

FARM NOTES.

It is claimed that New York State has a higher percentage of farms operated by the men who own them than any other leading agricultural State.

The Jersey cider apple, under ordinary conditions, will not keep later than October, and is but an indifferent fruit at the best, both as to quality and appearance.

Over 4000 potato diggers are used in the State of Maine alone to harvest the crop. If these were all hooked together with a team of horses to each it would make a procession 15 miles in length.

Some gasoline accidentally spilled on a bunch of weeds led to the discovery that gasoline is a sure destroyer of weeds, and that only a slight application has to be made in order to effectively carry out the work of weed killing.

The most profitable dairy cow is one that has no tendency to put on flesh, has a good appetite and a large stomach, indicating great consuming and assimilating capacity. A cow with this conformation is said to be of the true dairy type.

The best tree to order, everything considered, is a young, vigorous whip about five feet high. Such a tree is pretty sure to live and grow without a setback, and it may be cut off at whatever height the owner wishes the head to start.

To cure scaly legs in fowls, a poultryman says he makes a strong decoction of tobacco stems and places the feet and legs in it while as warm as can be handled, holding them in for a minute or two. This has the advantage over coal oil or carbolic acid, in that it keeps the legs from bleaching.

Good results are said to have been obtained in France from the feeding of sugar to over-worked horses. Excessive strain and consequent exhaustion as a result of slippery roads were lessened in those animals which were fed sugar daily. Some horses rendered unfit for service by overwork were restored to normal strength by a liberal mixture of sugar with their feed.

Twenty thousand pounds of goat meat is consumed in Brooklyn weekly now because of the high prices demanded for beef, lamb, mutton and pork. It is selling at five or six cents a pound lower than mutton and no effort is being made to violate the law by concealing its identity. Most of the goat meat is used by the poorer classes, who say they like it fully as well as the higher priced meats.

Judicious feeding does not imply excessive feeding. A cow must be a hearty eater to be a good producer. Driving cows in a hurry is a money-losing operation. Increase the food as long as the flow of milk increases. The more a cow is exposed the less milk she will give. In feeding assimilation is the only true measure of value. The rich quality of a cow's milk is largely born with her. Milk secretion should not be greatly encouraged before calving. It is the milk from the fresh cow that produces the most perfect flavor.

The apple has come to be a standard agricultural product, both for home consumption and foreign markets, and the apple dealers commence early in the season and canvass the apple sections from month to month, making careful estimates until apple picking, when they are perfectly posted on the quantity and quality of the crop as well as foreign demand. This should be and might be as thoroughly understood by the well-read orchardist as by the dealer, and when this part of the business is understood the orchardist can put a price on his fruit, as well as to wait for the dealer to make a quotation for him.

Wheat, corn and other crops are no more improved by rotation than hay. The Minnesota Experiment Station shows that a plot continuously cut for hay the past 15 years has given an average yield of 1.73 tons per acre, while a plot under a three years' rotation of wheat, clover and corn hay has yielded the past ten years an average of 2.9 tons per acre. In a five year rotation of wheat, timothy and clover, pasture, oats and corn, the hay has yielded an average of 3.9 tons per acre since 1900. Eight tons of manure per acre were applied once in five years on the five year rotation plots. There is money in manure.

Apples may be fed to any kind of stock and when properly fed are an excellent food, in chemical composition equal to roots. They contain more dry matter than mangels, over twice the fuel or heating value, but only one-third as much nitrogenous matter. The feeding value per ton of green apples is \$2.60; apple pomace, \$2.40; corn silage, \$2.26; mangel wurzels, \$1.52; mixed hay, \$1.02. Apple pomace from presses where straw is not used is a good feed. If put in silos and allowed to heat up to 90 degrees before being covered, its acidity is arrested and cows become very fond of it. Begin with about one pound of pomace to a feed, putting meal on it to get the cows started, which may be gradually increased to five or ten pounds per day. A cow will eat about a ton of pomace during winter.

The berry season in South Jersey is practically the harvest for the farmers in that section. Berries of all kinds are grown to a more or less extent on every farm, and in many cases they form the chief crop. Thousands of acres are devoted to the culture of strawberries, raspberries and blackberries, and many thousands of acres in the forests and swamps are growing huckleberries. Then besides there are miles upon miles of cranberry bogs in that section.

