

# Farm Topics

### INSECTS ON CUCUMBER VINES.

If the cucumber vines look dry and yellow and the blossoms are dropping off pepper them copiously with red pepper, especially the under sides of the leaves, and the blight will be stopped. It is caused by a small elusive insect which, however, the red pepper seems to find and destroy.

### FEEDING HOGS.

One farmer, who raises about a thousand hogs a year and who, in one year, takes a hog to market every two months, says that he has learned a few things about feeding hogs. He says that a hog will eat more corn than any other animal, and that a hog will eat more corn than any other animal, and that a hog will eat more corn than any other animal.

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### FAT HORSES THE DEMAND.

The day of the thin-fleshed horse is passed. Strange, yet true, high-priced feeds have brought an increased demand for high conditioned animals of all kinds. The poor, old cow is not much in demand, fresh beef and fat beef is what the beef eater asks for regardless of price. The canned beef is not the thing with the common people or the uncommod. The same is true with mutton and pork eaters; everybody wants high conditioned, fleshy animals. The poor old horse and thin young horse is discriminated against in the market until the horse dealer has become a horse conditioner, or more properly speaking, there has been created through this demand for flesh a new middle man whose business is buying up the out-of-condition horse and putting him in the feed lot, where a bunch of his kind are congregated to be fed out, fattened like a lot of steers for the fat market, except the fat horse goes to the city horse market to be sold and put into team work on the streets.

The heavy draft horse made fat is in demand, and if in matched teams, brings the top prices in the market. Fine, stylish, big horses, of course, mean much more than merely fat horses, but this excellent quality of horse to sell for the highest price must be in high flesh. A fat horse always looks good, especially to the man who knows little or nothing about a horse, no matter what his imperfections may be. This is where the old saying originated, no doubt, "A high condition of flesh covers up many defects."

It is now customary among professional horse raisers and dealers to grow and put flesh on the colt just as rapidly as he can stand it. The sooner he attains horse size the sooner he is marketable and the more money he makes his producer. The stock raiser of to-day of any kind of animal seeks early maturity, and the faster and fatter the animal grows and develops the better for the profit side of the account.—Twentieth Century Farmer.

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# The Affairs of the Household

### CROCHET DOYLIES.

When crocheting an edge on round luncheon doylies simply turn the hem on the wrong side and baste the hem. Then place a large needle in the machine, leaving it unthreaded. Follow the hem carefully around and you will have a number of holes of sufficient size to insert the crochet needle and of equal distance apart. Crochet the edge and when done pull out bastings and hem will hold and still have a neat finish not obtained by hand hemming.—New York World.

### AN EMERGENCY SHELF.

My pet emergency dish for luncheon, dinner or supper is based on a can of chicken. If for luncheon it is creamed and served on toast. For dinner it appears as chicken pot pie with cream gravy. For supper, what could be better than a chicken salad when mayonnaise is always ready. In connection with this, may I suggest to every housekeeper an emergency shelf, on which should be found cans of soup, salmon, a jar of salad dressing; most anything that will keep. Such a shelf robs unexpected company of half its terrors.—Boston Post.

### A DISCARDED WAIST MADE NEW.

I had a favorite lingerie waist trimmed in an elaborate fashion with val insertion, which had broken apart and fallen away from the fabric, rendering an otherwise good waist an article for the rag bag. One day I conceived this plan for renovating it, which I carried out with flattering success. After carefully measuring the insertion on waist I got the required length of new, but bought it a trifle wider. This bastings over a pattern showing where to apply same. I then stitched both edges of new insertion to waist and cut the old from beneath it, turning back and finishing the raw edges in the usual way. I now have a practically new waist, "a thing of beauty," and, if not "a joy forever," then with a new lease of life.—Boston Post.

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### THE KITCHEN.

**Cream Biscuit**—Mix two teaspoons of baking powder with three cups of flour and one-half teaspoon of salt, add butter the size of an egg and work it well into the flour, add sufficient cream to make a soft dough, roll one-half inch thick, cut out and bake in a hot oven.

