#### FARM NOTES.

-No one appreciates more the advantages of the range, the opportunity and inducement to take exercise, the animal feed, green stuff, and the otherwise wasted grains and weed seeds. But when the frost is on the pumpkin and things, and when the grasshoppers have attended their last hop, when the fields have all been gleaned over, then the range has nothing to offer the hens and pullets that are becoming thoughtful, and they are a great deal better off in a comfortable house, with a yard of moderate size, protected as far as possible from rains

range and put into winter quarters as soon as possible after October 1st. Nothing is to be gained by leaving them out at this season. The range is usually overstocked with growing stock now and the available feed supplies are very scanty. It is also a disadvantage for the fowls to be exposed to cold winds and rains. Colds and roup are very likely to appear under such conditions. Moreover, if the moving is delayed until extremely bad veather sets in the fowls are much more likely to develop colds while becoming adjusted to their new quarters than they will if the change is made earlier in the

-The stock must be well fed from this time on if winter eggs are sought. I suppose it is possible to make laying stock too fat to lay, but there is precious little danger of it in the case of pullets. As a longest sides and 3 inches across the longest sides and 3 inches across the narmatter of fact they are not going to lay till they are fat, they never do. There are just two secrets in the production of winter eggs. The first is to have fowls that are capable of laying eggs, and the second is to make them comfortable. Then you can't keep them from laying if you try. It is as natural for a young, healthy, comfortable hen to lay eggs as it is to eat. So put them in a comfortcorn, wheat, oats and dry or wet mash, and see them plump up, their combs red-den and the rooster hunting nesting

-There's a lot about these things that we see only through a glass darkly, and we believe a good many things that we which opens outside, and is fied with ribbon to keep it closed; on the inside pieces of the needle-book (in the bag) are sewed an emery and a tiny pincushion. This is a particularly good idea, for then they perienced they are the more they insist the fact. perienced they are the more they insist on barring pullets. In view of the fact that it is dead easy to get pullets to lay in winter or any other time if they are mature and get enough to eat, and in view of the other fact that it is about the niftiest sleight-of-hand trick in the expert's repertoire to get one and two-yearold hens to shell out. it would seem as if nature herself is pointing to the natural conclusion that we should use the pullets for the production of winter eggs and let the grandmas take care of the race.

-There is no more use in trying to get good, strongly fertilized eggs from hens that have been laying eggs all through the winter than there is in trying to eat any other particular kind of cake and have it too. Hens can lay eggs all winter and they can lay eggs of highest fertility of the silk or ribbon; make casing and holes in it as before; divide it in half and holes in it as before; divide it in half and and they can lay eggs or nignest tertility and vitality in the spring, but no one has yet found a way to get good hatching eggs from the hens that have been laying all winter and come to the breeding season exhausted and with a tired feeling. It is the cheerful, exuberant sort of hen that makes a good breeder. Hence and therefore if you expect to use the eggs. therefore, if you expect to use the eggs from your hens for hatching next season it is much wiser to turn your back on high winter prices and let the hens come through the winter with as few eggs to their credit as possible. The hen that lays 50 good, hatchable eggs between March 1st and May 31st is more profitable than the one that lays 100 before March

-The stock therefore that is intended for next season's breeders should not receive the same treatment given the winter layers. If they are now in comfortable and convenient quarters and with open range they may be left undisturbed, encouraged to take plenty of exercise and well but not heavily fed. They must be kept in good condition, however. It does not at all follow that because they are not to lay this winter they can be neglected. They do not need mashes or a large proportion of animal matter in the ration, but they should have an ample supply of grains, and do not make the fatal mistake of limiting the grain feeds to corn lie flat in one's trunk or suitcase. ter layers. If they are now in comfortake of limiting the grain feeds to corn alone. If the fowls are separated in this way, the pullets fed a good egg-produc-ing ration and kept more or less under restraint, while the older stock is encouraged to hope and labor on, the results will be much more satisfactory than the usual method of trying to wring winter eggs from everything that has feathers on, which usually results in a

