

Provide ventilated shelters from wind, rain and snow, but no litter. Hogs with litter get too warm. If you wish disease, put your hogs to the straw pile.

Maintain cleanliness in all things. Breed only from mature animals, and never from a show herd. The offspring of immature or pampered animals is predisposed to disease.

Give pure water from deep wells protected from surface water. Well water is not freezing cold in winter nor lukewarm in summer. Water from creeks, (unless fed by springs,) ponds or pools, is disease-breeding.

Pigs should be farrowed in early spring and kept on only growing foods—milk, bran slop, oats, green rye, grasses, clover, sweet corn—until late fall; then fatten rapidly, on corn mostly, but also green rye, blue grass, pumpkins, boiled potatoes and turnips with bran, steamed clover hay, etc.

Edward Hines, travelling correspondent of the Liverpool Mercury, states that the worst case of small pox can be cured in three days simply by cream of tartar. One ounce of cream of tartar, dissolved in a pint of boiling water, to be drunk when cold at short intervals.

A correspondent of the Springfield Republican considers that the 600 square miles comprised in the Annapolis and Caspereau Valleys of Nova Scotia are destined to become one vast apple orchard. He states that one-tenth of this area is now planted with apple trees, over one fourth of these being young trees, and from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 barrels will be annually produced in ten years.

The American Agriculturist for November is to hand. Its matter and illustrations are, as usual, of a high class, and it is accompanied by a supplement containing an extensive list of premiums, besides other interesting matter. (751 Broadway, N. Y.)

The exports of apples from Montreal for the week ended November 10 were 8,637 barrels, making the total exports from September 1st to date, 176,288 barrels, which is more than double the quantity shipped during the same period in 1887.

OUR COSY CORNER.

WINTER DRESS FABRICS.—The soft new green, which, though assertive, is not loud, and, though trying, is not impossible, has for some time been known by a variety of French names that were not at all descriptive; now, however, it is called Russian-green. The long, fur-lined, fur-trimmed coats of the *mojiks* are very often of this color, whence the name. That green, in as many shades as the dyer's art can produce, is the most important color of the season cannot be denied; and that green can be closely allied to blue, red, black and brown by the skilled dressmaker is a truth that will be very pleasant to the dressy woman this season.

Favorite color combinations in wool and velvet, wool and Bougaline, and wool and moiré, are green and navy, green and black, and green and brown. The use of dark crimson with green can scarcely be called a combination, for the crimson is rather used for trimming than to form a special part of the costume. The wools predominate this winter, and amongst them preference is given to cashmere, camel's-hair, and light-weight cloths. The cashmeres are the acknowledged favorites, and perfection seems to have been reached in their weaving and coloring. Camel's-hair is developed in costumes intended exclusively for street wear, and the basque-like coat is usually the feature of such a toilette, to which it lends a very jaunty air. Frequently these basques are worn without an outside wrap, but a fur collar is assumed and a chamois jacket may be worn.

Diagonal suiting is liked for Empire coats in Russian-green, deep-crimson, navy, russet, seal-brown, black and moiré. Black silk skirts are worn under these coats, and the practice is commendable; sometimes heavy black grosgrain is chosen, but oftener Bougaline and moiré. The skirt may be plain and full, or it may be laid in accordion-plaits, which are just now received with much favor by the French *modistes*, because they have all the effect of a plain full skirt without its severity.

A coat of any color may be worn with a black skirt, and the brocade in the waistcoat need not necessarily bear any relation either to the coat or skirt in its coloring. It should, however, be flowered and brocaded. Do not use brocaded velvet. Too much cannot be said in favor of these coats; they are very becoming, and not only have the air of belonging to the smart costumes of to-day, but seem to suggest that they never were in less exclusive society than that of the First Empire.

Velvet petticoats are liked, but folds of velvet that suddenly show themselves in a skirt, and velvet bodies are more popular. Much or little velvet may be used, but in any case it is the design of the *modiste* to achieve a surprise. This is especially desirable when the contrast is blue and green, black and green, or some such combination.

To make tins shine, wash in hot soap suds, dip a dampened cloth in the fine sifted coal ashes, then polish with dry ashes.

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