

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.

Hens and pullets that are intended for winter layers should be taken off the range and put into winter quarters as soon as possible after October 1st.

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.

There's a lot about these things that we see only through a glass darkly, and we believe a good many things that we can't prove, but there are a good many poultrymen that trust their faith to one and two-year-old hens as breeders as compared with pullets; and the more experienced they are the more they insist on barring pullets.

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.

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.

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, and you in a great hurry.

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" lambs are not as desirable as wether lambs; others are afraid to castrate because of probable losses from the operation, and thus thousands of "buck" lambs reach the markets each year.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have.

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.

Materials needed—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 tin box of powder with puff, and the doll's hand-glass.

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

You will require a 10-cent piece of chamois; 1 1/2 yards of No. 2 ribbon, or cord if liked better; 3 1/2 inches of ribbon, 5 inches wide; two 4 1/2 by 3-inch pieces of white card board.

The work bag is a little more troublesome to make, perhaps, but proves a delight when finished, because it is so complete; a needle book forms the bottom, which opens outside, and is tied with ribbon to keep it closed; on the inside pieces of the needle-book (in the bag) are sewed an emery and a tiny pin cushion.

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 eighth of an inch apart, to form an oval; turn in the edges; fix the other two pieces the same, then overcast them altogether. The little space between is to allow the needlebook to close without breaking the cardboard; sew up the remainder of the silk or ribbon; make casing and holes in it as before; divide it in half and pin it, along the straight sides of the book bottom. Sew the bag straight, and on the rounded ends put all the fullness evenly.

Then there are bags for floors made three inches larger each way than a folded waist. These are similar to a pillowcase, with the addition of a flap. Have a large button and button-hole for the fastening. Make two bags of white linen or line; bind with blue or pink wash and outline initials or the word "blouse" on one side with thread to match the bindings. Two of these make a most acceptable gift.

Then there is the ever acceptable stocking bag and the bag for flange ribbons, the rubber-lined bag for toilet ribbons, when going away, shoe and corset bags, all of which should be closed with snaps, and not with draw-strings, so they will lie flat in one's trunk or suitcase.

My broom cover is an oblong piece of outing flannel, but Canton flannel will answer the purpose, though not as pretty, from which the two lower corners are cut, leaving a sort of octagonal; the small bottom of the bag is made into a faced opening; when the broom handle is put through the long, open side of the bag, and dropped through the end opening, the straws will be held securely together in its case. It is then buttoned together at one side, and cannot become deranged.

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 anticipations in with each stitch; you and your friend will experience more joy than ever before, and the work will grow more quickly and beautifully under your fingers.

It is often possible to write a few letters 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 uncaring 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 mount 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."

"I would, but I can't 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 horse 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, equipment, 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 looked upon as happening to the soul and, in that sense, create happiness.

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.

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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."

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and when he was plain Mr. Grantham. On one occasion, while he was delivering an address, a man got up in the audience and shouted excitedly, "It's a lie!" "Thanks," said the future judge. "It's a lie!" shouted the excited one again. "You're a gentleman," said Mr. Grantham sarcastically. "It's a lie!" burst out his opponent again, carried away by his wrath, but the general laughter which arose at his answer recalled him to himself again, and he sat down discomfited.—London M. A. P.

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 cement.

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." "Indeed?" "Yes; there's a fine new steel bridge just a mile farther on."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Our opinion of ourselves, like our shadow, makes us either too big or too little.—Bronze.

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