To show the importance of the berry crop in South Jersey, the shipments of the entire crop, including all berries, reached as high as \$300,000 in a single year for Hammononton alone.

The strawberry is rather cosmopolitan in adaptation to soils, some varieties thriving on nearly all kinds and over a wide range of territory. Lighter loams are, however, better adapted to most varieties than are heavy clay soils.

Raspberries and blackberries are nearly as cosmopolitan as strawberries in regard to adaptation to soils. Deep, moderately sandy loams or clay loams containing an abundance of humus usually give best results with raspberries, while blackberries are often at their best in a slightly heavier soil. The method of propagating the red raspberry is from root sprouts.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Leaving the past behind, asking no praise, pay or reward, submitting ourselves to the grand law of the world, turning the way of faith and hope, giving ourselves to the nearest present duty, asking ourselves only what does right or truth or love bid, we thus enter into the joyful life of the children of God.—Charles F. Dolé.

Broad black velvet ribbons are noticeable on many of the new summer frocks; they are employed to emphasize the hem of the tunic as well as for the border of the upper sleeves and décolletage. They greatly enhance the color schemes of the pretty Pompadour muslins and crepe meteoire, which are extremely fashionable.

A Parisian fancy is facing the collar or big soft revers, with brilliant color, cerise, emerald or some one of the rich, vivid blues associated so insistently with black. This dash of brilliant color of course limits the adaptability of the costume, but when did a Parisian ever consider such sordid details in her worship of the modes?

This note of vivid color is repeated in the tiny velvet tie which fastens the turndown collar of cambric, and in the little velvet rosettes which adorn the broderie down the middle of the bodice; and the elbow sleeves are finished with broderie Anglaise and cambric frills. A shady hat is an absolute necessity, so our girl wears a big Leghorn shape with a wide brim, its only trimming being a band of violet velvet round the low crown, which is tied at the back with ends that just fall over the brim.

A summer frock must be cool and light both to look at and to touch; and this one is white batiste striped with narrow lines of black. It might be chosen with lines of blue or pink or green if preferred; but nothing looks smarter than the narrow black lines on the white ground. The skirt is short and round, and quite plain except for a panel of white broderie Anglaise down the front, which is taken round the skirt a little distance above the hem.

The broderie is taken up the centre of the simple little bodice and round the sides just above the waist-belt of violet velvet, which finishes in one long end at the side in front.

Dresses made entirely of white broderie Anglaise mounted on white or colored batiste also are delightful, but not as pretty as plain white. Their effect can always be varied by different colored ribbons. The pinafore shape, not quite tight-fitting, is the best model for these frocks, for it does away with the waist-belt. Nothing looks so deplorable as a bodice or shirt that has "worked up" from the waistband, or a skirt that has dropped "below the equator;" and such accidents will occur in the best-regulated garments. With the semi-fitting pinafore frock there is no danger of anything of this kind happening, for being perfectly free, it cannot work either up or down or shift out of place.

Dresses for Small Girls.—Shanting in the pastel and "raw" shades is extremely in favor this year for the small girl's frock and light summer coat, for which garments, too, ecollenne is chosen by some of the exclusive designers. Quite two-thirds of the frocks for small girls are collarless, and both round and square necks are seen. As a rule, the shantung frock is made up with a low neck, and an adjustable chemisette accompanies it, to be put on when a high effect is necessary. But, again, even for the small girl's dress and coat the tailored effects are resorted to. As for the shirtdress suits which well-grown girls of eight to ten years are wearing, these nearly all are made up with prim bands and stitched pleats that reproduce the tailored neatness of their elder sister's waists.—Harper's Bazar.

No more white gloves! Gloves match the costume, or where they ought to be white, according to all social canons, they are cream. Suede slippers, too, match the costume, and the stockings with them are—flesh colored!

Vanity bags of gold clasp now like a flat purse. The meshed bags are no longer plain, but are in two metals—gold and gunmetal, or oxidized silver and copper—interwoven in a quaint pattern.

