, well-proportioned mares and breed them to the large, well-proportioned sires and there will be salable colts.

At a recent meeting of the Iowa State Dairyman's Association the following comparison of hay ensilage was shown. One ton of hay occupies 400 cubic feet of space; eight tons of ensilage occupies but the same space. One ton of hay contains 1800 pounds of dry matter; eight tons of ensilage contain 3390 pounds of dry matter. One ton of hay contains 836 pounds of digestible matter; eight tons of ensilage contain 2094 pounds of digestible matter.

For stiffness in horses caused by founder a veterinarian recommends poulticing the feet with warm bran mash put into bags and tied on. Change the poultices twice a day, and continue the poulticing for a week. Then mix two drams cantharides with one ounce of lard. Rub a little of this around the coronets with the fingers and let it remain on for 24 hours. Then wash off and apply a little lard, after which turn the animal out to pasture for a month or two.

To many persons the curdling of milk in a thunder storm is a mysterious and unintelligent phenomenon. Yet according to scientists, the whole process is simple and natural. Their claim is that milk, like most other substances, contains millions of bacteria. The milk bacteria that in a day or two under natural conditions would cause the fluid to sour are peculiarly susceptible to electricity. Electricity inspires and invigorates them, as alcohol or cocaine or strong tea affects men. Under the current's influence they fall to work with amazing energy, and instead of taking a couple of days to sour the milk they accomplish the task completely in a halfhour. With an electric battery it is easy on the same principles to sour the freshest milk.

There is no more important animal on the farm than the horse. No farm is complete without them. But the care these animals so often receive makes one wonder if the farmer really knows of their value. This neglect is more generally caused by the man in charge, and in many cases the owner is ignorant of this neglect.

Extreme hot weather brings more or less suffering to a horse. The animal that has not received the proper care and attention is very apt to become a victim of heat exhaustion.

Poor nutrition and a badly ventilated and filthy stable will bring about a bloodless, debilitated condition; while overfeeding and lack of proper regular work will produce a state of obesity, with flabby muscles, impaired circulation and excretory organs which are not sufficiently active.

During hot weather especially the stable must be kept clean, and it must be well ventilated without draughts. The horse should be given pure, cool water, and allowed to drink at frequent intervals. His food should not only be nutritious, but should be composed of such material as will have a cooling rather than a heating effect. His skin must be kept healthy and the pores open by proper grooming.

A bran mash twice a week will assist in keeping the system cool, and in case of overheat, a dram of pulverized saltpetre added to the mash will be beneficial.

When the weather is very hot it is better to allow the teams two hours for dinner instead of one, and they should not be fed until they are somewhat cooled off. It will also be best to take off the harness while the horses are eating their dinner. This extra labor to the attendant is greatly offset by the comfort given the animals.

Feed lightly of hay at noon, during hot weather, and green grass that has been cut and allowed to sweat in the heap should not be given.

It is important that the collar fits the horse properly. An aggravated cause of heat exhaustion is often traced to collars that fit too tightly. Considerable comfort is also given by providing a sunshade for the crown of the head, provided, of course, that it is so arranged that the air can freely circulate beneath it. The plan of fastening a sponge on the poll or crown of the head is not a good one. In fact, it is injurious unless kept wet and cool, which is practically impossible.

In a three-horse team, the middle horse is more liable to heat exhaustion than the rest, on account of the additional amount of heat radiated from the horse on either side of him. It is therefore advisable to so change horses that one will not be compelled to be in the middle more than a half a day at a time.

Short rests in a shady place if possible, should be allowed at frequent intervals, when the team is doing continuous work while exposed to the direct rays of the hot sun.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

It is not only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labor can be made happy; and the two cannot be separated with impunity.—Ruskin.

Books are abundantly trimmed and it is the French style to make the book precisely like the front. Yoke, embroidery, insertion and truck schemes are carried out to the smallest detail. The back of the gown is quite as elegant as the front and this is a feature that adds materially to the expense of a waist. The idea has been to use a touch of elaborate embroidery upon the front, leaving the back plain. But in the new French styles the back is just as elaborate as the front.

For small girls' wear there is a perfect craze for the little yellow lace straw Dutch bonnets. These quite take the place of the lingerie hat. But whether these conditions will prevail all summer is hard to say. The bonnets are certainly not as practical as the hats, for the former keep off the sun. They are, however, very fetching, with quaint trimmings of bunches of baby apple blossoms set on behind the ears among frothy-looking lace, or decorated with soft, wide ribbons in delicate shades.

The smart fashion of wearing loose colored coats with white skirts on the streets and for all outing purposes has caught on with quite a rush.

Navy blue is the popular color. Jade green and hunting pink are running as close rivals. These coats are of light summer weight serge, the thing that can be bought, and are lined with pongee or china silk. They are really dashing.

One of the big leaders in this style has started in on the marine coat. It is of dark navy blue serge, the buttons in bright gilt, with heavy anchors. Of course, the lettering is omitted. The best models have a slight fit, are cut off below the hips, have straight backs, are slashed a little at the sides and edged with navy blue braid.

They have not revers or collars, and are fastened up single breasted with these conspicuous gilt buttons. The sleeves are long, rather small, put in wide plaits, have two buttons at the wrist and are bound with braid.

One of the minor touches used by girls to make the hat harmonize with the coat is to use genuine navy buttons as hatpins. Redfern has brought out a charming marine coat for rough wear and for traveling. It is also of blue serge, trimmed with the navy buttons. It is very effective.

It has long sleeves and is fitted into the waist line. The only thing it needs is a white cape looped back with the anchor button.

The tailor costumes of the present season are all built on more or less severe lines, and to relieve this simplicity of effect unannounced full and long ties and jabots are worn at the throat.