**Mocha Gem Pudding**—Three-quarters cup brown sugar, tablespoonful butter, cream together; one-half cup milk, one-half cup coffee, one tablespoon cocoa, one dessert spoonful of cornstarch, two teaspoons baking powder, little salt, made as stiff as molasses gingerbread, baked in pans. Egg sauce for pudding: One egg well beaten, one cup sugar, one-half cup water; flavor with vanilla.

**Baking Powder Biscuit**—Two cups of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder, one-half cup of lard, one-half teaspoon of salt; sift the flour, salt and baking powder together, then rub in the lard with the tips of the fingers, or cut in with a knife; add milk or cold water to make a stiff dough; turn on a well floured board, roll very lightly with the rolling pin; bake fifteen or twenty minutes.

**Uncooked Fruit Cake**—Take equal parts, by weight, of nuts (English walnuts, Brazil nuts or a mixture), dates and figs and put them through your food chopper; grease a bowl with butter, then press the mixture down hard in the bowl and let stand over night or several hours; then turn out on a plate and slice with a knife like cake. You will have a delicious fruit cake without trouble of baking. You can substitute raisins instead of figs, or you can add coconut if you like it.

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# THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE

### NEW TERRORS.

Grandma seems uncommon nervous As she looks the family over; Now and then says, "Saints preserve us, 'Twa'n't like this in days of yore. Now and then some one by rocking Boats left inournful tales to tell; Or a man whose fate was shocking Swam not wisely, but too well.

"But to-day I'm apprehensive Of disasters worse, I woen; We are taking trips extensive On the wings of gasoline. And they'll merely call me silly When my voice is heard afar; Do not rock the airship, Willie! John, stop racing with that star." —Washington Star.

### ROUGH ON RATS.

"Yes, the dye in her false hair caused her to have blood poisoning." "Sick from rat poisoning, eh?" —Houston Post.

### PARTIAL TO ANIMALS.

Church—"Is she fond of animals?" Gotham—"Oh, yes; she married a Wall Street bear."—Yonkers Statesman.

### VERY CHILLING.

"What is hauteur?" "That's what some salesladies display when you ask to see something cheaper."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

### REFORMED SPELLING.

Bacon—"Are you doing anything to help along reformed spelling?" Hgbert—"Sure; I've just discharged my typewriter."—Yonkers Statesman.

### TOO BAD.

"Where's your mistress' maid?" "Upstairs, sir, arranging madame's hair." "And madame? Is she with her?" —Lippincott's.

### PRACTICAL DEVICE.

"Why don't you mend that large hole in your umbrella?" "I keep it to put my hand through to see if it is still raining."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

### WHERE DENIALS END.

"What is the proper time to announce the engagement?" "Depends on how fashionable you are. Some deny it right up to the altar."—Kansas City Journal.

### FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

"In the old country, when I was boy, we had a village letter writer." "That's an innovation that ought to work well around a summer hotel."

### A FATAL OPENING.

"Did you advise your daughter to learn the use of money?" "Yes; and it was a foolish move. She immediately demanded some to practice with."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### ALWAYS HAS BEEN.

"It's hard to see a future president in a village yaph with cowhide boots and highwater pants." "Think so? Seems to me that's just as promising material as a city dude with sunset socks and a clam-shell cap."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### SIC SEMPER.

"You are all the world to me." said the man who had been twice divorced." "Yes," replied the pretty grass widow, "and if I married you it wouldn't be long before you would be looking around for new worlds to conquer."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### FORTHCOMING CLASSICS.

"He's starting out in the literary field very confidently." "Yes; he expects to make 'em elongate that five-foot shelf by at least eighteen inches."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### FORSHORTENING.

Magistrate—"Was his motor going so very fast?" Cop—"Your Honor, it was going so fast that the bulldog on the seat beside him looked like a dachshund."—Kansas City Journal.

### THE MODERN WAY.

The Whistling Girl and the Crowing Hen looked at each other and burst out laughing. "We'll show 'em!" they exclaimed with one voice, and then, with their heads in the air, they marched in past any number of girls who couldn't whistle and hens which couldn't crow and signed for the vaudeville circuit at \$1000 a week.—Puck.

