

FASHIONS OF THE MOMENT.



LL hail to the early spring does not seem exactly a sympathetic address, though in view of the climatic vagaries usually present in England during March, it might have some measure of appropriateness, writes our London correspondent. However, we must hope for the best, the best being that the weather may justify the many who are wise enough to take advantage of the fashionable information so attractively illustrated in these many written and pictured pages. Indeed there are so full of detail, I fear my task is somewhat superfluous this week, a doubt which, of course, makes it all the more enjoyable to try and fulfill it.

Fashion on the whole seems a temperate, pleasant thing, and will be even more pleasant when once it has moderated its ardor for bright colors. Combinations of many colors, rather somber tones are definitely attractive, but the very vivid shades, such as scarlet and violet, peacock blue and cerise lack in alliance the best excuse of true beauty.

I am convinced that in spite of this present polychromatic fever we shall continue to accept the calm consolations of black and white, tempering this to meet the joyous spirit of the times by the companionship of pale pink or pale blue.

After black and white and pink, I observe that the zouave form of coat offers the most food for reflection by the would-be well-dressed. The return of the zouave is born of our turban hats, and the sash which ties at the side offers further evidence that our inclinations lean towards the great Oriental. Notwithstanding this, I continue to be sure that we shall stop short at the trousers, although the hue and cry raised about these might tempt many a woman to adopt them.

I will get me again to the more congenial topic of the zouave, and note that it is a very pretty addition to the short silk skirt worn with a silk shirt, while it lends itself admirably to decorations of braid and soutache and hand embroidery. The only other type of coat which seems definitely established as a favorite hangs to the hips, and it quite straight, fitting as closely as it may without indicating the waist, and being trimmed with broad braids at the front, and at the base of the long, narrow collar. Some coats fit tightly up to the neck with a small round collar of embroidery, and I have met an admirable costume thus treated in dark blue, the skirt being quite plain and fastening down one side of the front, top and bottom being adorned with squares of colored embroidery. The shirt was of pine-patterned nixon, taking up the same colors, and the coat was entirely plain save for the collar of yellow Maltese lace, which was fastened in the front with a little brown tie fringed with wooden beads in brown and blue and green, a square of embroidery appearing again at the bust and at the hem of the coat in the front. When I came across this its owner was in the act of selecting the best hat for its completion, and an open-brimmed brown Tegal, encircled with a wreath of green and blue silk flowers, was rivaling in her affections a small toque of brown crinoline, with a band of many colored beads held at the side with a head device and pendant tassels.

And in the company of both we found an ideal evening dress of pale rose pink satin, veiled in nixon, and embroidered at a depth of about seven inches with different colored pearls, the square cut bodice and short, kimono sleeves boasting the same decoration, while the waist was encircled by a narrow belt of pale blue held with a pearl buckle. But on the whole the nixon evening dresses are yielding place to those of soft satin brocade, interwoven with tinsel for choice, and these only need golden cords for their decoration.

In spite of the fact that each season some one foretells the death of the blouse, this garment continues to prove itself indispensable, and in white lawn it will again be a favorite, but it must be lawn of the finest and the trimming will consist mainly of tucks of infinitesimal size, though fine Irish lace and hand embroidery are not to be despised in connection with the lawn blouse. There is no doubt that the blouse of nixon in a color to match the cloth skirt, made in a simple style with a frill down the side, will claim its devotees by the score. The dweller in the country and the dweller in town needs a vastly dif-

ferent wardrobe, and it is almost impossible to combine the wants of the two conditions, and never has it been more difficult than it will be during this coming season, when festivities will be the order of our days and our nights, and no one at all in the swim can hope to escape under three engagements a day. And three engagements a day mean three different dresses, to say nothing of a couple of hats and a suitable hair ornament for the evening.

It is good to observe that hat brims no longer disfigure the shoulders of their wearers, but are for the most part upturned at the back and the front, and Napoleon continues to inspire the trimming and form alike, a rosette or cockade of ribbon, or flowers or beads, being much patronized. I have seen, too, a Napoleon hat with the crown entirely made of small roses, the Tegal brim upturning in the front and held with violets. A more novel notion is to make the Napoleon hat of taffeta silk with the brim hemmed with taffeta silk; and a huge osprey of dried grass decorates this, its base being held by a flat rosette of forget-me-nots and rosebuds.

Ostrich feathers of light colors on dark straw foundations are very much in evidence, with one erect plume placed either at the back or front or side. Please note—ostrich feathers of a bad quality are not permissible, and



those of the best description are made expensive.

But there is balm in Gilead for the economical, and even whilst I write of ostrich feathers and gold interwoven brocades, I recognize that it is possible for the woman in the crowd to look extremely nice at a small outlay, and to enjoy herself as thoroughly, if not more, than her richer sister, and yet keep her expenses within the limits of income, and her charms well bound by fashion.

