

FACTS FOR FARMERS

AGRICULTURAL NOTES AND HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

How to Make Farm Work Easier and Home Brighter.

Poultry yards should have some kind of shade provided for the hens. Ducks suffer greatly if exposed to the heat of the sun the whole day. A piece of muslin or brush arranged in the corner of the yard will answer the purpose.

To destroy the striped cucumber bug a reader writes: "Take half a peck of plaster, one and one-half table-spoonfuls of cayenne pepper, and mix the substances well. Sprinkle a quantity on each hill and the plants. I have used this remedy for years, and never lose a vine from the bugs."

A subscriber wishes to know how to destroy ants in the garden. It is very difficult to destroy them or drive them away, as the substance that are disagreeable to the ants often injure the plants; but one of the best remedies is to fill their holes with strong soap-suds to which a small quantity of kerosene has been added.

If you have a few choice plants exposed to the attacks of cut-worms which surround the stems with strips of folded newspaper. It will prove a perfect protection and will cost less than birch bark or tin. Last year while away from home a dozen tomato plants set in the usual way in my garden were nearly all destroyed in two or three days. This year, of more than two dozen, set with a fence of folded newspapers around each, not one has been touched, and yet cut-worms are abundant in the garden.

It seems to be well settled that active exercise or excitement lessens the proportion of butter in milk. How important the application of these facts are to profitable dairying must be evident to any one. Those who have been in the habit of driving their cows long distances to pasture, and returning them in the evening to be milked, will see the necessity of discontinuing this, or if that can not be done, they will see the propriety of driving them as steadily and leisurely as possible. Any large amount of exercise is at the expense of the yield and quality of the milk, but excitement from rough treatment is most unprofitable of all, and a dairyman who employs a rough, passionate milker among his cows does little better than he who worries them with a dog.

Milk when fresh is a perfect emulsion, the fat globules being free and without an envelope. The chief differences in the composition of normal milks are due to variations in the amount of fat, the remainder of the milk, known as milk serum, being quite uniform in composition in all milks. The variation in the amount of serum solids, in milk from the same cow is rarely more than one-half per cent, in milk from different cows of the same breed is usually less than one per cent, and in milk from cows of different breeds not more than two and one-half per cent. This holds true even when the fat varies as much as seven or eight per cent. Milk contains a principle analogous to or identical with blood fibrine, which is capable of spontaneous coagulation, the clots of which entangle the fat globules and to a considerable extent prevent an efficient creaming. The most efficient creaming is obtained when conditions are supplied which retard or prevent the coagulation of fibrin. This may, in practice, be best accomplished by setting the milk directly after milking in cold water (ice water is best), the creaming vessel to be of bright tin or other metal that can easily be kept clean. When the milk is transported or when for any reason the setting must be delayed, no method of creaming gives as satisfactory results as the centrifugal.

In no class in the world is there such a general lack of taste as among our farmers. They seem to think that taste is of no importance whatever, something which they have nothing to do with, and if they only attend to the important duties of the farm everything that goes to make up appearances can be neglected. One way in which they show want of taste is in the surroundings of their dwellings. They will leave an ox cart, sled or hayrick in the door-yard, or in close proximity to the house, rather than be at the trouble of moving them a rod or two further, where they would not be so unsightly, or of putting them under cover, where they belong. Some will have piles of manure, heaps of stones, or large piles of wood and timber, left where they will give an air of slovenliness to the homestead, no matter how new or handsome the buildings may be. As a general thing the arrangement of hog pens is objectionable. These buildings are generally placed at the northerly or westerly side of sheds and other outbuildings, in close adjacency to the farmhouse, and where the foul odors are always going into the kitchen or sitting room. Every farmer does not indeed exhibit this want of taste, for scattered here and there among our valleys and hill-sides is many a sylvan home showing an appreciation of the tasteful and the beautiful highly creditable to the proprietor. Let not the farmer think it is beneath him to attend to such things, nor consider that time lost which he spends in making the surroundings of his house tasteful and attractive.

