

Bellefonte, Pa., April 30, 1909.

FARM NOTES.

Keep the collars clean and dry. A happy hen will make a happy master. Do not leave the cows out in the cold May rains. Do not leave them out for more than half a day at first. Do not overfeed the growing chicks, or they may become stunted. Do not allow the toes to grow too long. Long toes will cause ringbones. Never trust a boar no matter how kind he appears. Always keep behind him. Don't wait until young poultry begin to droop and die before looking for lice. It is best to have two pastures for sheep, and to change from one to the other weekly. The changes in feed should be brought about gradually and with as much care as possible. Always give a good feeding of hay before the cows are turned to pasture the first time in the spring. Put in lots of sweet corn. It is an attraction on the home table and a money maker in the dairy. Do not use grease or blacking on the hoofs to close the pores, and prevent the entrance of moisture. It is a waste of time and power—hen-power—to try to hatch eggs that have really been chilled by the hen leaving the nest. When you have set all the eggs you care to for the season, send the roosters to market. Their room is better than their company. If the nest is too flat, the eggs are sure to roll out from under the hen; and if too deep, the eggs will pile on top of each other and get broken. The faithful hen will stay with her eggs until fairly eaten alive with mites. Do take time to give sitters attention; keep her down, if something else must be neglected. When a hard shower comes up the foolish young ducklings need attention. I have known them to stand out in the rain with heads up and mouths open until they drowned. A mixture of equal parts of kanit and nitrate of soda will make the cabbage grow wonderfully, and some say if sprinkled on the plants while wet with dew will keep away insects. Hens have a way of settling disputes over a nest that often results in scrambled eggs. The hen that is given a setting of choice eggs should be set where there will be no trouble with other hens. Make the change from dry feed to pasture carefully, allowing the sheep to pasture only a few hours at first. Give a full feeding of hay, etc., in the barn for several days before turning out. It is better never to let horses run on both sides of a wire fence, especially if there is a barb wire at the top. They are very apt to fight through or over it and are pretty sure to get hurt. When my fowls get the egg-eating habit, I find a dose of oyster shells to be the "eggs-act" remedy. Give them enough the first time to cause them to gorge themselves. This has cured some bad cases. It is time to prepare for soiling crops against the days of summer drought that are sure to come. It is just as bad for a crop that the efficiency of the dairy can be maintained in the trying August days. Watering often is far better than waiting till a horse is almost choked and then letting him have all he can drink. Many horses are spoiled by the latter method, while no one ever hurt a horse by frequent watering. It is a good plan never to dose a healthy horse. All he needs is good care and good feed. The good care includes, of course, regular exercise. It is just as bad for a horse to be all the time taking medicine as it is for a man. In case your calves show signs of having scours, give them a teaspoonful of fine charcoal with the milk for a few days. When the trouble disappears, begin feeding hay and you will not have any more difficulty with the scours. Did you ever watch a hen just after you had put some nice clean straw in the nest boxes? Hear her talk about it when she elicits in to lay her egg. She knows the difference and is happier than when the straw was dirty and had lice in it.—From May Farm Journal. Set a post in your hog lot and every hog will rub against it. This gives the one for a cheap and effective louse killer. Wrap the post tightly from the ground up with quarter inch rope, and saturate the rope with kerosene every few days. Kerosene will kill lice, and the hogs will keep on scratching against this post. In co-operation with the County Fair Association, over 50 bushels of pure seed corn was distributed free by the University of Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment station to the young people who grew small plots and exhibited their product at local fairs. This work has been introduced into 26 counties, and has proved of immense value in interesting young people in agricultural matters. In view of the recent decision of the Board of Food and Drug inspection of the United States Department of Agriculture relative to the use of benzoate of soda in food products, the meat inspection regulations of the Bureau of Animal Industry have been amended so as to permit the addition of this preservative to meats and meat food products, provided they bear approved labels plainly showing the presence and amount of benzoate of soda. Cultivation of the orchard is mainly for conserving soil moisture. If cultivation is begun early in the season and continued till midsummer, growth of wood will be stimulated and fruit developed. Less moisture in late summer and early fall is desired, so that wood will properly develop and harden to be able to stand the cold of the following winter. Arrange to cultivate the orchard early in the summer and have the soil in good fix for sowing to rye or other cover crop toward the last of summer. The cover crop will afford some good winter pasture and will keep hilly land from washing away.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Give to a gracious message a thousand tongues; but let ill tidings tell themselves.