

FARM NOTES.

Clean cows help produce clean milk. Dehorn the calves either with castrators or clippers. Passing strange it is how some neglect to wash the separator. The dairy bull is a wicked old fellow. Don't trust him any time. If the tails are kept trimmed they will not gather so much filth either. During the moulting season feed the fowls plenty of good, sound feed. The richer the feed the more valuable the manure. Take good care of it. Don't let the udders get woolly this winter. Give a hair-out occasionally. A pitchfork is a mighty poor substitute for a switch to control unruly cows with. Make it's your fault that the cow kicks. Don't kick back until you know. Corn should be fed at the evening feed as it is very heating and slow in digesting. Ducks should have dry quarters at night, notwithstanding their fondness for water. Maybe the barn is shy on fresh air at this season. Fresh air is clean foul air is expensive. How do you know that cow you sold was worth only \$35 to you? Did you test her for a year? Hey there, man! The milking stool was not intended for a carrycomb. Don't you see how it takes all the hair off? Don't buy too large an incubator for the first attempt. One-hundred-egg size is large enough if the hatch happens to be a failure. In Holland horses are fed the following daily rations with great success: Oats, 13 pounds; hay, 6.6 pounds; and straw, 8.8 pounds. Say, Mister, your bran soak leaks. How quick you shop it! But say, Mister, you are wasting valuable manure. But you don't seem to care. Grit must be hard and sharp to do the work of properly grinding up the food in the crop. Gravel, as a general thing, is not rough enough, and cracked oyster shell is too soft. Give the hens oats to help out the hill of fare. If the oats are in the shed, so much the better. Threshing out a bundle of oats is good exercise for the hens on a cold morning. The farm poultry flock too often is composed of chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and pigeons, all living together as one common family. That is a mistake. Each kind should have its own quarters. The breeding of pure bred stock of any kind is regarded by many people as simply a hobby. Some people say a mongrel hen is good enough for them. It may be, but they are certainly blind to their best interests. Oklahoma is the only State which requires the teaching of agriculture in all country schools. The courses include agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, fertilizers, dairying, drainage, irrigation and grazing. The department of agriculture at Washington has introduced a type of alfalfa from Peru, which is said to grow more rapidly than the ordinary kinds, starts earlier in the spring, grows later in the autumn, and will stand more cold. A correspondent of "The Record" asks: "What is the standard distance for planting corn?" The best results will be obtained in planting in drills about 3 1/2 feet apart, and eight inches apart in the drill. It is assumed that India corn is meant. Extra large specimens of vegetables are all right for exhibition purposes, and to win prizes with, but they are not what the average consumer wants and is willing to pay freight on. Quality, uniformity of size and smoothness are what the average man wants. Nature has kindly provided such warm coats for ducks and turkeys that they can well stand the cold. A dry, open shed makes a very good roosting place for either; but the turkeys prefer to roost on the limb of a tree, and the higher up the limb the better they are suited. The best way to keep the premises clean of lice and mites is to begin in January to wage war. Once a week pour kerosene over the roosts, into the cracks of the nest boxes, and along the dropping boards. By making this a weekly duty there will not be any trouble when hot weather arrives. Open up an account with the hens. Charge them with every item of expense, but do not fail to give them credit for every egg they lay and every carcass they give up for food. This naturally implies that you must keep an egg record as well as a ledger account. You must know just what the hens are doing and what they cost you. The perfection and value of the mature animal depend largely upon the normal, unobscured growth of the young up to maturity. A colt that has once been starved and stunted will never make a large, valuable horse, and a calf that has been so treated will never make a valuable cow. They must grow from birth to maturity without check. An element that is often lacking in poultry food is protein, the most expensive part of the food and the most needed. It makes blood, muscle, bone, eggs and feathers. It may be supplied in feeding lean meat, green cut bone and scraps, wheat, oats, alfalfa and some clover. During summer, when fowls have their liberty, they are able to pick up a good deal of food containing this material, thereby balancing their own ration. A Cure for Cholera.—A little flock of chickens, for nearly a year their owner's pride and delight, enjoyed apparently perfect health at night, but the next morning nearly a fifth of the flock lay dead. While these were being properly interred, a sixth of the remaining fowls followed their sisters, and the heart of the owner grew very heavy. Just at this time a neighbor came to the rescue, talked learnedly of cholera and prescribed Venetian Red mixed with their food. The remedy was procured and mixed not only with their food but scattered in the drinking vessels; and now, after two weeks there have been no more deaths.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

