

YOUTH AND OLD AGE.

Graybeard is walking with Youth today. Down through the glen where the clematis...

MADAM BLUEBEARD.

She came to be known on the boat as Madam Bluebeard before we were two days out from Calcutta. No doubt this was largely due to the fact, spread by word of mouth...

whale. Peter saw. Often during those long days in the Red Sea, while the ship drove through the still water checked with oily currents, and Mr. Luptons, all unconscious of his doom, sat blinking...

"If you please, I was to read to her today." "Perhaps she is ill to," I suggested. "I am afraid—I mean I think she is an excellent sailor," said Mr. Luptons.

"I think so," I said, and did after some trouble. And now the scene shifts to the port of Marseilles at night. I wish I could reproduce in words the effect of the long dark wharves, the lights glittering from the hillside...

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day listening to the murmur of the water and watching the clouds float across the sky is by no means waste of time.

Handsome shirts and blouses are very expensive items, and many a deft-fingered woman and girl makes them for herself. There are charming effects. White batiste, linen or lawn striped in color and trimmed in narrow hems of white...

Many parents think it a good idea to let their children go bareheaded in summer. There may be some advantages in this, but the objections fully offset them. At least two are very strong ones.

The ideal dress for children is, of course, the pinafore style. It is so easy to renew the overdress and under bodice as to suit the weather changes from day to day. The serge overdress can have a little cotton or flannel blouse, just as thermometers demand.

When choosing cereals it is well to remember that wheat and oats furnish more useful fuel for the body than either rice or rye. Oatmeal is particularly rich in protein, but is better for winter than for summer consumption.

Maple Ice Cream. Make a custard of three parts of milk, one cupful of white sugar and the well beaten yolks of five eggs. Moisten half a pound of maple sugar and boil until it candies. Stir into the custard and when cool and ready to freeze add one pint of whipped cream and the beaten whites of the eggs.

Irish crochet collars and neckwear may be the most durable a girl can use or the laundress. It depends upon the washing. Wash in thick hot suds made from pure white soap. Rinse through several waters and put through a thin starch water.

Pin the crocheted piece to a cushion or heavily padded board. Pull out all the points and edges, fastening each one with a pin to the cushion. Allow it to remain until dry, when it will look like new.

A circle of small playing cards was arranged to form a centerpiece, and from this radiated a row of cards to each plate, forming a star.

Corn-cob pipes were stacked at each corner of the table, and at each corner were tiny beer steins and little sample bottles of wine as souvenirs. The menu was a substantial one, such as men like. It consisted of bouillabaisse, thick sirloin steak, with French fried potatoes, string beans, endive salad with Camembert cheese and wafers, a frozen fruit pudding and black coffee.

It is customary to give tips pretty generally throughout Europe, says Esther Brooke, in Woman's Home Companion, and the tips begin on the ship. It is the time of the last meal taken on board. The amount distributed is in proportion to say, 10 per cent of your ticket. You give to your table waiter, to the stewardess and to perhaps the deck steward. Don't worry if you have been waited upon by several at the table. Choose the one who has served you the best and most of them, and give to him, say, \$2 or \$3 on minimum ticket. They have a way of dividing their hoard among themselves.

Graham Muffins. Mix and sift one cupful of Graham flour, one cupful of flour, one-fourth of a cupful of sugar, 4 teaspoonfuls of baking powder and 1 teaspoonful of salt. Add gradually, while stirring or beating constantly, 1 cupful of milk, 1 egg well beaten and one tablespoonful of butter. Fill buttered gem pans two-thirds full of mixture and bake in a hot oven 25 minutes.—Woman's Home Companion.

FARM NOTES.

—An authority on horticulture, referring to the importance of perfect fertilization, says that any farmer who is raising fruit or alfalfa for seed can well afford to keep ten colonies of bees, even though he does not get a pound of honey.

—Twenty-three acres of corn after ripe planted June 1, last year, with cow peas filled between rows at the first cultivation, produced at the New Jersey Experiment Station 215.8 tons of silage. The total cost was \$3.51 per ton in the silo.

—At a farmers' meeting in Durham, N. H., President F. W. Taylor suggested as a fertilizer mixture for corn 200 pounds of nitrate of soda, 200 pounds sulphate of ammonia, 400 pounds of tankage, 1000 pounds acid phosphate, 200 pounds nitrate of potash.

