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FARM NOTES.

Gluten meal, as a rule, produces soft butter.

Germany is the envy of Ireland as the leading potato country of the world. Nearly two billion bushels annually.

The root is the foundation of the plant. It should be stimulated to early and continuous growth by the best care in the beginning.

Frequent surface cultivation makes the natural food of the plant more available, prevents escape of moisture and holds water in store for summer use.

Look for the currant borer at this time. When the leaves start, affected canes commence to wither and die. Cut out the affected canes below the black center and burn at once.

The Wisconsin Experiment Station finds lime is deficient in much of the grain ration fed to dairy cows and hogs. Hogs fed on phosphates and bone mash, made consistent and profitable gains.

The German standard for horses heavily worked is to have a ration furnishing 2.5 pounds digestible portion and 14.3 pounds digestible carbo-hydrates and fat a day, which gives a nutritive ratio of 1.6:2.

To produce any crop it requires from 300 to 500 pounds of water to make a pound of dry matter. It is important that soils have a great deal of moisture, and that it is not lost by evaporation. Deep plowing makes soils hold more moisture and frequent cultivations prevent its loss by evaporation.

The standard horse ration in the United States Army is 14 pounds of hay a day and 12 pounds of oats, corn or barley. This standard has been arrived at from the amounts used in practice, but the general observation has been that the hay allowance is greater than the horses will consume on ordinary duty.

In large city stables feeding the horses the hay and grain as mixed feed is the general practice and gives the best results. Keepers find that horses can be worked hard and kept in good condition on cut hay and cornmeal. The amount of hay fed varies from 8 to 14 pounds a day in different stables, and of grain from 7 to 20 pounds a day.

On Lord Roseberry's estate at Dalmeny, Scotland, an acre has been made to produce more than 2000 measured bushels of potatoes. This yield is so remarkable that the Department of Agriculture at Washington has sent an expert to Scotland to find out how it was made, and secure hints that will aid the American grower to increase his potato yield.

The red brick house is a problem. If there are brown stone window sills, the boxes should be stained a dull brown, and, in any case, for this red brick house, it is safe to confine them to foliage plants, having vines cover the boxes and spray as far below as they will grow. With foliage plants and ferns standing about the boxes, too, the ugliest house will take on beauty.

The only tests in feeding buttermilk to pigs to ascertain its comparative value, that we know of, were made at the Ontario Experiment Station. These experiments show that buttermilk is practically equal to skim milk as a feed for pigs. At the same station 35.6 pounds of skim milk proved equal to 100 pounds of meal. Therefore, if the conclusions of the Ontario Station be correct, 4 or 5 pounds of buttermilk are equal to one pound of meal.

Professor Voorhes says there are 300,000 acres in New Jersey which would raise forage crops, alfalfa and vegetables. Upon these lands there is enough timber to pay for clearing. These lands would make 6000 50-acre farms at \$7 an acre, which in the course of five years would produce \$50 an acre. These lands are better than much of the land in the far West for which farm-seekers are paying big prices, and only a few miles from the best markets in the world.

As to painting the outside, a dull stain is best. Anything bright is ugly. Bright green puts the rich greens of the foliage out of countenance, and bright red (another color too often seen) outlines the flowers. One must learn that the box itself is not the attraction. As a rule, it is safe to match the color against which the box rests. But under no circumstances should it be brighter, whether it be matched to the ground color or the window trimmings. Weathered effects are delightfully easy, backing floral beauty to perfection.

One who has given this sort of gardening much attention says: "An ideal interior of a window box is obtained by charring it. Wash the box with kerosene, throw in a little excelsior and set it on fire. The charred surface is in itself a protection, having the effect of killing any fungus growths that may rot the wood." This may be ideal, but only adults with good judgment should experiment, and then at a goodly distance from the house and the source of supply. Undoubtedly this charred surface makes for the health of the plants.

