

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., January 10, 1890.

Farm Notes.

If nine men fail at poultry farming, and the tenth one succeeds, does it not look as if the tenth fellow knew his business?

Incubators "that a child can run," are too handy to have in the house. Such easy machines are merely built to run, and not to hatch.

If the ground becomes frozen the manure will be washed away by rain or melting snow unless the ground is level. It is best to spread manure on freshly plowed ground during a warm spell and harrow in.

The richest land on the farm may be that which is not cultivated, simply because of lack of drainage. The swamp land is full of alluvial soil, and can be made to grow all kinds of crops if drained and cleared.

Do not disturb the onions or onion sets if they are frozen. The handling of them when in a frozen condition is detrimental. Allow them to gradually thaw, and keep them where they were originally stored.

A steer at the Chicago Fat Stock Show gained over three pounds per day to the age of 322 days. The greatest gain with steers is when they are under two years old, the average gain being about two pounds per day to that age.

But few cows on the farm give sufficient milk to produce 200 pounds of butter per year, and even with that production they do not pay. To discard such cows, or grade up the herd, is the only way to make a profit from dairying.

From five to seven pecks of seed wheat are used, but it is doubtful if thick sowing has any advantages. A stock of wheat should have room to grow and mature, and it should have the food within reach. Too many plants together do not always thrive.

The curry-comb is never more useful than in the winter. It is a pretty useful thing any time. It should be used carefully, however, at times. The man who uses a sharp curry comb as he would a spade in digging had better not use one at all.

It is an old saying that every one must eat his peck of dirt. Those who use the milk that comes from a cow covered with filth, and milked by a man whose hands have not been washed clean for a quarter of a century, get their share of dirt in quick order.

In selecting breeds be governed first by your individual fancy, and then fix upon a family noted for hardy constitutions. Don't begin with weak, puny stock. The first cost may be a trifle more, but the year's work is in the balance, and that means much to the breeder.

The skin of animals is an excretory organ. Now, if the pores are filled with dirt the organ cannot perform its office efficiently. Keep the skin as clean as possible. This may be done partially by keeping bedding clean, keeping dirt from sitting down from above, currying, etc.

The village butcher who buys the farmer's hogs and retails them from the block in almost every instance makes a greater profit than the grower dare think of. The farmer can save some of this profit to himself by learning to make a fancy article of meat for summer use. Do it, and quit howling about hard times.

In summing up some of the results of his work with fodders, Dr. Goessman, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, says that their milk and cream records show that the fodder corn, corn stover and corn ensilage, when fed pound for pound of dry matter, in place of English hay, compare well as far as the quality and the quantity of the milk and of the cream obtained is concerned.

Rough land alone will not support sheep. Sheep will find much that may be utilized by them on such lands, but a good feed of grain should be given at night also. As the sheep will eat tender herbage of all kinds and industriously forage for all that can be had, they serve to keep down weeds and suckers, but such food will not answer for them exclusively.

It is better to apply the manure thick than to attempt to make it go as far as possible by spreading it in thin layers. In one case it must nourish more plants than it possesses nutrition for the purpose, and in the other case the plants will have a sufficiency and produce more than if the supply is deficient. Plants waste a portion of the manure in the growth of stalks and leaves that are unsalable, and if they can be made to yield more at less expense of growth the manure will give better results and the profit will be greater.

The American Cultivator says that some farmers argue that it is best to set posts in the fall, when the ground is solid. Of course, a post carefully set at any time will remain in its place; but fall is really a much worse time than in the spring. Digging the hole makes the soil loose, and if done in the fall it has not time to become compact again. Water filters down through the loose soil, which will raise the post a little every year until it throws it out altogether. If the soil has time to settle it absorbs less moisture, and after the first year, if the heaving out has not already begun, it will rarely begin.

HE LOOKED UP THE ADDRESS.—"Can I see Santa Claus?" asked the small boy, entering Foggy's toy store.

"He's not here, sonny," returned the old man, kindly. "Why do you look for him in my place?"

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Prospectus.

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