

add one teaspoonful of cornstarch to every six teaspoonfuls of salt.—*New England Farmer.*

Farm laborers are in great demand just now in Ontario, it being impossible to procure men at any price. The immigration offices are daily besieged with farmers looking out for men and offering high wages for the next three months. Excellent reports are given of the crops from all parts.

A correspondent writing to the *New York Tribune* from Ithaca, New York, gives the following recipe as the best for poisoning English sparrows: "Dissolve arseniate of soda in warm water at the rate of an ounce to a pint; pour this upon as much wheat as it will cover (in a vessel which can be closed so as to prevent evaporation), and allow it to soak for at least twenty-four hours. Dry the wheat so prepared, and it is ready for use." It should be distributed in winter in places where the sparrows congregate, but where domestic fowls will not be endangered, and a quick decrease in their numbers is certain to follow.

Capt. Garston, late Royal artillery, who last fall purchased the Lawrence farm at Wallbrook, Annapolis Co., has this spring planted 16 acres of orchard. The trees look finely; scarcely one has failed to live.

OUR COSY CORNER.

The "Season," an excellent fashion publication with first-rate colored illustrations, is to hand for the month of August. We extract from it the following:—It would be well to say a few words on the fashionable tea-jacket—a mode come up quite of late. Dressmakers vie with each other in bringing out lovely models of these dainty articles, now considered, like the tea-gown, a necessary part of a lady's wardrobe. A lovely jacket is made of old-pink faille gauged at the back to suit the figure, and open in front over a narrow crape plastron fastened with bows of striped satin ribbon. The sailor collar, basque, and full sleeves trimmed with very deep lace frills and bands of insertion. Handsome jackets are made entirely of black or white lace and figured grenadine, ornamented with silk and satin of a contrasting color, as also ribbon put through narrow casings of muslin, etc.

Are tea-gowns always to be made with a train is a question that has been so often answered, that we had imagined the minds of our readers set at rest on this point, did we not receive repeated enquiries on the subject. We would again repeat, that a train—not so long as for an evening reception or dinner toilette—should certainly finish off, indeed belongs to, this kind of costume, which is especially intended for quiet at home, and so forth; yet as there is no rule without exception, a few gowns made with skirts somewhat longer at the back may be seen peeping out timidly, as it were, from time to time among a row of trailing jupes; indeed two very handsome tea gowns without trains created a sensation lately in the fashionable world. One model, a Princess dress of figured silk in a bright shade of red was cut low on the shoulders and opened widely over an under robe of white gauze on a red foundation. The under gown was gauged in a round band at the neck, the right side draped, and over the robe opened on the left to show a part of the skirt underneath. A pretty finish was given by a broad sash tied on one side and puffed elbow sleeves trimmed with a lace flounce to answer that at the top of the Princess dress. The second model was even prettier, although a simpler style, the skirt and pleated front were of ash-grey mousseline-de-laine, with revers turned back on each side of a deep embroidered yoke, and the long hanging over sleeves of the same stuff had tight fitting under ones of white bengaline. The only ornamentation consisted of a narrow pinked rusching of white silk, edging the skirt above the hem and up the front.

The following is from Tea Table Talk in the *Delineator*:—In the spring and early summer you can care for your complexion without fear of taking cold, so all the girls who have been asking me questions about blotches and spots and sallowness on their skin can do no better than mix sulphur and molasses together until of the consistency of custard and take a teaspoonful in the morning for three successive mornings; then stop for three mornings, after which commence again. This should be continued until there is an absolute improvement in the complexion and also in the general tone. It is not at all hard to take. Jenny tells me she gives her pet fox-terrier two doses of this mixture a week, and that it keeps his coat glossy and his digestion good.

You complain that when you are well you are pale. To remedy this pour a little rum into the water in which you wash your face; it will, by acting as a stimulant, probably give you the desired bit of color. Should you be troubled very badly with pimples or acne apply a lotion every night. It is applied with a soft cloth just before retiring, and it is well first to wash the face in hot water.

Sulphur præcip,.....1 drachm.
Spt. Rectificati,.....1 ounce.
Mix.

If the pimples extend to the back of the neck, dilute some toilette vinegar with a little water and dabble it lightly on the surface, but do not rub it in. Should your neck become red from the sun and you wish to wear a round or V-shaped bodice, spread over your neck a very thin coat of vaseline, upon which powder must be applied with a piece of chamois. If carefully done, this will not be noticeable and the powder will not come off, while at the same time the irritated skin is soothed and healed by the vaseline and the powder.

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