

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Agricultural Hints.

Not only have trees about the farm-house, but also have them in the pasture by the watering place, near the barn, and wherever cattle, horses and sheep are to be provided for.

To remedy cabbage worms, make a strong solution of lime water, pour it over the cabbage in the evening; if the lime water is made strong, there will be no live worms left that the water touches.

A little dry sand covered over potatoes when they are first put in the cellar will destroy any unpleasant odor they may have. A sprinkling of dry air-slaked lime will mitigate a tendency to rot.

One of the plainest indications of unsuccessful farming is to see mature going to waste, or unemployed. When this is seen there is no need of looking beyond the stables and yards to find out the condition of the farm, or to judge of the success of its owner.

Good hen manure from fowls which have been liberally fed is worth as much as guano. It should be put into barrels as soon as taken up from the chicken house, kept in a dry place till wanted, a little plaster mixed with it, and before using pounded up fine. Apply it same as guano.

Corn-cobs dipped into molasses and suspended from limbs in the plum trees has saved many a crop of plums for a farmer. He has done this for many years with success. The curculion will lay his brood into the sweetened corn-cob instead of the plums. From six to twelve prepared corn-cobs are sufficient for an ordinary-sized tree.

The practice of washing sheep before shearing is very disagreeable and unnecessary. Nothing is gained in the price of wool—in fact, the usual deduction made by wool buyers for unwashed wool leaves an advantage to the seller. The practice is dangerous to health of both men and sheep, and may well be abolished.

The thriftest calves should be closely watched when turned out to pasture, lest they be attacked with "black-quarter." This is the effect of too rank and watery food, which impairs digestion. An ounce of Epsom salts may be given with advantage to each calf when turned out, as a precaution against this frequent danger.

The Troy Times says: A farmer who has had ten years' experience in Colorado claims to have found a sure remedy for the potato-bug scourge. His plan is simply to plant one or two flax seeds in each hill of potatoes. He says the bugs will shun it every time; and for ten years he has been successful in raising potatoes while others have failed. The proposed remedy is simple and costs almost nothing to try it.

Discussions from time to time occupy pages of print as to whether worm-eaten peas or other seeds will grow. Some assert positively they will not, and others are certain that they will. The fact is that if the weevil does not injure the germ they will grow as well as if there were no holes in them, but if they eat out the germ the pea cannot grow. This is the whole matter in a nutshell.

It has been proven that by planting in drills a larger yield of corn can be produced than from hills. In place of hills three feet apart each way, make drills three and a half feet apart, and drop the seed every eighteen inches. In the first case there are 4,840 hills and in the latter 3,400 to the acre. Two stalks may be grown in each hill, or if there are three stalks in the former case, there will be 14,820 stalks and 16,800 in the latter; with one good ear to the stalk—which is possible—there will be 115 bushels in the one case and 168 in the other to the acre. If this is possible, and there is no doubt of it, why, then, should it not be attempted?

Household Hints.

To take fresh paint off a woolen garment, rub the spot with stale bread until removed.

To make hands soft, mix honey, olive oil and almond meal; use when washing, then wear gloves.

Carbolic acid may be used with satisfactory results during the summer months to destroy ants and as a disinfectant.

To remove iron mold from linen, wash the spots in a strong solution of cream of tartar and water. Repeat if necessary and dry in the sun.

To remove ink spots on floors, rub with sand wet in oil of vitriol and water. When the ink is removed, rinse with strong pearl-ash water.

To clean tinware, damp a cloth and dip in common soda, and rub the ware briskly, after which wipe dry. Any blackened ware can be made to look as good as new.

A sure cure for warts is a paste of willow ashes and strong vinegar. Four or five applications are necessary. Apply like any other plaster, moistening occasionally with vinegar.

Rusty stovepipe may be made to look nearly as good as new by simply rubbing it over with a bit of cloth moistened with sweet oil. By coating the entire pipe, joints which are unlikely in appearance will be uniform and display a nice luster.