God gave all men earth to love, But since man's heart is small, Ordains to each some spot should prove Beloved over all.

Widows Paid Pensions.—The idea of pensioning widows has steadily grown in Australia. It has been found wiser for the state to pension the mother for the care of her children than to condemn her to neglect the children. The following new scale of weekly allowances was authorized by the recent Parliament and took effect May 1, 1908: For one child, \$1.92; two children, \$1.10 each; three children, 97 cents each; four children 91 cents each; more than four children, a maximum of \$4.38.

It seems curious that those who are most anxious to dress in conformity with the smartest women should so inconsistently fail to realize that a very widely spread arrangement of hair is never correct, from this point of view.

It is certainly the fact that the hair is worn puffed out above the brow and ears, but this is in moderation among our fairest and best. The hairdressing style does not appeal to them. As to the exaggerated obliqueness of the moment, its reverse, in the select circles of society is a silent rebuke to the atrocities seen on the heads of some of the most ambitious pretenders; hair standing out four or five inches beyond each ear, and an erection in proportion above the forehead, and the whole tilted in a back with twists and switches of false hair. Stupendous! And the object of it all—to present a very smart appearance—is entirely missed.

These edifices take some time to arrange. They are even costly—when the quantity of hair indulged in to the head is limited, and the result of the whole outlay of time, trouble and money as to defeat the out-layer's own end.

The plaited skirts even in their new modifications are hardly practical for a dress which is especially intended for home wear, because, even of light wool, they are apt to be cumbersome; at any rate, more so than is necessary when there are so many other designs. But the bias folds which have so faithfully served to trim those same plaited skirts still make satisfactory forms of decoration for the new gored skirts.

For one thing, bands, facings, and pipings, however effective from a decorative standpoint, always give an ensemble of simplicity, and that in all dresses for at-home wear, whether for morning or afternoon, is a particularly necessary characteristic.

When one looks into the windows and on the counters of the shop these days it is hard to believe in the old adage that "there is nothing new under the sun," for the display of materials is so varied in texture, coloring and design that they are equally bewildering and bewitching.

For range of weight and color nothing exceeds the pongees—they are shown from the heaviest shantung to the very fine weave, called Salome pongee. One of the new fabrics (a little on the pongee order) is shown under the name of "Chinese Silk Linen." The name would suggest a mixture of silk and linen, but it is pure silk, which in its raw state is called by the Chinese "Flying Silk" owing to its extremely light quality. The dyeing process, however, adds to its weight and leaves it with a finish something on the order of linen—hence its name. It comes in most beautiful colorings, and will do service as one of the favored materials for summer gowns. La Tosca silk is another great favorite, and can be obtained in all the new colors—and promises to be much used for long coats as well as one-piece frocks.

The new coral red in this material is already much in demand, and we would advise an early purchase in order to secure the fashionable.

The new soft wool challis are also worthy of mention—some of the designs and colors are really beautiful, and especially fetching and inexpensive house gowns and negligees are made from same.

A great many women suffer, quite literally, under the delusion that their feet cannot look trim and neat unless their shoes are a size too small for them.

This is absolutely a mistake. If the shoe is too short or too narrow it will not only be painfully uncomfortable, but it will bulge out at the sides and wear into an ugly shape.

It should be at least half an inch longer than the foot.

The foot also looks far better in a reasonably long boot or shoe, because it keeps its shape longer and takes away from the width of the foot.

