

FARM NOTES.

Let the beginner be content with a small flock. A London remedy for roup is about three drops of camphor on a piece of bread. Lams can be fattened without corn. Feed them barley, alfalfa, turnips and field peas. A little granulated charcoal mixed with the soft food is excellent in cases of diarrhoea. Corn put into the silo will produce more feed to the acre than most anything else for dairy cows. The man who whips a horse for shying is nothing less than a fool. As a rule it makes the horse shy worse. Get the cow's good will and she will not hold up the milk. Kindness will accomplish what abuse never can. It is claimed by vegetarian experts that one acre of land will comfortably support four persons on a vegetable diet. Those who have tried it, claim that a teaspoonful of Venetian red in a gallon of drinking water is a good bowel-trouble preventive. A sow can raise two litters of pigs each year, but she must be well fed and cared for to do it. Feeding the sow means feeding the pigs. All animals on the farm, and especially those young and growing, should have daily exercise. It is needed for proper development of bone and muscle. Dampness and contaminated ground are fruitful causes of disease. The quarters should be as dry as a chip, and the ground in the runs perfectly pure. The best cure for a well-developed case of roup is the ax. Better lose the individual bird than endanger the entire flock. If we nip the slight colds in the bud, we need not fear the appearance of roup. A good lot of brood sows and a boar or two are good signs of prosperity on a farm. There is always a good market for pigs of almost any age under 12 months. All hogs, except breeding stock, should be short lived. Are you aware, farmers and dairymen, that the dairymen in the New England states use such methods as stated and then receive from 10 to 12 cents per quart for their milk and 3 to 5 cents more per pound for butter fat from their cream. There is a tendency among poultrymen to belittle the old-time advice to whitewash the interior of the poultry houses. Nevertheless, we keep on whitewashing once or twice a year, and find that it prevents dampness, purifies the place, kills vermin and makes the houses look neat and inviting. Diversified farming does not stop at crop growth from the soil, but should include a diversity of live stock. Some good cattle, a few good, capacious brood mares, some good breeding hogs, a few or more sheep, goats and fowls of diverse sorts should be found on every farm, for they do not interfere or conflict with each other. Authorities on forestry say that 75 years are required for the oak to reach maturity; and about the same length of time for the ash and elm; and for the spruce and fir about 80 years. After this time their growth remains stationary for some years, and then decay begins. There are, however, exceptions, for oaks are still living which are known to be over a thousand years old. To test the acidity of the soil, get five cents' worth of blue litmus paper from a drug store, break into a mass of the moist soil, insert a piece of the litmus paper and press the soil firmly together again. After 10 or 20 minutes, remove the soil and allow the paper to dry. If the dried test paper is pink or red, compared with the original color, the soil is acid and needs the ground limestone, about one ton per acre, thoroughly mixed with the soil. To make Philadelphia scrapple, boil three or four pounds of fresh pork (quite fat), until very tender; then take out the meat, and season the water in which it was boiled, and thicken it with yellow cornmeal, as thick as for hasty pudding, and let it cook a long time, so thoroughly cook the meal. Chop the meat tolerably fine, season well, and add it to the mush. When it is cooked, put it into square bread tins and cool; when cold, cut in slices, and fry in a spider until brown. It should not require any fat for frying. Unsanitary dairy wells are a menace to health, and as the country becomes more closely settled more and more care is necessary to provide good water. The director of the Chicago hygiene laboratory reports that of 153 wells on near-by dairy farms, examined by the inspectors, only eleven were found to be safe for domestic purposes. In all cases the safe wells were those lined with cement, with cement covers, with a protecting flange of cement several feet out from the well. In some of the wells used for washing milk utensils, a high percentage of color bacteria were found, and in some cases manure could be detected microscopically. A few sanitary points that will enable producers to secure the milk and cream that will have quality. Look after the cows and see that every one of them has a good teat and a good flow of milk. Have regular milking hours morning and evening. Keep milking stables clean and dry with lots of pure air. Have all milking utensils clean and wholesome; rinse out the milking vessels just before milking. If you are using a cream separator separate your milk immediately after milking. When through separating set your cream in cold water and stir until cream is as cold as the water and all animal heat is removed. Treat morning's milk or cream in the same way; do not mix your morning's and evening's milk or cream, and start to the factory or shipping station. Do not allow any foul air around cow stables or places where milk and cream is kept. Cool milk and cream in winter as well as in summer. Keep a thin cloth cover over milk and cream so as not to allow dirt or sediments to fall into the cans. Separate a cream that tests around 35 or 40 per cent, which gives a nice cream to handle.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

When it is time for me to go— Time of the rose—or falling snow— Or when new winds wake vernal strife, This, to the world I've cherished so—"I have been thankful—for my life." When light and shade together flow— When dawn's some scene I not yet know, Let me draw back one fluttering breath, To say to all I've loved below, "I have been thankful—in my death." —Edith M. Thomas, in Harper's Bazar.

Do You Know That—

Most of the girdles seen on handsome gowns are of black taffeta? The high Empire girdle is the one most frequently encountered? The invasion of soutache has extended even to hats and the tops of shoes? "Absinthe" green is a shade to be found in some of the new silk cashmires? A touch of black given by braid, girdles and buttons is a feature of the styles? An extension known as a peplum finishes the front of the latest waistcoats? Fine brilliancies are brushed on the uncorrupted masses of miladi's evening coiffure? Hems of even flimsiest frocks are now weighted to drag the folds into straight lines?