Tortoise-shell is made up into everything, from powder cases to umbrella handles; and there is a great deal of gunmetal and jet seen, owing to the king's death and the public mourning that Paris seems to have assumed with England.

For the same reason, orchids, real and artificial, are on view everywhere, since they were Edward's favorite flower. Finally, wooden beads. The fad has become a craze, and wooden beads, in black and colors, are as thick as locusts during the plague in Egypt.

Wedding Etiquette.—The bride drives to the church with her father, her mother, brother or whoever is going to give her away at the ceremony, and the maid of honor.

The bridesmaids await the bride's arrival in the porch of the church.

The bride walks up the church with her father, taking his arm, the bridesmaids following.

The bridegroom's relatives sit on the left and those of the bride on the right of the aisle.

The bride stands at the bridegroom's left hand, her father, mother or guardian who gives her away at her left hand.

The bride and bridegroom leave the church first, the bridesmaids following immediately.

The bride's mother, walking with the bridegroom's father or an usher, should be the next to leave, so that she may be at home in good time to receive the guests.

When sending a present address it to the bride.

Enclose a visiting card with the present with or without a few words of congratulation or affection.

The bride-to-be should never fail to acknowledge a wedding present on the day of its arrival. While expressing her own thanks, she should include those of the groom-to-be.

The bridegroom, with the best man, should await the bride in the church at the chancel steps.

And Let the One in Which the Bit of Cinder Lodges Alone.

Nine persons out of every ten with a cinder or any other foreign substance in the eye will instantly begin to rub it with one hand while hunting for a handkerchief with the other. This is all wrong. The right way is not to rub the eye with the cinder in it, but to rub the other as vigorously as you like.

A few months ago I was riding on the engine of a fast express. The engineer threw open the front window of the cab, and I caught a cinder in my eye, which gave me intense pain. I began to rub the eye desperately, when the engineer called to me:

"Let that eye alone and rub the other one."

Thinking he was chaffing me, I only rubbed the harder. "I know the doctors think they know it all, but they don't, and if you will let that eye alone and work on the other one you will soon have the cinder out," shouted the engineer.

I did as he directed and soon felt the cinder under near the inner canthus and made ready to take it out.

"Let it alone and keep at the wall eye," again shouted the engineer. I did so for a minute longer, and then, looking into a small glass the engineer handed me, I saw the offender on my cheek. I have tried it many times since, always with success.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Where History Began.

Describing a visit to the tombs of the Egyptian kings, Albert Bigelow Paine in Harper's Weekly writes of "the splendid tomb of Amenophis II., of the eighteenth dynasty, who lived in the glory of Egypt, 1800 B. C., a warrior who slew seven Syrian chiefs with his own hand. The top of the sarcophagus is removed and is replaced by heavy plate glass. Just over the sleeper's face there is a tiny electric globe, and I believe one could never tire of standing there and looking at that quiet visage, darkened by age, but beautiful in its dignity, unmoved, undisturbed by the storm and stress of the fretful years. How long he has been asleep! The Israelites were still in bondage when he fell into that quiet doze, and for their exodus a century or two later he did not care. Hector and Achilles and Paris and the rest had not yet battled on the plains of Troy."

Moral Suasion and a Strap.

"She seems to have abandoned her moral suasion ideas relative to the training of children." "She has." "How did it happen?" "Well, I was largely instrumental in bringing about the change. You see, she has no children of her own, and I grew weary of her constant preaching and theorizing, so I loaned her our Willie."

"Precisely. She was to have him a week on her solemn promise to confine herself entirely to moral suasion." "Did she keep her promise?" "She did, but at the expiration of the week she came to me with tears in her eyes and pleaded for permission to whale him just once."—New York Mail.

Confucius on Kingcraft.

"What is kingcraft?" demanded a disciple. Confucius replied, "Food enough, troops enough and a trusting people." "Were there no help for it which could be best spared of the three?" "Troops," said the master. "And were there no help for it which could be better spared of the other two?" "Food," said the master. "From of old all men die, but without trust a people cannot stand."

We find many men who are great and some men who are good, but very few men who are both great and good.—Colton.

Medical.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up" must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing-down pains; they must stoop when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidney ills only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

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