I am sure you will be charmed with the effect of a blue nixon tunic over that under robe of white satin, especially if you manage bordering embroideries of silver and turquoise, the waist girdle, too, being of oxidized silver cord, tasseled with blue and silver, as shown in the illustration. A blue scarf in the hair, and blue short stockings will then be the only necessary additions, so that you will be able to achieve the most satisfactory results with quite a modest outlay. But, indeed, the tunic is always one of the most inevitable of renovators, and is, in every way, such an adaptable as well as attractive garment, that I am sure we all pray for its long continued favor with Dame Fashion.

CHIEF JOSEPHINE IS CHAMPION OF AMERICA

Eight-Year-Old Holstein Cow, Owned by Agricultural Department of University of Missouri, Makes Great Record.

This is the milkman's problem: "How can I produce the greatest amount of milk and butter at the least expense?"

Chief Josephine, bred and owned by the agricultural department of the University of Missouri at Columbia, has come nearer solving this problem than any other cow on earth.

It costs 77 cents a day to keep Josephine and her daily production is worth more than \$4.

Thus Josephine makes as much each day as the average mechanic.

She makes more each year than the average preacher, and almost as

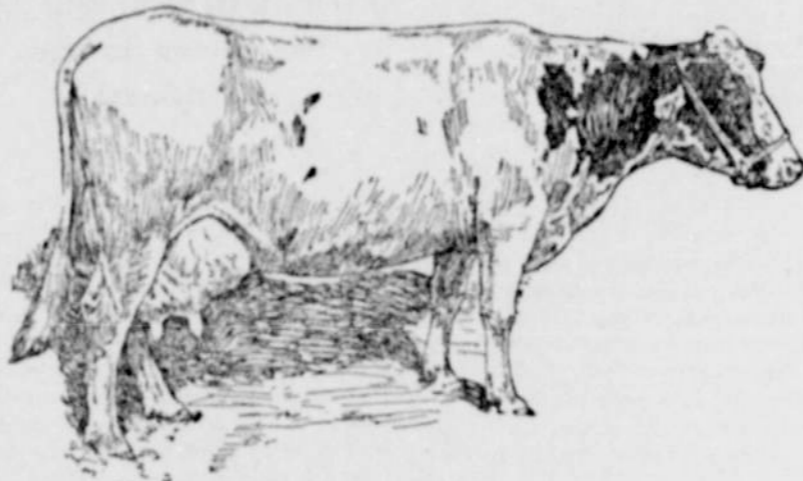
she requires of each is carefully computed from the chemical composition of the feeds.

During the warm summer months Josephine consumed about 30 gallons of water daily.

Through the whole routine of her daily life Josephine is never forced to do anything; above all, she is never struck or excited.

Josephine is no freak. What she has done can be repeated in any normal milk-giving cow.

It is a fact that any cow can be developed to give milk beyond what is today considered a good average. It is largely because dairymen do not



Chief Josephine, Champion Dairy Cow.

know the latent possibilities of their herds that the present average is so low.

All that is required for a start is a cow that is normal in every respect.

From this point man is the chief factor—man with a training such as is imparted at the college of agriculture of the University of Missouri, and at other like colleges the country over.

POTATOES, RYE AND CLOVER

Experiments Conducted by Rhode Island Station Show Net Returns—No Success in Growing Clover.

For 12 years the Rhode Island experiment station has been making experiments having as their basis a rotation of potatoes, rye and clover. The rotation consists of winter rye the first, clover or clover and grass the second, and potatoes the third year.

On an average for the whole period of 12 years plot No. 11 received per acre 54 pounds of potash, 9.16 pounds of phosphoric acid, 27.2 pounds of nitrogen and 250 pounds of lime; plot No. 14, 58.2 pounds of potash, 9.4 pounds of phosphoric acid, 26.9 pounds of nitrogen and 222 pounds of lime, and plot No. 13, 67.7 pounds of potash, 37.2 pounds of phosphoric acid, 27.1 pounds of nitrogen and 222 pounds of lime each year.

Previous work showed that the proportion of merchantable tubers in the potato crop is greatly increased by liming, even sometimes in cases where the total yield remains the same. The results obtained so far indicate that after the three year rotation is well started, further liming once in six

years at very moderate rates will be sufficient.