—Someone has estimated from statistics that fruit trees and bushes will bear for the following periods: Apples 25 to 40 years; blackberry, 6 to 14 years; currant, 20 to 25 years; plum, 20 to 25 years; raspberry, 6 to 14 years.

—A method of protecting seed corn against crows is to add a tablespoonful of chloride of lime to a peck of shelled corn, mixing it well. It is a very cheap and easy way and the seed is more agreeable to handle than when coated with tar, as the more common method.

—Fresh manure is valued at about \$2 per ton, but that which is well rotted is more valuable. A ton of manure that had been rotted for three months, when analyzed was found to contain 24 pounds of potash, 15 of nitrogen and 6 of phosphoric acid, being worth about \$3.

—Beet sugar making is as yet an infant industry, with \$130,000 invested. It is not old enough in this country to be developed without protection. But there are many indications to show how we may some day compete with the world in the production of beet sugar.

—The farm products imported into the United States during the fiscal year 1909—the year of highest record—amounted in value to nearly \$627,000,000. The imports for 1908 were valued at \$540,000,000 in round numbers, and the average for the five years 1901-1905 was a trifle over \$455,000,000.

—A dairyman who has been unusually successful with his cows feeds this ration: Clover, hay and corn-fodder, all the cows will eat up clean, for roughage; for grains, peas and oats, ground fine, and bran in equal parts by weight, and he feeds one pound of grain to three or four pounds of milk, with 16 pounds of sugar beets a day.

—One of the effects of the use of salt on land is to increase the capacity of the soil for retaining moisture. About one barrel per acre has been known to benefit grass during periods of drought, the salt being applied in May. Kainit contains a large proportion of salt, as well as about 12 per cent of potash, and may be used in preference.

—The reason why fattened flesh is better than unfattened flesh is that globules of fat are distributed throughout the muscles, displacing to a considerable degree the moisture found therein. The bulk is not only therefore increased, but also when the flesh is cooked the fat does not evaporate to the same extent as water, but melting, softens the tissue, making it more digestible and finer in flavor.

—Captain Joshua D. Wheaton, of Chincoteague, Va., claims the distinction of being the only wild goose farmer in the world. He has 250 acres of land skirting the coast of Chincoteague Sound, which at the present time over 1500 wild geese on the place. He ships alive to the Northern markets and gets an average price of \$5 per pair. He got a start by capturing young birds and clipping their wings.

—The United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Public Roads, Washington, D. C., has issued an elaborate bulletin on the subject of concrete fence posts. This bulletin goes into details, giving full and minute instructions enabling the farmer to build their own fences with the farm labor. By applying to the Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Bulletin No. 403 will be sent without charge.

—Probably no food can be grown in this country that will furnish so great a proportion of nutrients as corn. In addition, when cured in the silo the succulence of corn is beneficial. It aids digestion and favors milk production—two advantages over corn-fodder fed in the dry form.

—There is no better fodder ration for dairy cows than clover and corn. In determining the amount of grain to feed two factors must be taken into account. One is the extent to which clover or alfalfa is fed; and the other is the production of the cow.

—The Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, gives out the following recipe for hog cholera, which is claimed by many who have tried it to be invaluable in warding off the disease:

1 part wood charcoal. 1 part sulphur. 2 parts sodium chloride (salt). 2 parts sodium bicarbonate (soda). 2 parts sodium hypochlorite. 1 part sodium sulphate. 1 part antimony sulphate. Pulverize and mix thoroughly. Dose, one tablespoonful for each 200 pounds weight of hog, once a day.

—During warm weather calves should be kept in during the daytime and turned out during the evening, so as to avoid the hot sun and the flies. Whole or chopped oats should be fed, or a mixture of whole and chopped oats. About a cupful twice a day for an ordinary-sized calf, that is on good pasture, will be sufficient. For fall feeding, until the roots are harvested, there is nothing equal to green corn run through the cutting machine and mixed with some chopped ears. The main point in fall feeding is never allow them to stop growing, and for beef animals keep them in good flesh. In feeding calves, as in every system of feeding, the extremes of over and under-feeding are to be avoided. Continuous, regular, liberal feeding always brings the most profit and the best practical results.

—Johnny knew perfectly well that anecdote meant a short, funny tale, so when Bill teacher asked him to write a sentence containing that word he wrote without hesitation: "A rabbit has four legs and one anecdote; so has a goat."