lambs; others are afraid to castrate be-cause of probable losses from the opera-tion, and thus thousands of "buck" lambs reach the markets each year. When these lambs are more than two and one-half months old, they begin to develop a coarseness which increases rapidly with age. As their sex instinct develops they become very active in teasing the females in the flock and fighting among themselves. By this activity they not only reduce themselves in flesh, but all others in the flock. They become large and coarse in frame, and thin in flesh, a combination that places them in the cull grade when they reach the market. In many instances they show breeding and the care, such that they would have graded as choice had they been castrated ear ly in life. During the latter half of the summer season these "buck" lambs sell for at least one dollar a hundredweight less than choice lambs. On a hundred lambs averaging eighty pounds, this represents a loss of eighty dollars, not taking into account the loss of flesh which results from the fretful activity of ram lambs.—Prof. W. C. Coffey before Indiana Sheep Breeders.-National Stockman and

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be rue. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes

Bag beauty is especially interesting with Christmas so near at hand. A number may be made with little outlay. The smallest one is a "vanity bag," and may be made from a mere trifle. Cover two discs of thin cardboard which measures two and a half inches in diameter with silk; overhand them together; cut a piece of ribbon or silk five inches wide and ten inches long; turn under one and a halfinch hem, sew it, then run a second row of sewing half an inch from it to form a casing; divide the bag in half and make buttonhole on each side (two) for the —Hens and pullets that are intended for winter layers should be taken off the range and put into winter quarters as covered cardboard; turn; run the ribbon through then tie it in a knot. This bag should contain a tiny box of powder, a puff which comes with it, a doll's handglass, a small piece of soft face chamois, and there will be no excuse for a shiny

Materials needful-Two disks of cardboard; a piece of ribbon or silk 5 by 15 inches; one yard of baby ribbon; four square inches of chamois; a tiny box of powder with puff, and the doll's hand-

Next we will consider the jewel bag. It is decidedly useful for those who go away or remain at home for that matter, and

rowest part; cover these and fasten to-gether; make the bag the way you did the other, only using these larger propor-tions; make two chamois bags, tack them together with a few buttonhole stitches, then sew them inside the finished ribbon

or silk bag at the casing.
You will require a 10-cent piece of chamois; 1½ yards of No. 2 ribbon, or cord if liked better; 31 inches of ribbon, able, clean house and feed them well on 5 inches wide; two 4½ by 3 inch pieces of white card board.

> The work bag is a little more troublesome to make, perhaps, but proves a de-light when finished, because it is so complete; a needle book forms the bottom, which opens outside, and is tied with rib-

> Materials necessary-One yard of ribbon, 6 or 7 inches wide, or the same proportion of silk is nice; two pieces of thin flannel  $2\frac{1}{4}$  by 5 inches each; four pieces of card board 3 by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches each;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  yards of No. 2 ribbon, and a few needlefuls of sewing silk; a tiny emery and pin-

> To make-Cut the card board the proper size, then round the two corners on one end of each piece; baste two pieces lengthwise, with the straight ends about an eight of an inch apart, to form an oval; turn in the edges; fix the other two pieces the same, then overcast them alto-gether. The little space between is to allow the needlebook to close without breakstitches where the cardboard is separated. Sew the emery and cushion inside and run the ribbon through the casing; tie it in two little bows, and no one could ask

for anything nicer of the kind.

Persian silk or ribbon is about the smartest kind to use for this style. Then there are bags for blouses made three inches larger each way than a fold-

ed waist. These are similar to a pillow-case, with the addition of a flap. Have a large button and button-hole for the fast-ening. Make two bags of white linen or

lie flat in one's trunk or suitcase.

Our last bag is a broom bag, not dainty, perhaps, but much more practical than the cloth, which is sure to slip off just as the broom is in mid air, Burdens Lifted

and you in a great hurry.

My broom cover is an oblong piece of outing flannel, but Canton flannel will feathers on, which usually results in a lot of wasted endeavor in the winter and wasted eggs in the spring.

—The majority of the growers of native lambs neglect to castrate the ram lambs. The market denounces this neglect in unmistakable terms. Some growers are ignorant of the fact that "buck" in its case. It is then buttoned together in its case. It is then buttoned together at one side, and cannot become derang-

If these articles are any of them to perform the office of Christmas, Easter, birthday or anniversary gifts, as you work do not hurry; work slowly and thoughtfully; put pleasant anticipationss in with each stitch; you and your friend will every hear the program of the will experience more joy than ever be-fore, and the work will grow more quick-

ly and beautifully under your fingers.

