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FARM NOTES.

A mash of two quarts of middlings will put the pigs in the condition for market next fall.

In picking your breeder for next year's stock remember that the rooster is more than half the flock.

Bees should be permitted to have some comb honey in the hive on which to winter. Note this when robbing this fall.

It is estimated that a brood sow costs \$10 a year to keep. She should raise 16 pigs during the year, netting \$20.

An acre of blackberries has been known to produce 10,000 quarts. The average yield is 3158 quarts, or about 98 bushels.

The shiftless farmer is half glad of the break in the machine that takes him to town where he can loaf and gossip for a half a day.

Open up a burley bag at the seam and throw over the cow when milking. It will prove a big protection from the flies and will help keep her quiet.

One who claims to be an authority in the matter says there is nothing better to protect sheep from dogs than a goat. These animals have no fear of a dog, but dogs fear them.

A Connecticut peach grower says his best fruit this year was on the young trees, and on those which had been severely pruned. He says he finds that liberal pruning induces new wood, and that the finest fruit is on this new growth.

Green crops are plowed under in the fall or spring; but spring plowing gives the better results. When the plowing under of a crop takes place in the fall there is a considerable percentage of nitrogen lost before the roots of the plants get at it in the spring.

Secretary Hall, of the New York State Dairymen's Association, says he believes that the sanitary milk question has been carried too far. He thinks that milk reasonably clean is good enough for anybody, in which opinion many sensible persons will agree.

Last year in Paris, France, 50,000 horses, mules and donkeys were eaten. Many Englishmen and Americans are acquiring a taste for horseflesh. It is said to be more nutritious than beef and is recommended for consumptives. Only healthy animals are slain and the slaughtering is done under supervision of the Government.

Do not put off the renovation of the strawberry bed any longer. Before the weeds from the cultivator and pull weeds from among the plants. Then apply a dressing of rich manure and the vines will make a good growth this fall and enter winter with a large amount of stored-up energy for use in the next spring's crop of berries.

The average net profit from spraying in 15 co-operative experiments carried out by farmers under the direction of the New York State Experiment Station during the season of 1906 was \$13.89 per acre; the net profit from spraying experiments in 1905 was \$20.04; in 1904, \$24.86, and in 1903, \$23.47. Rather convincing evidence that it pays to spray.

A Maine fruit grower says he does his weeding among the small fruits with mulching of sawed hay, straw or forest leaves. This saves a large amount of hard hoeing, and holds the moisture, keeping the weeds from growing. The fruit is also cleaner while growing and ripening, attains a much larger size and is of a finer quality, naturally bringing better prices.

One strawberry grower says that he has found good results from the use of tobacco refuse applied on the plants in the fall, giving another application in the spring. He says the white grub will leave a strawberry patch so treated. Other growers have had such good results from the use of tobacco stems, but they are cheap and the remedy is worth trying.

The pulpy seeds of cucumbers and tomatoes are hard to handle when they are to be saved, owing to their being so sticky. The following method is a good one to follow: Scrape out the inside pulp into a dish, set it in a moderately warm place for 48 hours, or till it dours, then beat it with a stick. Fill the dish with water, drain off and repeat until the seed is bright and clean. Spread to dry, then pack and label with date.

The apple crop in New York State this year is fully as large as last year, and the general quality is exceptionally good. In both Pennsylvania and New Jersey the crop is equal to that of 1907, but the quality in both States runs from poor to good. Delaware has an 85 per cent. crop, with quality fair to good. The New England and Southern crops are poor, while the Pacific and Middle West crops are very good, especially the former.

Professor U. P. Hedrick, horticulturist at New York State Experimental Station, says Pennsylvania shows substantially the same apple crop as last year, but differently located, being lighter in the Cumberland Valley and somewhat lighter in general in the eastern portion of the State, but this shortage is made up in central and especially in the western part, the quality in the eastern part being rather poor while in the Western part it is generally good.

According to the Michigan Agricultural College arsenate of lead troubles much less from settling than Paris green, and does not burn the tender foliage when used as strong as five pounds to 50 gallons of water, although three pounds is as much as is commonly needed. At this strength it will furnish as much arsenic as when a pound of Paris green is used in from 50 to 65 gallons of water. Arsenate of lead also owes much of its value to its superior adhesive properties, which under ordinary circumstances fully doubles its effectiveness.