### The Helpful Bellboy.

For four consecutive nights the hotel man had watched his fair, timid guest fill her pitcher at the water cooler. "Madam," he said on the fifth night, "if you would ring this would be done for you." "But where is my bell?" asked the lady. "The bell is beside your bed," replied the proprietor. "That the bell!" she exclaimed. "Why, the boy told me that was the fire alarm, and that I wasn't to touch it on any account."—Success Magazine.

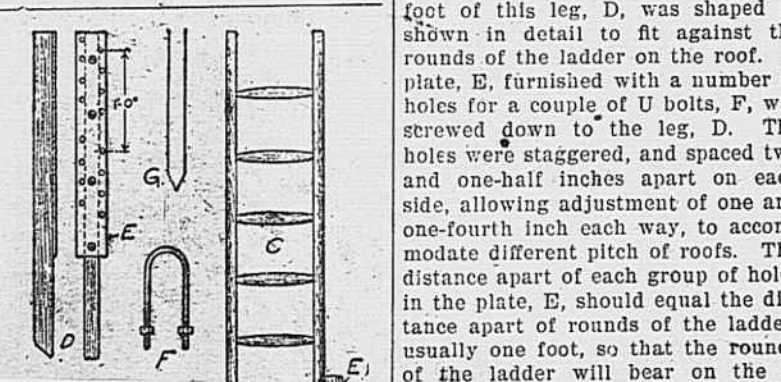
# JUMPING OVER AN INVISIBLE FENCE.



Looking at this photograph one might well ask whether the horse saw an invisible "jump" and endeavored to take it, making literally a stretch of the imagination. The rider, it may be noted, is Mile. Blanche Allarty, an amateur who is well known at M. Moller's private circus in Paris. She holds the record for the jump without obstacles. The horse is an Anglo-Arabian from Tarbes, and is a six-year-old.—The Sketch.

### A Ladder Extension Leg.

BY I. G. BAYLEY. A painter or any other mechanic is sometimes called upon to paint or repair work which is very unhandy to reach. Perhaps a ladder is to be supported in some manner upon a slanting roof of a shed, or other build-



ing. Such a case happened very recently, when the following scheme was adopted by a mechanic with success: A ladder, A, was supported from the peak of the shed roof by means of a plate, B, bent in the shape of a hook. Two painter's hooks would do

just as well. The plate, B, was about eight or ten inches wide and three feet six inches long before being bent. The grip on the roof peak should not be less than six or eight inches. The second or working ladder, C, was supported on the first ladder, A, by an extension leg, D, made of four by three timber of tough quality. The foot of this leg, D, was shaped as shown in detail to fit against the rounds of the ladder on the roof. A plate, E, furnished with a number of holes for a couple of U bolts, F, was strewed down to the leg, D. The holes were staggered, and spaced two and one-half inches apart on each side, allowing adjustment of one and one-fourth inch each way, to accommodate different pitch of roofs. The distance apart of each group of holes in the plate, E, should equal the distance apart of rounds of the ladder, usually one foot, so that the rounds of the ladder will bear on the U

### THE AGE OF AIR.

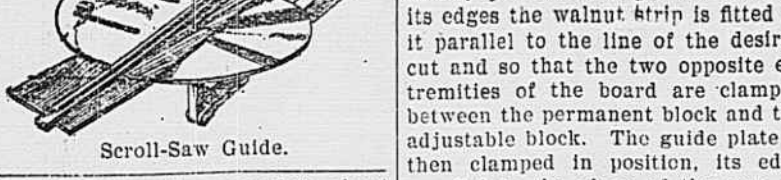


MARKET DAY IN 1920. —From Ally Sloper.

### Scroll-Saw Guide.

BY W. AND K. PARKHURST. The object of the device here illustrated is to enable one to obtain a true edge with a scroll-saw.