In exceptionally warm weather, which necessitates leaving a jacket unfastened in front, and when no vest is worn, the jabot may fall the entire length of the bodice, but with the coat closed the tie is very full and long enough to reach from a third to half way to the belt, according to the line which is most becoming. The jabot or frill is generally of finest batiste, and bordered either with scalloped edge in white or a light color or with a narrow baby Irish and valencienne lace. The majority of the frills are fluted, so as to stand out stiffly.

While many of the jabots have a small bow knot, rosette or lace or hand embroidery at the top, this finish is not considered necessary, and the end of the material may simply be tucked under the stiff collar, where it is held in place by a pretty brooch or jewel bar pin.

Brussels net is used a great deal for all ties, frills and jabots, and, as being somewhat newer than the other materials, is steadily increasing in favor for this purpose.

For the long fluted frills this net bordered with a narrow lace edging is most attractive, while one exceedingly pretty accessory for the collar was composed only of a huge bow knot of net, the ends finished with a narrow Cluny edging.

High stocks of unlined net, tucked or embroidered batiste, and chiffon finished with stiff bow knots of lingerie or ribbon or with long full jabots, are now worn quite as much as the stiff laundered collars of embroidered linen.

The introduction of this style of neckwear before the arrival of the hot months is a boon which can only be fully appreciated by those who suffered through last summer in collars as high and stiff as the fashion laws then demanded.

If the very stiff bows are more becoming than those of softer net, it is an excellent plan to purchase a yard of bride tulle, which while expensive, is so very wide that from the one yard can be made innumerable bows and ties.

The illusion loses its stiffness when cleaned, but when reckoned by the amount for each bow is not extortionately high priced, and one bow can be worn surprisingly often.

LEMON GINGER PUNCH.

Make a strong lemonade, allowing five lemons and a cupful of sugar to every quart of water. Wash the lemons thoroughly, slice and pour the sugar over them, letting them stand for an hour before adding to the water. Allow to each quart of lemonade a quart ginger ale. Turn into the punch bowl over a large piece of ice. Have ready a number of sprays of mint, bruise the stems and lower leaves between the fingers and put into the punch 20 minutes before serving.

INSOMNIA REMEDIES.

Anything which soothes the nerves will as a rule induce sleep. A light supper taken just before going to bed is often helpful.

It is well to have a glass of milk standing by the bed. If wakefulness comes this should be sipped very slowly.

Beer may be substituted for milk and English "ston" is beneficial for those who can digest it.

Lack of sufficient ventilation in a room often produces sleeplessness.

Though the air should never blow directly on a bed, it is impossible to have too much. A bed should never be placed facing the light, for this hurts the eyes and affects the nerves.

One of the best remedies for a nervous woman is to take a hot bath just before going to bed.

A Mouse and a Candle.

At the end of the bathing season, a few years ago, a candle was left on the mantelpiece of a family in Poulguen, France. When they returned the next spring they found, according to La Nature, that a mouse had done these things:

Climbed somehow a marble chimney pipe, there being no piece of furniture near enough to leap from and no way of descending from above.

Climbed the candlestick itself, which was of highly polished silver, over ten inches high, with a broad flare at the top.

Climbed the candle, began eating at the top, eating evenly all round down to the base, leaving the bare wick standing up perfectly straight.

If the mouse had begun at the base of the candle, its weight would have caused it to topple over. It must have taken the mouse a good many days to eat the candle down to the bottom.

A Persistent Friend.

Mr. George Weir, an English actor, in his early days appeared one night in the role of Hamlet in an improvised theater at Stroud, in Gloucestershire, and suffered much embarrassment from the demonstrative attentions of an enthusiastic former schoolfellow, who sat in the front of the tent and kept up a running comment on the performance. "That be Gargy Weir," exclaimed the admirer. "I know Gargy! I used to go to school along with 'e." After many expostulations the interrupter was turned out, and all went well until the audience was hushed to deadly silence while Hamlet was going through his soliloquy. Then suddenly a still, small voice came cheerfully from the back row of seats, "Gargy, I be in again!"—Bellman.

Kaffirs' Courtship.

The Kaffirs are a very light hearted people and do not worry about the future. As soon as the girls have finished their work they may take up the igubu, which is an elementary musical instrument, consisting of a taut bow fixed to a gourd, and march across country twanging the string with a little piece of reed. The instrument, as a rule, gives but one note, but to the girl's sweetheart such music is "the food of love."—World's Work.

What's the Use?

"Does wealth bring real enjoyment?" "Naw. They won't let you eat the grub you like or wear the clothes you consider classy or listen to the music you understand or even put a cast iron dog on the lawn."—Kansas City Journal.

Envious of the Immune.

Little Henry (at the table, to the visitor)—I wish I were like you. Visitor (flattered)—Why, little man? Little Henry—Because no one boxes your ears when you eat with your fingers.—London Opinion.

Flowers.

Flowers are the terrestrial stars that bring down heaven to earth and carry up our thoughts from earth to heaven, the poetry of the Creator written in beauty and fragrance.

The Kind He Bought.

Little Edwin—Mamma, what is liquid air? Mamma—I don't know. Ask your papa. He's always going out between the acts "to get a little air."—Exchange.

After weariness come rest, peace, joy, if we be worthy.—Newman.

There are a great many medicines which will act on the bowels and liver with satisfactory results for the time being. Those who buy and use such medicines, without caring for more than immediate results are very apt to find themselves at last the victims of a medicine which has broken down their strength. In the use of laxatives, the future benefit should be taken into consideration. The excellent laxative qualities of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, are the more appreciated because their effects are curative. They don't make victims of the pill habit. They are essentially the safe and reliable pill for family and household use.

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