To take the brown discoloration off of cups in which custards are baked, rub with damp flannel dipped in the best whiting. Silver spoons darkened by acids or from using them for boiled eggs can be brightened by taking a little moistened salt between the thumb and finger and briskly rubbing the stain, which will soon disappear.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

News and Notes for Women.

Theodora Victoria Augusta Marianne May is the name of Queen Victoria's great-grandchild.

Cincinnati belles now wear necklaces of alternate dimes and gold dollars, with half-dollar pendants.

One hundred women doctors graduated at the last term of the University of Zurich, Switzerland.

A lady of Scotchtown, Pa., has a pet cat which takes its meals at the table. It sits up at the table with a bib pinned around it, and is fed with a silver spoon.

Eva Schlemmer, a young schoolgirl of Memphis, Tenn., has received a gold medal from the Howards for heroic conduct as a nurse during the yellow fever epidemic last year.

Women members of the Church of Scotland have equal voting power with the men. They have a majority over the men in the organization of nearly 79,000, so that the management of the Church of Scotland is, as far as suffrage goes, in the hands of women.

Miss Stanton, a daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, is to be one of the lecturers next winter. Miss Stanton has had five years' training at Vassar College and two at the Boston School of Oratory. She is very beautiful. Her subjects are "A Solid South" and "Edmund Burke."

Miss Gardner, of Boston, has obtained an honorable mention for her picture, "At the Fountain," exhibited in the Paris Salon this year. Miss Gardner is believed to be the only American lady who has ever been granted this distinction or a prize of any kind at a French exhibition of fine arts.

A quaint writer says: I have seen women so delicate that they were afraid to ride a horse for fear of the horse running away; afraid to sail, for fear the boat might upset; afraid to walk, for fear they might fall; but I have never seen one afraid to be married, which is far more risky than all the others put together.

Women do the work of "longshoremen on the wharves of St. Johns, Newfoundland. When the time arrives for vessels from Southern Europe, Brazil, West Indies and elsewhere, to take aboard their cargoes of salt cod, herring, etc., files of females with tucked-up gowns, bare arms and coarse brogans may be seen along the wharves, carrying flat barrows of fish to and fro. Each barrow has four handles and is borne by two women. They perform the same labor as men at this business, but their pay is inferior. Women also go on the "summer voyage" to Labrador, and act severally in the capacities of "splitters," "salters" and "headers."

Grace Greenwood writes: Never unsex yourself for greatness. The worship of one true heart is better than the wonder of the world. Don't trample on the flowers while longing for the stars. Live up to the full measure of life; give way to your impulses, loves and enthusiasms; sing, smile, labor and be happy. Adore poetry for its own sake; yearn, strive after excellence; rejoice when others attain it; feel for contentment; pour a loving glory; steal into your country's heart; glory in its greatness, exult in its power, honor its gallant men, immortalize its matchless women.

Fashion Notes.

Basques are made of different material from the costume.

Broad belts are worn with most toilets and costumes.

The little muslin mantle bordered with lace is worn with colored wraps.

Waists that are made open at the throat invariably have chemisettes.

Half-mourning hats are trimmed with black and white striped or plaid ribbon.

Feather trimming is the best finish for dresses of the new muslin delaine called widow's cloth.

Shirred hats of crepe batiste, trimmed with Algerian silk, are worn to match costumes.

Henrietta cloth is still the standard material for deep mourning dresses all the year around.

Shirred bonnets and round hats are made of the pieces of the costume with which they are worn.

Five knife-plaited bonnets are placed on the skirts of some of the gingham gowns. The overskirts are draped high on the sides and looped in the back.

A white India mull scarf is a novelty for trimming round hats. It can either be wound around the neck as a scarf or used as a veil when necessary.

When satin is used to trim cashmere dresses it should match them exactly. When contrast is required, stamped velvet, Pekin or brocade should be employed.

New scarf ties of India mull, folded double, are gathered at each end like three or four runnings almost like a tassel, the lace at the extreme ends being gathered closely together.

The coat waists that are worn with skirts of a different material are usually dark. Silk and velvet Pekin is used for these waists, the velvet matching the skirt and the silk being of a bright tint.