On the saw plate is clamped a semi-circular guide, by means of two thumbscrews. The guide plate should be raised from the saw plate about one-eighth of an inch by running several washers on the screws between the two plates, so that the article to be cut may be slid under the guide, as is hereafter explained. Two slots



about three inches long should be made in the guide to receive the screws and permit adjustment of the plate. A strip of one-fourth-inch walnut about two feet long and one inch wide is procured and a quarter inch slot is cut in it, extending nearly its entire length. A thumbscrew is fitted to run in this groove and engages a block which is adapted to slide along the under side of the strip. At one end of the strip a permanent block is fastened. To make a straight cut in a board at any prescribed angle with one of its edges the walnut strip is fitted to parallel to the line of the desired cut and so that the two opposite extremities of the board are clamped between the permanent block and the adjustable block. The guide plate is then clamped in position, its edge parallel to the plane of the saw, at such a distance that when the strip is placed against the edge of the guide, the saw will exactly coincide with the line to be sawed.—Scientific American.

# MODES THAT BLOSSOM THIS SEASON

New York City.—The blouse that is closed at the left of the front is one of the very newest and latest. This one includes that feature, and also sleeves that are made with inset puffs that are in the very latest style.



In the illustration the material is silk serge, and the puffs are of chiffon cloth in matching color, the undersleeves are made of lace, and the trimming is banding. The puffs of the sleeves can be of the same material if preferred, however, and for the collar and the under-sleeves any con-

### The Lingerie Bag.

The lingerie bag is a quaint and pretty fashion, and the familiar leather handbag has been outplacced by this, the latest novelty.

### Belt Novelties.

A novelty in belts is a handsomely tailored leather one, with chataleine of the leather from which swings an envelope bag of the same kind.

### The Cutaway Coat.

The cutaway coat in all materials is the fad of the moment. It is seen in cloth braided, in embroidery, in lace or in brocade, trimmed in lace, the latter a dressy garment for afternoon or demi-evening wear. These coats are particularly effective in the lighter colors or pompadour silks, and are favored more by taller women than those who cannot claim queenly stature.

### Plain and Tucked Bishop Sleeves.

The bishop sleeve is always a graceful one. Just now it makes the latest style, and is made both with and without a cap and both plain and tucked. Here are three, all of which are attractive and graceful. One is made with an oddly shaped cuff, one with a deep cuff pointed at the inner edge and one is cut off in three-quarter length and joined to a straight band, but all are equally correct. For the sleeves any pretty thin material is appropriate, and the cuffs can be made to match or of contrasting material, as liked. When the cap is used it should be in contrast, and a



trasting material is appropriate. If plain sleeves are preferred they can be substituted, as shown in the back view. The blouse is equally well adapted to the odd waist and to the entire gown, and it consequently can be utilized for a variety of materials.

The blouse is made over a fitted lining, and itself consists of fronts and back, the fronts are tucked to yoke depth only, but the backs from shoulders to waist line. The fancy sleeves are made over plain foundations, and these are faced to form the cuff or under-sleeves. The lining is closed at the centre front, the blouse, invisibly beneath the edge of the right front. When the lining is omitted, the cuffs, or under-sleeves, are joined to the sleeves beneath the trimming.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is one and three-eighth yards twenty-one or twenty-four or thirty-two inches wide, three-quarter yard forty-four for any sleeves; three-quarter yard twenty-one, two-

pretty effect is obtained by making the cap to match the blouse and the sleeves of thinner material, such as chiffon, net, lace or muslin. All-over lace makes exceedingly handsome cuffs, but any pretty material can be utilized.

The sleeves are all made over fitted foundations which are cut with upper and under portions. The plain puffs, or bishop portions, are slightly full and gathered at the upper and lower edges. Whichever cuff is used is arranged over the lower portion of the lining and the cap is arranged over the completed sleeve. The tucked sleeve is made in three-quarter length, and finished with a short-er band. Any of the sleeves can be made unlined, if preferred.

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It is far more important to have a pretty figure than a pretty face, as everybody knows, and women who value their looks take as great pains to preserve their lines as their complexions. This is not to be accomplished merely by the careful selection of a corset, but diet, exercise and massage must be carefully attended to, even to the point of sacrifice, in some instances.

### Small Motoring Hats.

The new small hats are delightful to wear motoring. Their close brims give them a jaunty air and make the adjusting of the veil an easy matter, too. The fuller the hair beneath the prettier the effect.



four or thirty-two, three-eighth yard, forty-four for caps; one-half yard of all-over lace for pointed cuffs, five-eighth yard of banding, one yard of edging for tucked sleeves.