

FARM NOTES.

Never put hot water directly into the cream. There is a great deal of humanity in axle grease. Late-hatched pullets will come in profit in a month or so. A draft horse should have a large chest and square shoulders. You want water not quite 200 degrees hot to scald chicks just right. Much of the success with hogs depends upon keeping them free from lice. Don't keep the colts tied up in stalls day in and day out. It will ruin the best colts. It pays to brush the sows with a good stiff brush. Try it and see how they enjoy it. The colts must have exercise while growing, to develop its muscles and tendons. If too many rich table scraps are fed to the hens in confinement look out for soft-shelled eggs. Cracks in the bottom of the rack will swallow up more grain than the sheep eat, and fat nothing at that. A man need not be an expert to begin poultry culture, but he needs to be more or less expert to succeed. A reliable thermometer should always be kept handy and used. Guesswork doesn't pay when making butter. Clover or alfalfa hay, with a light ration of wheat bran and linsed-meal and roots, is the ideal ration for the ewes. Many dealers object to eggs with pale yolks. When you find yours are getting that way, put a little more corn in the ration. When you buy a horse do you look at his knees? If they are all marked up, make careful inquiry as to the cause of stumbling on the road. Do not give the hogs frozen swill. Do not give them frozen or half-frozen vegetables. It will upset the stomach, cause indigestion and a loss in condition. Eggs overwashed in water lose the beautiful fresh appearance they have when first laid. Add a bit of vinegar to the water and use as little water as possible. Remember that the colt has a small stomach, and must be fed with care and intelligence. A colt crammed with coarse food, develops into a pot-bellied, dyspeptic, colicky horse. Musty hay causes cough, and throws the sheep and lambs off their feed for a day or more, then being hungry they eat too much, causing stomach and intestinal derangement; then they drink too much water. When chaff or other particles get into the eye of an animal, syringe or sponge the eye frequently with clean, cold water containing sulphate of zinc, one grain to each ounce of water. Keep the stable darkened. A bit of experience with damp floors: The upper sash of the windows were taken out and muslin placed there instead, and the dampness entirely disappeared. The theory of this seems to be that the moisture rising escaped through the muslin, instead of remaining in the house. There are many days in this month when it is unfit for fowls to be outdoors. For that reason they should be supplied with a good-sized house, and the floor heavily littered so they may exercise and keep in good health. The premises must be kept perfectly clean. Filthy quarters breed disease, and diseased poultry is not profitable. Hilly land is especially adapted to the raising of sheep. They are almost as good as goats for clearing brushy land. Besides, sheep give two good money crops every year, one in the wool and the other in the lambs to be sold. Make a beginning by purchasing a few good ewes and a good ram. The flock will soon increase in size and the feed they consume will scarcely be missed. The Frenchman's method of working stallions makes the animals very obedient, which is due to three things: The Frenchman is very severe on his horses. He breaks them to work early and he works them steady. His horses are usually of a good disposition. When a team of several of these stallions are halted only the lead horse is tied, and all usually stand quietly. A few more animals on the farm will increase the profits next year. Animals consume coarse foods and convert them into high-priced articles of food. They furnish a market for your grain, hay and grazing plants and leave your fertility for the soil. They add interest and variety to farm life and often give incentive for your boys and girls to remain. Try a few more good animals. Fruit growers find fertilizers useful in producing profitable fruit crops. Barnyard manure is good; so are commercial fertilizers when properly used. Fertilizers are seldom applied when orchards are first set, as this is not likely to be needed. Most soils, unless badly run down, produce good growth during the early life of the tree. Fertilizers, if needed, should be applied after the trees begin to bear. Investigations of the Ohio Experiment Station indicate that a great percent of catalpa stock distributed in the past has been spurious and on account of the shortage of seed last year the practice may be expected to assume greater proportions, and prospective planters next spring are warned to take every measure possible to ascertain the reliability of seed purchased for the next season from this seed crop. Something queer about hens and even chicks turning cannibals and eating each other up alive. The best explanation so far is that birds that do this need more meat to eat. A bit of a scratch comes on some hen, and the rest see the red spot or the drop of blood, and out of curiosity pick it off. That gives them a taste of the blood, and at it they go to devour the poor creature. If plenty of meat scraps is given the chances are that you never will have any trouble of this kind.

