

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM



By William Pitt

AT THE BEST, HAYING a hard work, and no matter how much improved labor-saving machinery we employ it requires muscle and good judgment. The barn should be equipped with a good horse fork, there should be a good mowing machine, rake, tedder, wagons and hand forks and where there is a large haying there should be a self-loader.

Ordinary farming, as formerly and even now generally carried on, and scientific market gardening are so unlike that experience in the former would help but a little in a general way, but would by no means fit one for a successful market gardener without a long special training in that specific kind of farming.

When a horse's neck or back becomes sore, do not be content with rubbing on a salve, but look for the cause of the trouble in a wrongly adjusted harness. Remove the cause and this will help greatly to prevent the result.

Alfalfa is making good in the east, and farmers are realizing that it is comparatively easy to get a stand, by the use of lime and plenty of stable manure. This is ideal pasture for swine and no harm will be done the crop if pastured lightly.

To read about the care of fowls in detail makes it seem quite a lot of work, but when you get started and give your poultry the same care you do other stock there is nothing on the farm that will pay as well for the money invested.

Ducks are nervous creatures and will often lose much flesh on account of their nervousness at night. If one becomes frightened he soon starts the entire pen into a stampede. Avoid this by keeping a lantern burning at night.

If you have running water in the house, and the garden is near, in droughty seasons you can save yourself much lugging of water by simply connecting a few lead pipes in the garden with the house main.

A sow's condition should not be fat like that of hog fed for the butcher's market when she is due to farrow, but she should be smooth, sleek, well rounded out and in a condition of perfect thrift and health.

Of the various shell making materials which those who live inland can easily procure one of the best is old mortar or plaster, but any of these things should not, on any account, be mixed with the food.

One of the most difficult and trying problems which the poultry keeper has to meet is that of keeping his poultry houses and stock reasonably free from lice, mites, and other external parasites.

It is a significant fact that the finest hogs brought to the stock yards are consigned by the dairymen. This means something when hogs are worth over eight dollar per hundred-weight.

There is a general unanimity of opinion amongst experienced poultrymen that poultry do best on some form of green or succulent food during the winter months.

In keeping a poultry plant free from lice there are two points of attack: One, the birds themselves; the other, the houses, nest boxes, roosting boards, etc.

Brood sows will nose through three inches of snow to get the green bite, and will range about on their feet for hours, which is in fact the main object.

The drop apple from an average orchard will maintain quite a bunch of shoats, and will put them in market condition at a minimum expense if the orchard is sown with rape.

The introduction of strange birds into a flock often serves to bring fresh starts of all kinds of vermin to a perfectly clean flock.

The pigs soon learn to find a trough and will be found waiting there for their feeds when feeding time comes around.

Frequent change to fresh pasture is one of the best ways to stimulate the growth of both the grass and the pigs.

Turkeys will do very well without any other feed than that which they pick up on the range, but they will do better if regularly fed.

The feeding of young ducks has been reduced to a science by those engaged extensively in the business.

Wheat screenings, having more protein, are superior to the plump grain for laying hens, and when they are good and clean are very much cheaper than good wheat.

A great many make the mistake of not taking care of the sow and boar during the breeding season. They should be well fed and sheltered.

The mudhole is not a necessary adjunct to the best hog pasture. The sanitary wallow that disinfects the legs is the logical thing.

The man who can raise hogs profitably without pasture can increase his profits many fold by using pasture.

The rules for feeding incubator-hatched chicks are the same as those for feeding hen-hatched chicks.

Rather than have the poultry house overcrowded you had better eat some of the less desirable birds.

Feed given to the growing colt brings greater returns than if fed to any other stock on the farm.

Revival of Lace

Family Treasures That Have Been Laid Aside for Years Make the Wearers Look Like Old Pictures.

THE Moyen age effect, noted on new costumes, is achieved in several instances by a long, straight fitted corset of brocaded silk, to which is attached a slightly gathered, plain silk or velvet skirt.

A twisted triple cord centre loosely winds the waist. The top of the corset is cut in a severe round or small square and filled with a guimpe of unlined white mousseline de soie, while short chemise sleeves fall over long, plain undersleeves that match the guimpe. The fine old house showed tailored costumes built on the same Moyen age model. To the edge of the straight, long body part the short skirt was attached, laid at each side in a few flat pleats, closely held to preserve their form. The coat was a tiny affair, reaching to the edge of the skirt yoke and close fitted, buttoning straight from bust to hem. The open side seams were held close together by double lines of small gunmetal bullet buttons; the seam at the back of the coat sleeves was finished in the same manner, and buttons with cord loops trimmed the flat collar and revers.

There is no end to the variety of buttons used in the greatest quantities as trimming on costumes of every description. On a tailored costume of dark blue serge tiny gold ball buttons were counted by hundreds. In lines and clusters they followed the curve of the collar and revers; they trimmed the sleeves, and they peppered narrow bands used in the decoration of the skirt. On a tailored costume of rough wool in mixed shades of gray this lavish array of buttons was in gunmetal; on deep cream serge they were in shaded pearl, but always large or small, the bullet shape is the one preferred.

Scotch braiding also holds an important place in the decoration of street costumes. About a band of fur it edges the skirt, it clusters in corners of the coat, it trims the coat sleeves, covers the plastron that fills the open front of the coat, and shapes a half belt at a high waist line at the back. These masses of rich raised work are especially effective, whether carried out in self colors, as they generally are, or in pale, delicate contrasts.