—Shakespeare. It is but lately that the fashionable couturiers and designers have arrived at any decisions. Changes have come gradually and not so violently as was expected. The crinoline and the very voluminous skirt are no nearer than they were two years ago. Neither have we returned to boleros and tiny hats. The real elegance of Paris is practically wearing the improved Directoire. The waistline is for the most part defined at the level imposed by nature. Hats are of both large and moderate dimensions. Empire modes are still in favor for those who like them. Great quantities of soutache braiding is being used on the new lingerie frocks this season. It looks particularly well on lines, but is also used on frocks of sheer material. It is also done on neck, and when this is employed as a trimming both neck and braiding are in the same tone as the material. Panels, yokes and sleeves are of soutache net; at times almost the entire surface of the frock is elaborately braided with it. Smart linen frocks of light blue and pink, made perfectly plain, have transparent yokes and sleeves covered with a rich design in soutache. From the indications the popularity of the collarless frock is going to be, if anything, greater than last season. Now, as during the winter, the large majority of theatre and house gowns are void of stock or collar. Lace yokes that round prettily at the throat are the smart and becoming thing, and some theatre frocks are even a little décolleté. The Dutch neck is preferred on tub frocks, and it is cool and comfortable in summer. It is a question whether the collarless blouse is correct for street wear, but this must be settled by the individual, for women are dressing to suit their own ideas, in spite of the fashion. Puritan collars of Irish lace are exceedingly pretty and most popular with young girls. They are not quite as expensive as they were earlier in the season and last summer, and are now well within reach of the average purse. A charming game for a child for a rainy day, and one in which they are incidentally taught to knit, may be planned as follows: If you possess a yarn bag get it out and tie together all the odds and ends of brightly colored yarn, using up all of your scraps and as much as you will need to make a good sized yarn ball. The more variety and variety there is in the colors the better. Make the knots firm, but as small as possible. Start to wind, winding into the balls little toys and surprises that the child would be likely to enjoy, a tiny ball, a candy heart, a bit of china doll for a girl, a marble for a boy, anything that may occur to you or that you have at hand. When you have made up a large and tempting sphere leave the end loose. Cast on the stitches for two needle knitting and teach the expert small person to knit. He or she, will soon become interested in the knitting, with the added delight of waiting for the "surprises to fall out." You will find that the little device will give the greatest pleasure, and keep the child entertained by the hour. With the pretty gathered skirts, open over a tablier, and pointed bodices, women have taken up the fad of patches and tall walking sticks, tasseled or tied with a floating ribbon bow. Paravents are extremely long sticks of precious woods banded with gold and finished with knobs of flashing color in semiprecious stones. A new parol of bright green is trimmed with raised, button-shaped motifs of khaki-colored soutache braid set in a wide border. The curved handle and the whole stick, banded with gold, are covered with brown plush. On a hot summer's day can anything more disagreeable to the touch be imagined than this plush covering? Pleasant to describe is a parol of white silk bordered deeply with narrow, scant ruffles of the silk raveled into an edge deep fringe. A thick plaiting of fine white tulle is set under the edge. Stick and handle are of shining black ebony, set with a great pink stone. What we enjoy most in society is not the food nor the surroundings, but the people! A hostess must always bear this in mind. She must remember also to be gracious and cordial in her greeting, to make her guests feel that each and all are welcome. She will try to have something pleasant to offer them, something new and unusual or familiar and therefore beloved. Let her beware, however, of long programs. In these days of rapid movement, people seldom like to be detained long. While the present mania for cards endures, a hostess is pretty sure of pleasing her guests if she gives a bridge or progressive euchre party, which may be a very informal affair. People who are addicted to cards become so deeply interested in their favorite game that the supper is a matter of secondary importance, and may, therefore, be very simple. Inexpensive prizes are now thought to be in better taste than costly ones. They should charm by their oddity and quaintness rather than by their financial value. Thin buttered slices of brown bread, spread with strawberry jam or peach marmalade and covered with a layer of cream cheese, make novel and delicious sandwiches for luncheon or tea. An easily improvised dessert may be made of best stale macaroons mixed with stiffly whipped cream and sprinkled with pistachio nuts. For spring suppers sliced oranges and shredded cocoanut, put into a dish in alternate layers, are very appetizing. A delicious jelly is made of gelatin, flavored with grape juice and served with blanched nuts and whipped cream. Shredded chocolate cocoanut, which is bought already prepared, makes a tasty addition to different kinds of salad. Cheese Balls.—Mix well together 1 1/2 cups of grated cheese, 1 1/2 teaspoonfuls of flour, a pinch of red pepper, and the well-beaten whites of three eggs. Make into small balls and fry a light brown.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