POOR FIDO WAS KICKED OUT

Mistress Didn't Grieve Over His Illness After Learning He Was Out of Fashion.

The late Mrs. Sue Landon Vaughan, who originated Memorial day, had always a great love for humanity and a great contempt for such things as obstructed the free play of humanitarianism. "Mrs. Vaughan," said a Washington veteran, "regarded lap dogs as obstructions to humanitarianism, and she had no belief in the sincerity of the average society woman's affection for her lap dog. There's a lap-dog story she often used to tell. "A man—so the story runs—came down to breakfast one morning to find his wife in tears. "Oh," she sobbed, "what shall I do? Poor little Fido is ill, and the dog doctor says his case is serious. Oh, what will become of me if anything happens to my precious little Pomeranian Fido!" "The man comforted his wife as well as he could, and that evening he came home early in order to administer more comfort to her. "To his amazement, however, he found her, on his return, seated at the piano, singing one of the gayest airs from 'The Count of Luxembourg.' "Why," he stammered, "why, when I left home this morning Fido was ill and you were heartbroken, while now—now—" "Strumming gayly, she glanced at him over her shoulder. "You see, dear," she said, "Mrs. Van Astorbilt called this afternoon, and she told me that Pomeranians are not fashionable any longer. Everything is Pekinese spaniels now. So I dried my eyes and kicked Fido out."

ALMOST LIKE A COMPLIMENT

Woman of 33 Couldn't Feel Angry at Youth Who Addressed Her as "Kiddo."

Pumps are not the easiest things to keep on one's feet. A woman who was hurrying on her way to work found out that a foot can fall right out of a pump if the edge of a barrel stave is trod upon at the proper angle. She righted herself with a scuff and a shuffle and managed to get the shoe on again without having to relinquish all her native dignity. As she was going through the performance, however, which didn't take more than a second all told, one of those easy-mannered, sociable young striplings who abound in wholesale houses and are usually to be found on the sidewalks in the capacity of shipping clerks or stencillers, brushed by with a loud, "Hey, there, Kiddo, don'tcher fall!" The girl friend who was with the pump woman looked indignant. "The ideal!" she cried. "Did you hear that insolent puppy call out to you as we passed? Why are you laughing? It was most insulting, my dear. If I were only a man, I'd—" "Tut, tut, Mabel, dear. I don't mind a bit. I suppose I ought to resent it, but—but—you noticed he called me 'Kiddo'?" "Yes, that was the horrid part—so vulgarly impudent." The woman smiled. "Well, you see, dear, I just couldn't feel mad at that chap. It—it—seemed sort of—a compliment! I'll be thirty-three my next birthday!"

Insurance Against Hail.

Switzerland is undoubtedly one of the countries where insurance against hail has made most progress. It may be said that there is not a single canton where there are not some persons insured against this scourge of the farmer, and all the products grown in the country (cereals, fruit, vegetables, etc.) may be guaranteed against hail risks with the national insurance companies. The Swiss Hall Insurance company was formed as far back as 1824, and during the 26 years that it has been in existence it has been joined by the greater number of the farmers of the country, the other company which is working this branch of insurance, of Neuchatel, being a local concern which insures only the vineyards of the neighborhood. From 1884 to 1908 about 14,000,000 francs was paid into the coffers of the Swiss company in premiums, and during the same period it paid out about 10,000,000 francs for the satisfaction of claims. In 1908 alone the premiums paid by the Swiss farmers for insurance against hail amounted to 1,076,606 francs.

Not What She Needed Most.

"I am sending you a thousand kisses," he wrote to his fair young wife who was spending her first month away from him. Two days later he received the following telegram: "Kisses received. Landlord refuses to accept any of them on account." Then he woke up and forwarded a check.

Needed in Her Business.

Madge—You seem to be enjoying your vacation. Marjorie—If I'd known there would have been so many young men to get engaged to I'd have brought along my card index system from the office.

Careful Man.

"When I got back from my vacation my husband had only one soiled dish for me to wash." "He washed the others, eh?" "It seems he only used one dish,"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

PLACE FOR FASHION HINTS

Policeman's Wife Rejoices Over His Promotion to the Fifth Avenue Squad.