There are a number of reasons why fall planting of trees and vines is best. First, nearly a year's growth is attained in excess of that which would result were the planting deferred until the following spring. Second, trees can be purchased cheaper in fall than in spring. Third, a better assortment of varieties can be secured, as well as a better grade of trees, as in the fall large nursery blocks are unbroken. Fourth, nurserymen have more time and can give better and more prompt attention. Fifth, there is more time to plant in the fall than in spring, and generally the soil is in better condition for planting.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

We have but faith: We cannot know: For knowledge is of things we see: And yet we trust it comes from Thee, A beam of darkness: let it grow. —Tennyson.

There has been an absolute rage for pale gray displayed during the whole of the past season, and there is no doubt that this liking for a very lovely color will be continued for at least some time.

Some of the most admired of the gowns were in palest gray, and it is said that a very distinguished personage remarked that no other color appeared to show off beautiful jewels so well as this. Such a remark from such a source will no doubt contribute to the popularity of a refined and effective color, which is none the worse for its negative quality.

It used to be said of black that no one could look fast in that negation of all color. Old-fashioned people might imagine that the same would be true of gray. Amusingly abundant could be the instances given of the exact opposite of this. How extraordinary it appears that the smart women of the fashionable world appear to model their costumes upon the smartly dressed of half-world, while the latter do their best to resemble their more respectable sisters. There has been a tug-of-war in this respect for pale gray during this season.

The deep reddish brown and brownish purple shades which have claimed attention as relieving colors this summer are exploited earnestly among the all silks and velvets. Wild plum, Concord grape, prune and various other kindred shades seem likely to figure prominently among the winter colorings.

Cedar red or cedar brown—which are one and the same thing—are the latest old-time mahogany, though with an added softness of tone—birds fair to be a popular autumn color, and the chandron or copper tones keep their hold upon public favor.

Looking over the stocks in the retail shops and peeping into the boxes that contain the fall samples, one cannot help but inquire whether little folks' shoe styles are the models from which the grown-up shoes are fashioned, or vice versa.

In the styles for the small juniors of course the heels and toes are different; but misses and girls of 10 to 16 wear exactly the same styles as do their mothers. There are little pumps, sandals, Oxfords, dainty slippers and "high tops," and all of the same materials and combinations as the shoes for grown people.

A variety of socks and stockings are offered for the woe ones. For white with white pumps, sandals or slippers there are dainty hose in white of stocking or sock length; tinted ones to wear with colored kid or satin slippers for occasions, and for general wear dark and bright-colored ones with tops in large checks or plaids of the same color intermingled with bright contrasting colors to wear with black shoes or pumps. Tans, of course, come in light and dark, the dark shades to wear with tan footwear.

They do say that all-white stockings and socks are waning in popularity, and that for dressy occasions especially the slippers, stockings, sash and hair ribbon will all match in some dainty color.

The public has gotten very sensible in regard to wedding gifts. Shops still allow brides to return their presents and get credit for the same, but the public is getting educated.

The stories told about the different brides, who have immense credits at the leading jewelers and silversmiths for a dozen of articles returned on the day after the wedding, has made the situation rather ridiculous.

The shops have tried to prevent in some measure an immense sale of duplicates, as they do not want the trouble of checking off all the returned articles, but the best method yet introduced is the one of consulting the family.

This can be done by hosts of good friends who have no hesitancy in asking the mother of the bride, or one of her bridesmaids, just what the bride would like.

In this way a bride gets things that she needs for her house, and instead of having to write two or three hundred insurance notes of thanks concerning useless articles she can write fervid thanks from the bottom of her heart.

This is now becoming so much of a custom that few people hesitate to talk the matter over with the family of the bride-to-be. If she is choosing furniture and silver of a certain pattern they can add to it in a reasonable way.

If she is getting mahogany she doesn't want a piece of black sent her. If her silver is all in the King's pattern she does not want heavy repousse.

The whole arrangement is quite sensible and so rational when conducted in this way that it should be adopted by every one who has a good friend about to be married this autumn.