HOUSEHOLD

Cracker jars are an attractive novelty, and in many families where crackers are extensively used at meal times these may be used as a pleasing as well

as useful addition. They are of china, prettily decorated, have a close-fitting cover, and are about the size of an ordinary quart tin fruit can. As their capacity is not large, several of them may be used on the table at one time.

A recent prize offered by an Eastern horticultural society for the largest money product from a given area of small fruits was awarded to a strawberry grower, whose sales from two acres amounted to more than seven hundred dollars; and Mr. E. P. Roe, in Play and Profit in My Garden, has told us how he secured a gross return of slightly more than two thousand dollars from the same amount of land. In the report of the last annual meeting of the New Jersey Horticultural Society the following are given as some of the yields obtained by its members, "although the season had been uniformly bad." Early cabbage produced \$435 per acre; early tomatoes, \$585 per acre; asparagus, four acres returned \$900; seven acres, \$1,000; four acres, \$200 per acre, and some instances as high as \$300 per acre.

For a common wrap for the baby carriage a little comforter made of the pretty blue and cream-colored lawn-tennis cloth is both serviceable and tasteful. Put one thickness of wadding between the outside and the lining, and catch it in place with bright embroidery—silk or crewel or even saxon yarn will do—on the light-colored stripe. This may be done with single cross-stitch, or in the form of small stars.

A particularly rustic and charming effect can be produced with the stems of the grapevine and the five-leaved ivy or woodbine. The former should be about as thick as a slender finger and cut into lengths of ten inches, that they may be easily handled, and holes can then be made with a penknife about an inch from each end of the pieces. A piece of steel hoop is then passed through these holes and the ends burned to make them bend, that it may be fastened. The distances should be evenly arranged, and another piece of hoop passed through the upper ends in the same manner, breaking off the steel so as to make the basket thirteen inches in diameter. The sticks should be two inches apart, and three more pieces of hoop should be put at equal distances from top to bottom, that the weight of earth may not split the sticks. Pieces of hoop are then fastened across the bottom, and vines of the five-leaved ivy are woven around the hoops at the top and bottom of the basket, and, also, around the middle, not forgetting a long handle of support of the same material. The basket should be lined with moss, and it is then ready for the earth and plants.

I want to tell you of my ways of using scraps of worsted, zephyr, germentown, etc. From the time I was 7 years old crocheting has been my occupation while learning a recitation or lesson, in fact, in committing anything to memory. Consequently, in over ten years' saving of odds and ends, I had on hand a large amount of many different colors. First, I sorted out everything gray or bordering upon that color and then started to make an underskirt for a little girl. I crocheted as far as the knees in plain stitch with the gray pieces, making all the knots come on the under side. Then I joined on the different colors in ribbed crochet, not using more than one color for any one round and oftener putting three or four colors in one round. This band I made about four inches deep. I then finished the length required in gray, and as that color then gave out, crocheted on a red scalloped edging about an inch and a half deep. The completed skirt was prettier than one would imagine, and besides it was so very warm. As this did not use up all my wool I crocheted the rest into four-inch squares, which, when joined, made a very pretty afghan, though a trifle "crazy" looking on account of the numerous colors.

SARCASTIC—"Now, my friend, what will you do with all that money?" said an old gentleman to a tramp to whom he had given a nickel.

Tramp (gazing at the coin)—Well, I guess I'll go to the races and bet some of it. If I lose I reckon I'll spend the summer at Asbury Park instead of going to Saratoga.

AT LONELEYVILLE IN JULY.—He (tenderly)—Do you know what makes me linger here, and why I have not left this little village two weeks ago?

She (archly)—Perhaps you are waiting for money to pay your board.

VERY ODD.—Fangle.—Why does Van Dubur paint all his angels blondes?

Fadman.—Can't imagine. Van Dauber's own wife is a brunette, too.

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HUMOROUS.

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"Is that all? Why didn't you say so at first, instead of scaring me half to death for fear you were after the furniture, which isn't quite paid for. Come in."

THEY HAD MET BEFORE—"Now, sir," began the attorney for the defense, knitting his brows and preparing to annihilate the witness whom he was about to cross-examine, "you say your name is Williams. Can you prove that to be your real name? Is there anybody in the court room who can swear that you haven't assumed it for purposes of fraud and deceit?"

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