When it was reported that the cross street policeman had been promoted to the Fifth Avenue squad the policeman's wife declared that she was the happiest woman in New York. "Oh, it isn't the salary," she said, "nor the honor. I don't know whether he will get any more money or not, and as for the honor, he had enough of that where he was. But the fashions; just think of the hints he will pick up on them. For the last five years I have been sick with envy of the Fifth Avenue policemen's wives every time I went to a policeman's ball. They looked so chic. When asked where they got their ideas they said: "Why, from my husband, of course. He is right in the center of fashion, and he takes notes and comes home and tells me things. Then when I get my clothes made up he can compare me with the women he sees every day and tell whether I look just right or not." "Now it is my turn to crow. My husband's eye for clothes is as keen as any man's, and there won't be much in the way of style that will escape him. Oh, yes, no doubt he will be kept pretty busy managing the traffic, but you can trust him to find out how the new clothes are made, just the same."

OPIUM PROBLEM IS SERIOUS

Where the Poppy is No Longer Cultivated in China, Bees Stop Making Honey.

Some unexpected results are found from the movement against the production of opium in China. In the Yunnan, one of the provinces where opium was produced in large quantities and at a low price and where a great deal of it was consumed, it appears that the poppy is no longer cultivated, owing to the recent measures, and the poppy fields have quite disappeared, according to the statements made by Doctors Talbot and Rigaud. However, this has had a disastrous effect on the honey culture of the region. In fact, the honey from Yunnan was renowned for its quality, but as the bees find no more flowers, the production of honey is stopped as well. The new crops which replace the poppy, such as wheat or peas, are not such as will give honey yield as well. On another side of the question, it appears that the habits of the population are not suppressed by the present legislation, as some supposed would be the case, but according to Doctor Talbot, opium-smoking is again on the increase.—Scientific American.

Good Effects of Heat Wave.

According to an eminent medical authority in England, who has been talking about the heat wave and its effects on the general health of the community, a shade temperature of 97 degrees is an excellent thing for a number of people provided they are strong enough to stand it. "To live for a few days in a continual state of perspiration," said this doctor to M. A. P., "is about as good a health revolver as there is; it really induces the same result as the fasting cure, but in a better way. It clears the system thoroughly. The only drawback to this perspiring cure is that some people find it extremely weakening; those who do should take sustaining food, but little or no meat. A glass of port wine is advisable in cases where the heat has a very lowering effect on the vitality. I have seen a number of cases of nervous depression, neuralgia, and bad indigestion completely cured during the last few days simply as the result of the sufferer living in Nature's Turkish bath for a few days."

Too Much for the English.

I was out with a party of English and American friends the other day. We had organized a river picnic in search of sylvan glades and cool breezes. The bells of the party was a lovely young American lady, a very "Edith of the swan's neck." She held the audience with original portrayals of the free American woman's way of doing. A fine stalwart Briton, who saw all his protective instincts thwarted, and who wages war against the suffragettes, broke out at last with stern disapproval. "If you were my sister," he observed, "I would have you shut up under lock and key." There was an appalling pause. "Well, I guess," said that American, "that you know your sister." The American half of the company were convulsed and I began to wonder if the English really lack humor.—Black and White.

A Tennessee Romance.

A St. Louis man went down into Tennessee the other day to freshen memories of his youth. In the course of looking up everybody he called upon an old negro mammy who is a fixture upon the place. "What's new, mammy?" he asked. "Well, Marse Bob, they ain't no nuthin' new 'cept Nellie's gwine marry Lee," she said. "That trifling nigger Lee, mammy? How did that happen?" "Ah don't know, Marse Bob. You see, Nellie's got a home an' a stove, an' fall's a comin' on. Ah 'spects that nigger Lee's jes' fixin' to baffle the winter, Marse Bob."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Femininity Analyzed.

"If a woman took infinite pains to reveal herself to a husband or a lover just as she really is, he would think she was suffering from some incurable mental disease. A few of us indicate our true natures in hysterical outbursts, fits of bitterness and suspicion; but this involuntary frankness is generally discounted by some subtle deceit."—"The Dangerous Age," by Karin Michaels.

Keeping Child's Ears Straight.

When there is any danger of baby's ears growing out it is a good plan to let him wear at night a small open-work bonnet of cambric or nainsook, which will help to keep the ears flat. Care should be taken that it is not in the least tight and so prove uncomfortable for the little sleeper.

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