One should try on shoes in the evening if possible. The foot is always larger at this time.

And finally there is that old and excellent advice: Have at least two pairs of shoes to wear alternately. It not only rests the feet, but it actually keeps the shoes in a much better condition.

Parisian women are wearing huge shawls like those of 60 years ago.

For Making Sheets.—An easy method of marking sheets is to get name or initial tape, which can be purchased by the bolt, and sew the name on one of the hems at the left corner.

This is an inexpensive way of marking articles to be sent to the laundry. The red or blue letters do not fade, and undoubtedly the embroidered letters are more presentable than the ink laundry marks.

Evening Footwear.—The latest fad for evening footwear is slippers of gold or silver with flesh colored silk stockings. Slippers to match the color of the gowns are still much worn, with self-tone silk stockings elaborately embroidered, some being even studded with tiny pearls or jet beads.

Simple Cream Whip.—Whip one pint of very thick cream to a solid froth. Cut into it very carefully three tablespoons of apricot or other marmalade; spread it in layers in a glass dish with macaroons dipped in fruit juice or syrup between each layer. Garnish with a few bits of candied or preserved fruit and serve at once.

Iowa as Another Man Sees It.

Editor Watchman:

Some of your readers who "took in" the various State buildings at the Chicago World's Fair, may remember the banner across the front of the Iowa building. Of course it was State "gush." It read, "Iowa, the Brightest Star in the American Constellation."

In recent copies of the WATCHMAN forwarded to me, I read with much interest Mr. Baker's articles on this State. It is possible I may not see everything just as he does. If so, you will pardon me, I hope.

A strange thing to myself is, that in all my travels in the State, I have never met an old time acquaintance, and this leads me to a digression. One day when I stepped into a store in the town of Dawson, in North Dakota, I noticed a gray haired man eyeing me sharply. In a few moments he spoke to me and called me by name, and asked me if he was mistaken. I told him that he was right, and asked him who he was. He told me, and then he asked me if I remembered the time I "looked" him for fighting, when he went to school to me at the old Launimore school house.

That was in the winter of 1856, and we had not seen each other since.

I vividly remember my first sight of the Mississippi river, in October, 1867, when I crossed it on the long wooden bridge, to Clinton, and the Williamsport of Iowa. I remember that when we passed Mount Vernon I did not hear the tolling steamboat bell as we do on the Potomac when we pass Mount Vernon.

At Cedar Rapids I first saw a party of Indians, and at Tamo City got my first sight of a buffalo, in a pen.

At that time Fort Dodge was a frontier village, and Council Bluffs an Indian trading post. The State is peculiarly situated between the two great rivers, and may be called one vast prairie and is said to have a smaller percentage of unutilized land than any other State.

Noted historical event attended its settlement. It became a State quietly and peacefully, and has continued so ever since—very unlike Kansas, which shook the nation and attracted the attention of the whole civilized world because of the issue involved.

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It is also noted for the slow growth in population—in fact some say it is decreasing.

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I do not know of but one great trunk line that passes through the city—the Rock Island. Of course there are "plugs" out to main lines. Instead of one grand Union Station, there are three second class depots. One thing that struck me favorably is that all street cars pass by the doors of the Union Station, so that you know just where to find a car to any part of the city.

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The street railway has a general waiting room from which all cars start. It is a disgrace to the city,—an old ramshackle affair.

As for hotels they are far below what they should be. The churches are certainly creditable, and something a little unusual, there are quite a number of them close together.

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Des Moines has one metropolitan morning daily newspaper, called the Register and Leader. It also issues an evening paper called the Tribune.

There are also two first class evening papers besides above named, and many smaller papers.

Singularly, such a city has no Democratic paper. Several have been started but all have starved out.

They have what they call the "munch law" in this State, to regulate the liquor traffic. I think it a most infamous way of "whipping the devil around the stump."

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Seeing the Scenery. "Did your wife enjoy the Swiss scenery?" "I don't think she saw a bit of it. She was kept too busy adjusting her camera."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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