Large cable cords, and cords covered with heavy silk and with velvet, are twisted into every form of ornamentation for both tailored and afternoon gowns. Effective, such decorations are also individual; for, applied on the costume after shaping, the taste of the worker determines the design. A most elaborate trimming of this sort was noted on an evening gown of gold striped gauze. Two big cords, covered, one with gold tissue, one with silver, were twisted together to form a band of yellow fur, dyed the shade desired. A band of cream lace laid over gold trimmed the cord.

In a long fall at one side of the back into a fell sash end, weighted with a long fur tail. The short sleeves of striped gauze were hemmed with a two-inch band of fur—a pretty affair, which is seen as often on sober afternoon gowns as on those for evening wear. Often this is the only bit of fur on the entire garment. Long tassels and gold and silver fringes are used in the most amusing manner to finish the three-cornered or pointed bits of drapery that are called trains.

When left free of the underskirt they fall with picturesque grace; when held close to the underskirt they bob and dance oddly with every movement.

Skirts cut shorter back and front, leaving the side breadths to hang a couple of inches longer, are coquettishly pretty, wholly exposing the well shod feet; but this fashion, like many others, is one well left to the young, slender and graceful woman, and she should be prepared to discard so extreme a mode the moment it becomes vulgarized, as this is sure to be. Still more extreme was a short, scant skirt of dark blue satin, overhung with several narrow panels that fell two inches longer than the underskirt. This skirt was topped with a tight fitting jacket of dark blue velvet, with a wide sailor collar and deep farding cuffs with black caracul fur.

Costumes designed for early autumn wear are built on lines of extreme simplicity. The materials, though in reality, they are semi-transparent and light in weight, are coarse and heavy in appearance, and except for collar revers and cuffs of velvet, they are quite without trimming. The short skirts, fitted closely over the hips are laid in single box pleats in the middle of the back and front, and these pleats are stitched to the depth of the knees. The coats, half long, hang in smart, straight lines and close with one line of buttons. The hats worn with these gowns are smart in shape but simple in trimming; a bunch of feather pom-poms, a deftly tied knot of wide ribbon is all good taste permits.

Lace is decidedly "in" again, and the woman wise on the subject of gowning is bringing out her old lace collars, berthas and fichus. The hostess at a recent evening reception looked indifferently elegant and graceful in a soft, close hanging gown of black meteor crepe, cut slightly low at the throat, and with no trimming save the ermine fur which edged the short, transparent sleeves, and a wide flat collar of lovely Venetian lace, a collar not worn for years previously. Another costume, all soft, trailing breadths of cream white silk voile, was completed by an old fichu of ivory white net, wide frilled, with white point d'esprit, wide wide frills of the same lace edged the close elbow sleeves. The charming black haired woman who wore the latter gown looked like an eighteenth century portrait just stepped from its frame.



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RANGES OF FASHION

China Silk Negligees.
The negligees in China silk ready for fall wear are so simple in design this season that any woman who knows how to sew could make her own. Scalloping is very much in evidence this year on everything, and this hand work is the only decoration seen on some of the prettiest and most practical of the new negligees. For instance, a pale yellow in a substantial quality of China silk was cut in long flowing lines like a full-length box coat, and closed a little to the left side. The neck and the entire right edge were finished with a button-hole scallop worked in yellow silk, while the kimono sleeves showed the same decoration on their edges.

Always a Way.
"How does he manage to cajole his wife so successfully?"
"By flattery."
"But she's so homely, he surely doesn't tell her she is beautiful?"
"Oh, no; he tells her she is the most sensible woman he has ever met."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

GETTING EVEN WITH MAMMA

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HIS HANDS CRACKED OPEN

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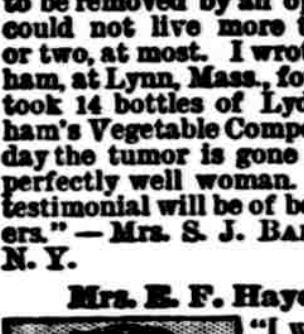
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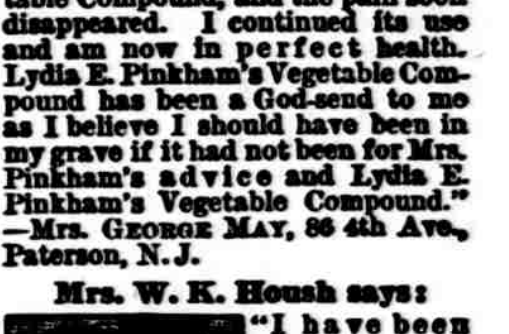


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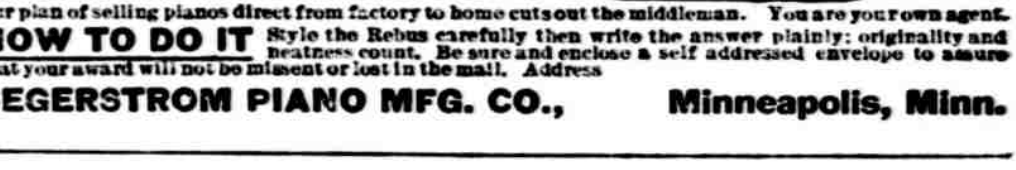
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