-Horses that are of a nervous and fretful disposition will be more satisfactory in buggies than when hitched to plows. The plow horse must be steady.

-It is a good rule to market all stock as soon as they can be gotten ready. Poultry-is no exception to the rule. Chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese should be rapidly fattened and quickly sold.

-A horse needs a wider and more exclusive stall than does a cow. It should be wide enough so that the horse can lie comfortably and stretch out its legs, but not so wide that he can roll in it.

-The young pigs should be provided with plenty of exercise. In the absence of more natural exercise the herdsman should turn the pigs out of doors two or three times a day, and drive them about the yard

-The Scientific American states that about \$100,000,000 worth of farm machinery is made and sold each year in the United States. It is said that fully one-half of this goes into the hands of men who do not know how to select it wisely or to keep it in proper condition. The waste which re-sults runs into millions of dollars annually.

-Experiments recently made for the purpose of ascertaining the nutritive value of salt for sheep show that those which have been fed salt gained in weight  $4\frac{1}{2}$  pounds more than those which received no salt. Moreover, the sheep which received salt produced  $1\frac{1}{3}$  pounds more wool and of a better quality than those which received

—The Government's preliminary estimate of average yield per acre of potatoes is 85.9 bushels, as compared with 95.4, the final estimate in 1907, 102.2 in 1906, and 88.6 the 10 year average. A total produc-tion of 274,660,000 bushels is thus indicated, as compared with 297,942,000 in 1907. The quality is 87.6 per cent., against 88.3 last year, and 87.6, a 10-year

-The United States Department of Agriculture gives the preliminary estimate of the average yield per sore of corn at 26.2 bushels for this year, compared with 25.9, the final estimate in 1907, and 25.6, the average of the past 10 years. The indicated total production of corn is 2,642,678,000 bushels, as compared with 2.592,300,000, the final estimate in 1907. The quality is 86.9, compared with 82.8 in 1907, and 84.3 the 10-year old average.

-If the hens are slow in moulting feed them well on wheat, meat scraps, green out bone, and some oil meal if it can be had. Feathers are of a nitrogenous growth, and frods rich in nitrogen must be supplied to furnish materials for growth. With these rich feeds must be given plenty of good sharp grit for grinding, fresh water for dissolving, and an abundance of exercise on the part of the fowls for perfect asimila-tion and appropriation of the foods when digested. The fowl that forages wide and exercises much when natural foods are pro-ourable, as a rule, moults quickly. Much exercise is very essential. The hen that house all day, even though well fed, is likely to go bare till late in the winter, hence will not do much laying. Water, grit, nitrogenous feeds and lots of exercis

-Lime is very cheap and is one of the very best of cleaners for pouliry houses and all places where animals are quartered. Let the lime become air-slacked, to a dry powder, thoroughly mix with it about a pint of crude carbolic acid to each bushel of slacked lime, and apply in the powdered form to nests, roosts, floors and yards. It is a good absorber of odors, kills many insects, and is a sure preventive and core for the roup germ so common with chickens in winter. After the lime has been used for this purpose it may be applied to the garden or orchard soil as a fertilizer, thus serving two good purposes. Considering the cheapness of lime and its efficiency as a disinfectant and soil improver, it will pay every farmer and poultry man to always keep a few barrels of it on hand, and use it

A tight, dry hoard floor in the winter henhouse saves feed and keeps the chick-ens warm. Cover it deeply with clean straw, and clean out twice each week.

-Scald out the milk pail each time after feeding.
Kindness bespeaks common sense. Its

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Keep everything about the calf clean from mangers to pail to the pen.

Clean the calf pen daily and provide plenty of dry litter for bedding.

Cold milk, overfeeding, unclean feeding vessels, irregular feeding causes scours.

Milk and grain with good bright clover or afalfa hay will promote rapid growth.

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To control calves while being fed make stanchions of suitable size. Never let calves suck each others ears, it injures their

About two weeks after the calf has been dropped encourage it to eat a little shelled corn out of the band just after its meal of skim milk. It won't be long before it will be eating grain daily and gaining rapidly

The beef calf should be fed about the same as the dairy calf except that it should be kept on whole milk a little longer and fed two to three pounds more of milk per day. Get it to eat shelled corn as soon as

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Never reed cold milk to the calf. It's digestive tract is weak in the early stages of its existence. Have the milk as near the temperature of maternal milk as possible. Remember that the young calf is a baby. Give it a baby's kindness. The more a calf likes you the better it will do. Pet it. Keep it's pen clean and dry.

A good order to follow in feeding the

skimmilk calf is as follows: Start with new milk as it is given immediately after calv-ing: feed new milk for a short period; gradually add skimmilk to the new until the skimmilk is fed as a whole food; supply the loss of fat, by using flaxseed meal cooked so as to form a jelly adding gradually until a tablespoonful is used at a feed. Never overfeed the calf.

It is very important that all utensils used for feeding be kept clean. The calves should be placed in the lightest and driest portion of the barn and will not do well in dark, damp stalls.

Many a calf that would make a valuable oow is sent to the butcher because the owner could sell his milk at a good price.— Farmer's Review.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as strength.—St. Francis de Sales.

Christmas Gifts that you can make .- A group of Christmas presents, easy to make, pretty to look at, and useful, too, are de-scribed as follows:

A dainty little ribbon roll requires five-eighthe of a yard of ribbon five and oneeights of a yard of ribbon he and one-half inches wide, three-quarters of a yard of half-inch ribbon for a hanger, three-eights of a yard of baby ribbon to tie, two rings buttonholed over with silk, a bodkin and a bolt of wash ribbon. Featherstitol a narrow hem in the ends of the wide ribbon, and gather up the sides and fasten firmly to the rings. Sew the ties and banger in place and put the bolt of ribbon in the bag, fastening the bodkin to one end of the ribbon.