Dotted Swiss muslin trimmed with plain Swiss and platings of footings is a new combination. Very large bows of black ribbon are worn with gowns made of this material when they are intended for mourning.

Thread mitts in all colors are now imported and are less expensive than silk ones, while they are capable of more service. The crepe mitts are the most

useful, for they can be worn with any color, and also with black or white.

The newest walking boot for ladies are cut on the same principle as gentlemen's shooting boot; the front of the boot and the tongue in front are cut in one and the laced pieces open out wide, so that there is no pressure on the instep, and they are slipped on and off easily. This renders them very convenient for excursions.

The Power of Music.

Many of us, most of us, have aspirations and emotions for the expression of which in words it is as if we were voiceless and dumb, but which find full and ready expression in music; even though I have sometimes thought, the words which we freight with them might be more jargon. Under the right circumstances, and given only a touch, a tone, a sudden remembrance, anything to unlock the emotions, and the song goes forth, telling for every individual singer a different story. Perhaps this is most noticeable in the midst of sympathetic numbers, as in the crowds who used to meet together and sing out all their secret feeling in the strange, unreal light of the Chicago Tabernacle. I shall never forget a face which I saw there one stormy, winter afternoon; one which touched me more than any other of the many expressive faces which I used to see there full of emotion day after day. It was only an every-day face, that of a worn, old woman, dressed in deep mourning; and, with family and friendly groups on every side of her, seeming so alone in her loneliness and old age. Was there anything in the words of the song, in the singing of which she joined with her tremulous tones, which could fitly express the emotion that filled her face and voice. The song was only one of the most commonplace of the many changes rung on the dear old notes, yet the words came to my ear freighted with her loneliness and yearning, until I longed to place gently my own in her poor, tired, empty hands, if happily mine could, in any measure, fill their emptiness; to say a word which might brighten the poor, withered old face, so utterly pathetic in its far-off look of longing. Such a strangely, far-away look it was, as if the yearning eyes had sent their gaze over the ocean in search of the lost ones, to where, mayhap, their graves were made in "the old country," and failing to find them there, had gone straight on into the heavenly land.

Did she find them? Who knows? But the song, whose musical strains gave voice that day to her longing for the dear dead faces, will always be to her in very truth a "sacred song." To one heart, at least, a cool, critical analysis of its composition would be sacrilege. To one or another of us, perhaps, this would be true in regard to every one of the familiar old songs. It is too late; we could not criticize them if we would. Love is blind, and we love them every one!—Sunday Afternoon.

Attend carefully to details of your business. Consider well, then decide positively. Dare to do right. Fear to do wrong. Endure trials patiently. Fight life's battle bravely, manfully. Go not in society of vicious. Hold integrity sacred. Injure not another's reputation or business. Join hands only with the virtuous. Keep your mind from evil thoughts. Lie not for any consideration. Make few acquaintances. Never try to appear what you are not. Observe good manners. Pay your debts promptly. Question not the veracity of a friend. Respect the counsel of your parents. Sacrifice money rather than principle. Touch not, taste not, handle not injurious things. Use your leisure time for improvement. Venture not upon the threshold of wrong. Watch carefully over your passions. Extend to every one a kindly salutation. Yield not to discouragement. Zealously labor for the right. And success is certain.

The Zulu Assegai. The shaft of this instrument of warfare is about five feet long and about as thick as a man's little finger. It is made of wood known to botanists as the curatissa of jujubea, not unlike the mahogany, brittle and elastic, the latter quality giving the spear a vibratory motion, on which its accuracy of flight depends. The head of the weapon is generally blade-shaped, with a raised edge along the center, concave on one side and convex on the other, being like the feathers of an arrow. The tongue of the head is made red hot, and so burns its way into the wood, around which a band of wet rawhide is bound; that contracting as it dries, holds the head as firmly as an iron ring. The Zulus fling these weapons with great accuracy, and they carry oral rawhide shield impervious to these darts to cover their entire bodies. Besides three or four missile assegais a Zulu soldier carries a shorter and stronger stabbing assegai.

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