One or two models for evening gowns show manifest Japanese embroidery. This is done in the close Japanese method, which is padded and difficult.

The designs are immensely bold to put on gowns. They look like the ones we had on wraps last winter. Flying storks and crawling dragons are embroidered in gold and silver bullion, and in heavy silk floss in natural colors.

These are mounted on that new flax tulle which is not perishable and which will be exceedingly popular this winter as an over-drapery for brilliant colored satin foundations.

It is especially fashionable in smoke color. On the gray tones are worked vivid pieces of embroidery, and the whole is dropped over a gown of blue, red or yellow satin in tones that blend with the gray.

The following recipe for making grape preserves can be used by any housekeeper who is putting up pickles and preserves for the winter.

After washing the grapes and picking them from the stems, they are put over the fire with enough water to keep them from scorching.

They are gently cooked, and as the seeds come to the surface, they must be carefully skimmed off.

When every seed has been lifted, a pound of sugar is added for every pound of fruit. It is then cooked ten minutes.

If wild grapes are used in this way the preserves will be even more palatable. They will keep in stone jar, if it is put away from dampness.

American Success.

The reason of the enormous success of the Americans, the reason of their growing wealth and power on the continent of Europe, is their willingness to take risks. They are brave and are prepared to shoulder responsibility. When a merchant fails in business, banks are found to advance him money to put him on his feet again. Not so in England. A bankrupt is a pariah; the banks will not give him the least help. His failure creates a terrible fuss.—Frenchman in Pall Mall Gazette.

His Last Question.

The counsel for the opposition had been bullying the witness for an hour or more when he finally asked:

"Is it true that there are traces of insanity in your family?"

"It would be folly to deny it," replied the witness. "My great-grandfather, who was studying for the ministry, gave it up to become a lawyer."

His Case.

Mrs. Spenders—Oh, John, I saw a sign in Bargain & Co.'s window today that reminded me of what I am most in—

Mr. Spenders—(interrupting hastily)—I, too, saw a sign in their window that reminded me of what I am. It read, "Reduced to 49 cents."—New York Journal.

Two Styles.

Thug—I'm going to land you one in de mug, see?

Professor—Er! How surprising it is that the clarity of expression so necessary to literary diction may at times be attained by the veriest paucity of those descriptive elements which have so enriched our language.—Chicago News.

Saw the Sights of the Town.

Resident—Have you seen the sights of the town?

Stranger—Yes. All morning I sat in the hotel front window watching them walk by.—Lippincott's.

It has been remarked that when rain falls in the desert it at once begins to develop verdure and beauty. These arid stretches of sand contain in themselves the elements to reveal all that lies hidden beneath the bleak and barren surface. Something like this is the condition of the human body. Health is every one's prerogative. Yet people live along in suffering and sickness, not realizing that the life power of health would spring up in this barren life of theirs under right conditions. What rain is to the desert Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is to the body. It vitalizes and vivifies. It takes the germs of health and makes them fruitful. It pushes out the blood taints and foul diseases which mar and maim the body. It gives a place to an increased flow of pure blood, which nourishes and builds up the body in all its parts and organs. The blood is the life. The "Discovery" makes new blood.

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The game laws are the same this year as last year. Animals and birds may be killed as follows:

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Pheasant—October 15 to December 1.
Grouse—October 1 to December 1.
Rabbit—October 15 to December 1.
Quail—November only.
Web-footed fowls of all kinds—September 1 to April 10.
Wild turkey—October 15 to December 1.

Woodcock—October 1 to December 1.
Squirrel—October 1 to December 1.
Snap—September 1 to May 1.
Plover—July 15 to December 1.

Good looks are coveted by every woman. There is hardly any sacrifice which a true woman will not make to protect her complexion from the rude assaults of time. But good looks are absolutely incompatible with a diseased condition of the delicate womanly organs. Hollow eyes, a sallow complexion and a wrinkled skin, quickly mark the woman whose functions are irregular, or who is a sufferer from "female weakness." Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been taken by many a woman simply in hope of a cure of prostrating disease, who to her astonishment has found the roses blooming anew on her cheeks as the result of the cure of her diseased condition. "Favorite Prescription" makes women healthy, and health is Nature's own cosmetic.

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