Small things make up life. The addition of a writing table in a guest's own room makes all the difference between privacy for letter-writing and the reverse. This is quite easy to arrange, even when the house is full of visitors.

It is often possible to write a few let-ters before breakfast or before dressing for dinner, and it is always pleasant to feel that this can be done without upsetting any of the hostess' household arrangements. Such an arrangement, too, is often a great comfort to the hostess, for it gives her the necessary intervals of quiet for herself. If there are a large number of visitors she is apt to get very little leisure once the morning orders are given, as guests are inclined to fear that they may seem casual and unsociable if they elect to write a large number of letters in library or drawing room.

The Joke on the Jockey. A few years ago a famous jockey was engaged to ride the favorite in an important race. On the way to the post he found himself cantering alongside a rank outsider, the ...ount of a stable boy who had only just commenced riding.

"You'll have to be careful with that brute, B.," he remarked. "I've ridden him before, and you'll never be able to hold him."

B. thanked the crack for the hint and said that he would "do his best." Halfway through the race the outsider and another were in front, with the favorite close behind. Fancying that the others were in difficulties, the rider of the favorite shouted: "Pull out, B., and let me through!

I've got the race in hand." The crack was mistaken, however Looking back, the stable boy replied, with a grin:

"I would, but I can't hold him!" With which the novice let his hors have his head and shot away, the easiest of winners, to the chagrin of the crack, who finished second.

Happiness and Joy. Happiness, according to the original use of the term, is that which happens or comes to one by a hap-that is, by an outward befalling or favorable condition. It is what money yields or will buy-dress, equipage, fashion, luxuries of the table-or it is settlement in life, independence, love, applause, admiration, honor, glory, or the more conventional and public benefits of rank, political standing, victory, power -all these stir a delight in the soul, which is not of the soul or its quality, but from without; hence they are look ed upon as happening to the soul and, in that sense, create happiness. Joy differs from this as being of the soul itself, originating in its quality. And this appears in the original form of the word, which instead of suggesting a hap literally denotes a leap or spring. • • • The motion is outward and not toward, as we conceive it to be in happiness. It is not the bliss of condition, but of character.-Dr. Horace

Concealed Weapons.

Once in a college town the rumor that students were carrying concealed weapons reached the ears of the local police. The chief at once issued stringent orders that the heinous practice should be stopped. One day a group of them passed a policeman, and one of the students in so doing put his hand to his hip pocket. Then, as if recollecting himself in time, he hastily withdrew it and looked sheepishly at the policeman.

"What have you in that pocket?" the

latter asked sternly. Instead of answering, the student and all his companions, as if panic stricken, started to run. After a chase all the students were cornered and ordered to deliver up whatever they had in their hip pockets.

Meekly they obeyed. Each one carpolicemen cannot possibly be recorded.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Making History.

When Kinglake was writing his history of the Crimean war he received letters from all sorts of people concerned in the war. One day a letter with a deep black border came from two people in the colonies, husband and wife, describing their grief. Their only child had been killed in the Crimea. They wanted to have him mentioned in the "History of the Crimean War." Kinglake was touched and replied by post that he would do his best if they would send him the necessary particulars. Again a letter, also black bordered, full of thanks, but with the following conclusion: "We have no particulars whatever to give you. He was killed on the spot, like many others. but anything you may kindly invent FINE JOB PRINTING will be welcome. We leave it entirely to your imagination."-London Chron-

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To the Point. A little boy hurriedly entered a drug store and asked the clerk for a bottle of liniment and a bottle of china

"Why," said the clerk, "that's funny combination. What do you want with those things?" "Ma hit dad with a teacup and broke it!" exclaimed the boy.

Knocking Hubby.

"My husband thinks he is very economical," said the blue eyed woman. "He saves everything. One drawer of his desk is devoted to time tables, and he has some that are three years old."-Exchange.

A Matter of Taste. "Mister, you're wasting time sketching that old ruined bridge."

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