The high price of pork has stimulated interest in swine raising all over the country. Many Eastern farmers that have had no hogs on their farms for years are looking around for pigs and improved stock for breeding purposes. Even village people are turning their attention to hog raising as a back-yard industry. At Meyersdale, Pa., a special meeting of the town council recently repealed an ordinance prohibiting the raising or keeping of hogs within the borough limits, and it is said many of the inhabitants have erected stys on their lots and are searching the country districts for young pigs.

All told, geraniums are the most popular blossoming plant for window boxes. To be sure, begonias and fuchsias are often used to charming advantage on the north side of a house, but the geranium is the stand-by. Most of us find that single geraniums do best—that is, blossom most freely. One should be sure to have them in the same shade, else they will look mismatched. Petunia makes a good showing in some southern windows. If grown to their fullest, they serve both for plants and vines. And, speaking of vines, vinca (periwinkle) is the favorite with red geraniums, the variegated geranium looking handsomer with pink ones.

American Women and the Shopping Game Mania.

More money is wasted every year by women buying needless things under the excitement of the bargain hunt than is spent in all the gambling houses and race tracks put together, says Mary Heaton Vorse in Success Magazine. When you say that I have no statistics to prove this I answer that I have common sense and have spent much time in city shops. I know, too, what I am capable of, and I am but a half hearted hunter. I know what my friends do. It isn't for nothing that I have seen earnest young students of economics succumb to this hunting instinct and fare forth to buy ninety-eight cent undergarments. It is not only in the stores frequented by poor or uneducated women that I have seen the more brutal instincts of the human race come to the surface. I have seen a charming looking elderly woman in a high class store snatch a dress length of gray voile from the hands of another elderly woman, and the reason I happened to see these sights was because I myself was at the sale looking at garments I didn't want and didn't need and buying them. The bargain chase, the shopping game passion or sport, life work or recreation, for it may be any one of these, according to the temperament of the woman—has American women well in its grip. Hardly one of us escapes some one of the psychological deviations from the normal which I have mentioned.

The Youthful Amateurs Were Sure He Was a Philanthropist.

They were youthful enthusiasts in physiognomy. On the seat opposite in the train was a man of commanding figure, massive brow and serious expression. "Splendid face!" one of them explained. "What do you suppose his life work has been?" "A lawyer?" suggested the other. "No-o; there's too much benevolence in that face for a lawyer." "Maybe a banker?" "Oh, no! A man with an expression like that couldn't have spent his life in merely turning over money." "He might be an editor." "An editor! Cutting and slashing his enemies at every turn and even his friends occasionally for the sake of a smart paragraph? You can't read faces. That man's a philanthropist or engaged in some sort of public spirited work. Why, there isn't a line that doesn't indicate strength of purpose and nobility! Look at that curve there on the left!" At the next station an old countryman took his seat beside the man with massive brow and soon entered into a conversation with him, in the course of which he asked the latter "what was his line."

The two opposite held their breath in the intensity of their interest. "Oh, I've got a little tavern and butcher shop back in the country a bit" was the proud reply. "My wife tends to the meals and I do my own killing!"—"Youth's Companion."

Picture Forgeries. There are three or four times as many Corots in existence as the French painter produced in his lifetime. He lived to be nearly eighty, but at Montmartre his posthumous canvases are still being turned out to meet the demands of the market. The old masters never die. They are still working overtime in the back rooms of Florence and Rome. At Cologne the manufacture of genuine mediaeval metal work and antique carving is a thriving industry. These foreign forgers may be scamps, but their tireless energy also testifies to the reverence in which posterity holds the great names of bygone periods. If they are not so highly prized, what inducements would there be for anybody to waste time, paint and muscle in creating fraudulent copies and imitations and passing them off under false pretenses? Our millionaire collectors are not constantly exposed to the risk of buying high priced forgeries where the originals have no value.—New York World.

Mourning in Japan. The Japanese code of mourning is very elaborate and complicated. As followed by the well-to-do classes it involves the wearing of special garments and abstinence from animal food. At the death of a husband or real or adopted parents the custom demands thirteen months of mourning apparel and fifty days' abstinence from meat. Grandparents are honored by 150 days if they are on the paternal side; if only common, insignificant, maternal grandparents, they have to put up with ninety. The same rule applies to maternal uncles and aunts. It is one way of introducing the oriental contempt for women.