Arctica diluted with water is a good application for painful, aching feet.

Chamois Gloves—Which has here before belonged to summer, has made such a place for itself that women may elect to wear it the year round. An exquisite quality, so soft that it feels and looks almost like suede, is brought out for the coming months, in a very pale cream tint. The seams are picked, and the effect mannish and tailor-made. A 12-button length is used by many with long sleeves, and sells for \$2.75.

The small hats, those that copy the Henry IV velvet turbans with their narrow brim and bunch of feathers, are enlarged about five times and jammed down low about the head in a fashion that would make them unrecognizable, could the painter come to life again and see the hat he drew so many times on the heads of distinguished gentlemen.

For a rather severe tailored costume models more plain than otherwise are appropriate, and if too simple, some original note at the neck or wrists softens and modifies them. The new robes of white illusion go a long way to produce this result. The linen-pleated skirt also need be elegant if very severe. The full jabot of white net, untrimmed in lace, is as fashionable as it was last winter.

In black trimmings, departments are especially rich this season. Jet tassels, fringes, passementeries and bands all play important parts. All the braid and embroidered bands and galleons mentioned already appear in black as well as in the full line of fashionable colors.

The one-piece gown has never had a more substantial vogue than at this hour, but in its wake there are endless varieties of other models which show no disposition to play second to any style.

You would hardly believe that there are special times and seasons for the trying on of new shoes. But as it is, you need a larger pair of shoes in summer than in winter, and it is always best to try them on in the latter part of the day. The feet are then at the maximum size. Activity naturally enlarges them or makes them swell; much standing also tends to enlarge the feet. New shoes should be tried on over moderately thick stockings; then you can put on a thinner pair to ease your feet if the shoes seem too tight. It is remarkable what a difference the stocking makes. If they are too large or too small they will be nearly as uncomfortable as a pair of shoes are too tight. New shoes can be worn as well as old ones if they are stuffed as much as the foot with cloth or paper and patiently sponged with hot water, says Woman's Life. Or, if they pinch in some particular spot, a cloth wet with hot water and laid over the place will cause immediate and lasting relief. Milk applied once a week with a soft cloth freshens and preserves boots and shoes.

Chop Suey.—One-half chicken (or quarter chicken and as much fresh pork, or you can make it all pork, but chicken is much better), one large onion, a handful of mushrooms, a stalk of celery, six Chinese potatoes, a bowl of rice, a small dessert dish of Chinese sauce (which answers for salt).

When the chicken is cleaned, scrape the meat from the bones and cut into strips about one and a half inches long and one-half inch wide. If pork is used, cut the strips the same length. Slice the onions thin; soak the mushrooms ten minutes in water, then remove the stems; cut the celery into pieces one and a half inches long. Chinese potatoes require no cooking; simply wash and slice.

First put chicken (or chicken and pork, or pork) into a frying pan with fat and fry until done, but not brown or hard. Then add the sliced onions and cook a little. Add mushrooms. Now pour enough sauce over the ingredients to make them brown. Add some water and stew a few minutes. Add celery, and, after a minute, the potatoes. Finally, add a little flour—water to it, making gravy of the water which stewed it.

The Chinese potatoes, mushrooms and Chinese sauce can be procured at any Chinese grocery. If the rice is not cooked properly it will detract greatly from the good taste of the chop suey. Otherwise it is a very palatable dish.

Caramel Pudding.—One-half pint brown sugar, one-half pint water, one-quarter box gelatine, whites of four eggs. Soak gelatine in one gill of cold water until dissolved, put sugar and the other gill of water in a sauce pan, set on fire. Boil until it becomes a thick syrup, add gelatine, vanilla. Heat again to boiling point. Have the whites beaten to a stiff froth, and pour the hot syrup directly on the eggs, beating until cold. Turn in mould that has been set in cold water. Serve in flat dish with soft custard made from yolks of eggs.

Green Pea Purée.—Boil a quart of shelled peas tender in salted hot water with a young onion, a few sprigs of parsley and six mint leaves. Rub through a calender and return to the fire, adding half a cupful of good stock, salt, pepper and a lump of sugar. When it has boiled two minutes, stir in a tablespoonful of butter rolled in flour, cook one minute longer and pour upon croutons of fried bread dice in the tureen.

THE OLD CIRCUS POSTER.

Pretentious Language With Which the Show Was Described.

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Friendly Advice. A very matter of fact Scotchwoman called to see a neighbor, an elderly woman, who had been ailing for some time. "And how do you find yourself today, Janet?" was the greeting. "Ah, Martha, I'm very bad. This cold, damp weather 'll be the end of me. I'll be a dead woman before very long."

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Had Poor Sight. New Boy (rather inquisitive)—What did the other lad leave for, sir? Master—For having defective eyesight at times, my boy. New Boy—Why, sir, I have seen him since. Apparently, then, his eyesight was all right. It seems rather curious, sir.

Master—Well, my boy, at various times when taking money from customers he could not see the till.—London Answers.

Why He Thought so. "Auntie," inquired the little nephew as the substantial spinster stood gazing in the long mirror, "what are you thinking of?" "I was thinking how my figure looks in the glass, Willie."

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