Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., November 15, 1889.

Farm N otes.

Spent tan bark is used with satisfaction for mulching fall settings of currants, grapes and other small fruits.

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without extending its area, by deepening and enriching the soil and more

It costs a good bit to keep lice, and they are mighty unprofitable stock. See that your animals are free from them. They feed on the animals, and the animals either lose flesh or use up extra food at your expense.

When a limb is cut from a tree it should be cut as close as possible to the body. The cut should be a smooth one, without bruising the bark, and the cut surface should be covered with some kind of cheap paint mixed with

Six thousand ducks are annually marketed from the farm of a prominent unostentatious farmer in Massachusetts, who comprehends the idea of handling his stock in such a way as to yield him a return quick, with little expense for keeping.

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It is a curious fact, so announced, that if cider is scalded to 125 or 130 degrees, it will not make vinegar, as this heat destroys the bacteria that form vinegar. This same temperature de-stroys the bacteria in the silo, and this is perhaps the explanation why it remains comparatively sweet.

Banking the earth around fruit trees will serve to protect the roots and also to cause the water to flow away from the trees, thereby preventing pools from forming around the tree. The ground being kept dry, trees will endure the cold better.

The Ohio Experiment Station reaches the conclusion, after several trials, that corn ensilage is superior to field beets as a flesh and fat former, but that the beets are preferable for milk production. The dry solids of both compare favorably with those of the better grades of other kinds of food.

The Farm Journal insists that calves, colts and all young animals should be treated so that they will come to you as to a friend. If you feel you must kick something, let it be a stone wall or a log, or something that will not suffer. A few experiments in this line may cure you of the habit of feeling ugly.

Hoard's Dairyman says that ton for ton, many farmers are finding out that unthrashed oats cut when it is in the soft dough state, cut fine with a straw cutter, is better than meadow hay-cut equally fine to feed cartle, especially milch cows. As a rule, good farmers raise far more weight of oats to the

There was on exhibition at several of the fairs this year a Clydesdale horse, 5 years old, that weighs nearly 3000 pounds, and is 204 hands high, 32 inches round his arm, 25 inches round his stifle, 7 feet 11 inches in girth, 343 inches around the hip, and 11 feet 4 inches in length. His head is 36 inches long, and he wears shoes that weigh

32 pounds. The form and height of the fence enclosing the poultry yard should vary according to the variety kept. A fence for a lot of active leghorns would be worthless if built five feet high, such as you would use for Cochins and Brabmas. Wire netting stretched neatly from posts eight or ten feet apart to the height of eight feet will usually meet all requirements.

The stalks of old asparagus beds should be burned, and a good dressing of manure spread over the ground. Young plants may be set out now as well as at any other time when the ground is in good condition. In heavy wet soil it is best to plant in spring. Any good, rich garden soil is suitable for asparagus; newly set plants should be lightly covered during

In a neighborhood where the dairies are small and the people do not understand making butter, a creamery is a great advantage by improving the quality of the butter, increasing the receipts of the farmer and educating the people in the art of taking care of milk and cream. They will also "catch on" to the art of making good butter. The creamery is an educational institution

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