Superior Wisdom. "Why do you consider women superior to men in intelligence?" "A bald headed man buys hair restorer by the quart, doesn't he?" "Er—yes." "Well, a woman doesn't waste time on a hair restorer. She buys hair."—Houston Post.

Significant Activities. "That young fellow seems to have made a bit at your home." "Yes; I judge he has. Ma's investigating his family tree, and pa's looking up his commercial standing."—Washington Herald.

Didn't Need It. Music Teacher—Why don't you pause there? Don't you see that it's marked "rest"? Pupil—Yes, teacher, but I aren't tired.—Life.

Be patient. God has all eternity in which to make plain the hidden things of your life.

SUNG THEIR LESSONS.

Singing geography was a popular fad in the educational line in New York in olden days, particularly in up state school districts. It was of Yankee origin. It was never made part of the common school system of the state, but was taught outside the regular hours. A set of wall maps known as Pelton's outline maps was used. There were no names of geographical divisions or places on them. The instructor would go over the map on which the lesson was found, pointing out with a pointing rod the different countries, cities, rivers, lakes or whatever might be the subject in hand, and at the same time the name of each division, place or body of water would be mentioned in song. The teacher, usually a man, would lead the class chorus as he pointed, and if the subject happened to be political divisions the song would run like this, to the tune of "Bonny Doon":

Let North America be first In our descriptive rhyme rehearsed. Its northern border the arctic waves, Its east the Atlantic ocean waves. The Gulf of Mexico we see Upon its southern boundary. Its western and southwestern sides Are washed by the Pacific tides. The geographical verses were contained in the pupils' text book called "The Key to Pelton's New and Improved Series of Outline Maps." Among other things the following is found in the preface of one of these old time volumes:

"With respect to the verification, it is merely necessary to say that the design has been to put all the important geographical localities on the globe, in connection with much valuable matter, in a form which can be most easily committed to memory, and it is confidently believed that the exhilarating effect of harmonious sounds will greatly facilitate the acquisition of this knowledge, and care has been taken that none but popular and approved airs be inserted in the work."

"Auld Lang Syne" appears to have been regarded as an especially "popular and approved" air and was often used. In the very first lesson the pupils were taught to describe the earth by singing the following to this tune: The earth is a large ball or globe Whose surface has been found Three-fourths with ocean waves submerged And but one-fourth dry ground. Two hundred millions of square miles Earth's surface does embrace, Eight hundred million people here All find a dwelling place. Tongue twisting names did not embarrass the geographical versifier, although the enunciation of all the pupils probably was not perfect when, for example, in the lesson on Asia they sang to the air of "Bruce's Address" such lines as these:

Now in modulations sweet Asia's rivers we repeat, Obi first in Russia greet, Irish river next. Lost in sand behold Helmund, Then northward seek Yarkund; Be not turbid Oxus shunned; Siam river see. Ural river next in place, Utrucck and Koor river trace; Kizil irdnak then embrace In our melody. There were thirty-one states in the Union when singing geography was in vogue, and the pupils were taught to bound each of them in verse. California was then the newest state, having been admitted in 1850; was the last on the list, and its boundaries were thus defined: On California's northern side vast Oregon is placed, Both Utah and New Mexico upon the east are traced, Upon its southern borders next may Mexico be found.

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Enlivened the Play. "Monte Cristo" was playing to a crowded house in a New York theater. In a box sat a man who had looked on in the wine when it was red. When Monte mounted the rock in the sea and exclaimed, "The world is mine!" the man in the box shouted, "What'll you take for Hoboken?"—Brooklyn Life.

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Too Clever. Hotel Clerk—Let me see. You're the Mr. Barne who acts Romeo, aren't you? I think I've seen you climb down from Juliet's balcony. Barne—I am that famous actor, sir. Hotel Clerk—Cash in advance, please. You climb too well for any other terms.—New York Journal.

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