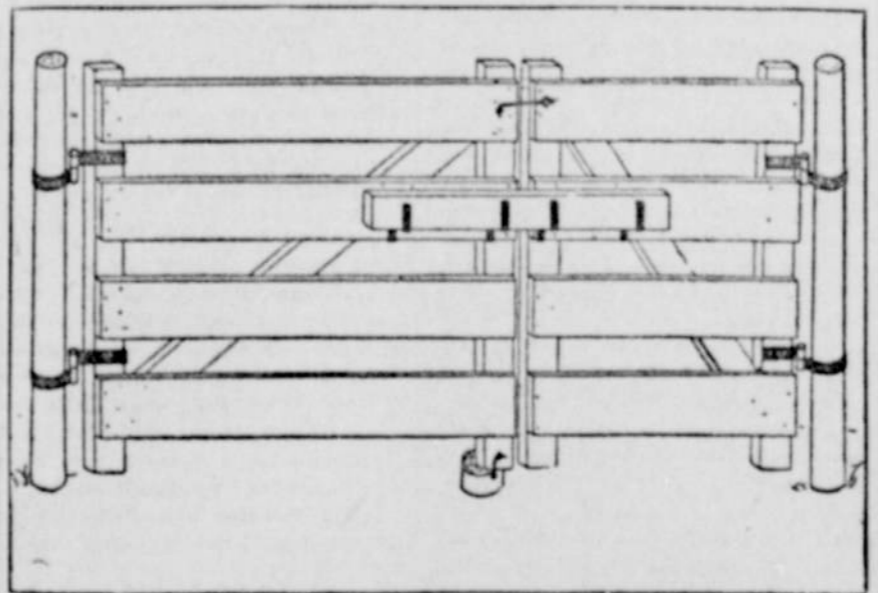
The general improvement of the soil was found to have far less beneficial effects upon the rye crop than upon potatoes and clover. With the improvement in the soil it was necessary to omit nitrogenous top-dressings for rye, with the result that the yields of straw were somewhat lessened and those of grain increased. The experiment also taught that it is advisable to sow grass seed with the clover, as grass usually more readily survives under extreme winter and excessive dry summer conditions. No success was secured in trying to grow clover without first applying lime or wood ashes to the land.

As calculated by the station, the net returns per acre during the first six years were \$279.40, and during the second six-year period, \$371.46 or \$92.06 in favor of the last two rotations.

Success With Farming.

When a family with 100 acres produces what it needs and can exchange some products for taxes, repairs, education, etc., and can also maintain the land in a productive state, it thus solves a problem that will benefit future generations. Not only should its success be announced, but the method by which it succeeded should be published for the benefit of others.

TWO-PIECE GATE VERY HANDY



We noticed, while at a sale the other day, a new idea along the gate line, that I believe is good enough to pass along, writes C. O. Thomas in the Homestead. The gate was made wide enough to allow a hay rack to pass through. The small section of the gate made the handling easier when a person wished to pass through, besides lessening the strain on the gate were it made in one sec-

tion. The larger section of the gate shuts against a short post, which was set in the ground and sawed in such a manner as to leave a back for the gate to shut against as illustrated. The short 2x4 is held in place by strap iron clips, and holds the gate rigid. In doing chores, when passing through it, the 2x4 is slipped back on the larger gate, and the hook used to keep the gate closed.

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Girl Pupil is Hypnotized.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Miss Ida Isham, a teacher in the Hyde Park school, ordered her class to play a sleeping game and all her pupils closed their eyes as if asleep. A moment later she called the class to awake. All the children promptly obeyed except "Peggy" Gordon. The child was carried to an anteroom, where unsuccessful efforts for two hours were made to awaken her. Finally the mother appeared and by crying "Awake" several times aroused her. Physicians pronounce it an unusual case.

Headache

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Ice Good for Hair.

Explorers say that the frigid zones give immunity from common colds. But no recent explorer seems to have mentioned the old belief that long sojourns among the ice are good for the hair. This was the firm conviction of whaling skippers in the days when Dundee was the port for the Arctic. It was said that even the blindest of seamen contrived to grow a passable crop of hair before returning.

100 YEARS OLD Peppin's Eye Salve

Waste Land Grows Rubber. Wide reaches of waste land on the island of Singapore are now being set out in rubber plants, which seem to do well. In Malacca there were formerly square miles of land covered withalang, the hiding place of tigers and other big game, which have been transformed into fine rubber plantations.

To Clean Gloves.

A mixture of finely powdered fuller's earth and alum is excellent for cleaning white gloves. It should be rubbed in well, then brushed off, and the gloves sprinkled with dry bran and whitening.

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A Hard Road to Travel.

A drunken man, whom a friend was trying to bring to his home some miles away, was constantly crossing from one side of the road to the other, so his friend said to him: "Come on, Pat, come on; the road is long." "I know it is long," said Pat; "but it isn't the length of it, but the breadth of it that's killing me."—Lo Pann's "Irish Life."

Ahead of Optimist.

The man who accepts calamity when it hits him as so much necessary medicine administered for his own good, and makes no ugly face when swallowing defeat, even if he admits it, is not to be classed as a pessimist. Such a man is far ahead of the optimist who insists he never had anything handed him and fools himself, as he often does others.

A Poor Job.

"Yes, sir," said the great financier, proudly, as he flicked the ash from his 18-penny cigar, "I am the architect of my own fortune." "Well," rejoined the friendly critic, "all I've got to say is that it's a lucky thing for you there were no building inspectors around when you were constructing it."—Ex change