For a very complete case for sewing and toilet articles.—The foundation is a piece of flowered ribbon nine and a half inches wide and twenty-two inches long; a yard and a quarter of plain ribbon six inches wide and several years of narrow ribbon to match will also be required. But from the six-inch ribbon a piece thirty inches long and whip it on one side of the flowered ribbon. Stitch a piece of narrow ribbon along the inside of the plain ribbon one inch below the edge, and through this casing run a piece of narrow elastic. Turn the plain ribbon up on the flowered ribbon to the depth of four and one-half inches, feather-stitching the ends together, thus forming a big pocket. Divide this into four small pockets by working rows of feather-stitching through the center and quarter sections. In the lower edge of each of the pockets make a battophole. Take a of the pockets make a buttouhole. Take a square of the plain ribbon and feather-stitch on the flowered ribbon making pockets for the two glass hat-pin-holders.
Fasten a needle-book at the upper right-hand corner of the case and a pincushion at the opposite corner. Cover two pieces of narrow ribbon and stitch on the flowered without the content of the cover o ribbon three inches from the upper edge. Divide these into sections to hold soissors, thimble, etc. Place bolts of underwear ribbon in the pockets and sew five rings on upper edge of case.

A set of bands for underwear which is

most attractive and easy to make. The bows and straps are made of ribbon two and a quarter inches wide, while ribbon one and a quarter inch wide is fulled over nch-wide elastic for the bands proper. The plain strap of wide ribbon bears the name of the garment for which it is to be used, done in gold letters.

A novel pin-holder made to represent the four suits of playing-cards,—spades, clubs, diamonds and hearts. The different shapes are cut out of cardboard, covered with silk, and joined to the ribbon rosette by narrow ribbons. These pin-holders are particular-ly effective when made in the different col-

A flowered muslin work apron requires one yard and a quarter of material twenty-seven inches wide. The strip is folded in half, crosswise, and the two sides are sloped off from the bottom up to the top, where the piece is only twenty-two inches wide.

Two pieces thirteen and one-half inches long and three wide are cut out of the front or upper half of the apron, and the opening thus made is hemmed and finished with a narrow lace edge. The front and back are then stitched together and the edge finishsheds her feathers and sits around the ed with lace to match the opening. The top is put into a ribbon belt, the ends of which are enough to go around the waist and tie.

> A letter-holder.-a most convenient little desk accessory. To make it, one requires one piece of cardboard three and a half by one and a half inches, two pieces measuring one and one half by one and a quarter, three-quarters of a yard of one and a half-inch ribbon, and three-quarters of a yard of fine white cord. Cover the three pieces of card-board with em-broidered linen, cretonne or flowered ribbon, and finish the edges with the cord. Hem the largest card down in the center of the ribbon, using the latter as a lining, and after joining the two small cards together at the sides, leaving the ends free, slip the ends of ribbon through in opposite

> A combination pin-eashion and hat-pinholder—Get an empty talcumpowder box,
> —a cardboard one is best,—three glass test —a cardboard one is best,—three glass test tubes, a yard of narrow lace, a yard of ribbon and a piece of silk large enough to cover the box and pinoushion on top. After covering the box, make a round cushion just the size of the top and pin it in place with round-headed white or gold pins. Edge the top of the box with lace, leaving three loops equal distances apart leaving three loops equal distances apart through which the glass tubes may be slipped. Sew a similar row of lace and loops around the lower edge of the box, and after slipping the tubes in place tie a bow of ribbon around each one.

> A little gift which may be given to to either a man or woman consists of a roll of white string or cord, suspended from a loop of two-inch ribbon, with a pair of small sharp scissors hanging at one side.
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> For a fascinating little housewife.—The

> materials needed are three-eighths of a yard of flowered ribbon eight inches wide, one-quarter of a yard of taffeta to match, one yard of one-inch ribbon, four circles of cardboard two and a half inches in diameter and a piece of crinoline the size of the wide ribbon. Cover the cardboard circles wide ribbon. Cover the cardboard circles with the taffeta, and overhand together so as to form the two end-pieces. Cut three pieces of flannel for a needle-book and featherstitch in place on the taffeta lining; make a small pocket of the taffeta and stitch in place at the opposite end. Make a tiny holder for the thimble and work two bars of close catstitching through which the bodkins and soissors can be slipped. Lay the crinoline between lining and outside, turn in the raw edges, and over hand or feather-stitch all around. Then overhand the sides of case to the silk-covered circles, leaving about one-quarter of the circle free. Fasten an emery on a narrow ribbon, attach to one of the cardboard ends

> and fasten the ribbon ties in place.
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> A gift for the baby, which will also be appreciated by the baby's mother, is a pair of shoes made of eider-down flanuel and lined with China silk are shapely and warm, and as patterns for these little shoes can be bought, the work involved amounts

Temperance Mint Julep .- Bruise the sprigs and leaves of two or three sprays of fresh mint and place in a glass half filled with shaved ice. Macerate thoroughly, add four tablespoonfuls of gaape juice and fill the glass with seltzer or carbonated

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Drowned In Four Inches of Water. While sitting on a bench where its mother had placed it while she was busy washing, the two-year-old child of Mathew Morgan, of Greenwood Del., slipped and fell backward, strik ing its head on a tub, which was standing close by. When the mother return ed from hanging clothes in the yard she was horrified to find the child dead inside the tub, which contained about four inches of water.

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