Wednesday, April 21. Miss Rose Fremel fell dead at the funeral of her brother in Chicago as the last words of eulogy were being said over the casket. John McArthur, twenty years old, captain of the Huntington, Ind., football team, is dead as the result of injuries received in a game here with the Wabash high school eleven. St. Louis Compress, No. 2, one of the largest cotton compresses in Little Rock, Ark., was practically destroyed by fire, causing a loss which it is estimated will approximate almost \$1,000,000. Thursday, March 22. Roland F. Falkner has accepted the president's tender of membership on the Liberian commission. Former United States Senator David Turpie, born in Hamilton county, O., in 1829, died in Indianapolis, Ind. Robbers visited the office of the Morris nursery at West Chester, Pa., blew open the safe and wrecked the place, but secured less than \$1 in cash. An appropriation of \$25,000 to pay the travelling expenses of the president, to be expended in his discretion, during the fiscal year of 1910, is proposed in an amendment to the census appropriation bill, introduced by Senator Guggenheim, of Colorado. Friday, April 23. Rudolph Buol was assassinated at Chattanooga, Tenn., while asleep, the murderer placing a stick of dynamite on his bed and exploding it with a fuse. Thrown out of his position as a baker because the firm that employed him was forced to shut down, owing to the Patten corner in wheat, Joseph Zilberger, sixty years old, committed suicide in New York. Dr. William E. Geil, of Doylestown, Pa., a noted explorer, who has traveled extensively in Africa and China, and has just returned from a trip around the Great Wall of China, called on President Taft. The expenditure of \$3,250,000 on the canal zone during the month of January has brought the total expenditure on the zone toward the construction of the canal, civil administration, sanitation and plant building, to \$93,915,000. Saturday, April 24. James L. Dixon, of Chicago, inherited \$100,000 from a rich uncle and two days later enlisted in the U. S. Marine corps. Lawson Addison, a negro, was hanged at Chester, S. C., for the murder of two women near Lowrysville, Chester county. James E. Clark was found guilty at St. Louis of killing Joseph Flood, a telegrapher, last December, and he was sentenced to serve fifteen years in the penitentiary. General Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief of the United Confed-

erate Veterans, has accepted an invitation to present to the United States government the monument to General Stephen D. Lee at Vicksburg, Miss., on June 11.

Monday, March 26. The National bank of Arrowsmith, Ill., was robbed by safe blowers, who secured \$2300 and escaped. Four persons were burned to death in the destruction by fire of the Central hotel in Topeka, Kan. Henry M. Bolger, a hotel and saloon proprietor of Pittsburg, was found guilty of accepting \$17,500 for the purpose of bringing councilmen of that city to secure city deposits for a local bank.

Harry Rheams, a sixteen-year-old train robber, who killed William Dempsey, a passenger on a Great Northern train, in a hold-up near Great Falls, Mont., a year ago, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Tuesday, April 27. Rear Admiral Joseph Nelson Miller, U. S. N., retired, died at his home in East Orange, N. J. Percy Hill was electrocuted in the Auburn, N. Y., prison for the murder of his cousin, Chloe Hancock, on March 18, 1908. Clifford Rutherford, assistant postmaster at Lenox, Ga., was shot and killed by a negro burglar, who had robbed the postoffice, two stores and a bank.

Mrs. Mary Hoffman, wife of a Harrisburg, Pa., business man, committed suicide in the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane in Philadelphia by hanging herself with a sheet. Left Big Fortune Buried, It is Reported, in Venezuela. Caracas, April 27.—It is persistently reported here that Cipriano Castro left a fortune in gold buried at Caracas. If this be so, it explains Castro's alleged lack of funds and his anxiety to get back to Venezuela.

Receivers For H-O Company. Buffalo, April 27.—Judge Hazel, in the United States court, appointed A. L. Calver, Lyman M. Bass and Frank A. Abbott receivers for the H-O company, a cereal food concern, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000 and a bonded indebtedness of \$1,800,000. The application for a receivership was made by counsel for the company and it was unopposed.

Pastor Falls Dead as He Baptizes Child. Big Rapids, Mich., April 27.—Rev. E. G. Franck, pastor of the German Lutheran church here, dropped dead while baptizing a child at the close of the service. As he stood at the altar, without warning, he fell to the floor and was dead when picked up.

Two More Indiana Counties Dry. Indianapolis, Ind., April 27.—Jackson and White counties voted dry in local option elections. The total number of Indiana counties dry is now forty-four.

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