

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., March 7, 1890.

## Farm Notes.

There is not enough harrowing done on most farms. The land is harrowed as a rule, simply to break the lumps and level off the furrows, but the harrow is only passed over the land once or twice. The proper way to harrow a field is to keep the implement moving until the whole field is reduced to a condition as fine as that for a garden. But for the neglect in properly harrowing some fields the crops would grow better. The condition of the seed-bed largely influences the early growth of crops, and benefits the plants until maturity. If the harrow could work the ground as fine as is done by the rake it would be all the better. In harrowing a field the work should therefore be done thoroughly.

If a pasture-field is not yielding grass as it ought, try giving it a good top dressing of manure. Some farmers think this is the best place to apply manure. Ground to be planted in corn should be manured in the fall and plowed in spring. The manure goes into the soil and produces wonderful results next year. It will not wash off, even on steep land.

It is the late frost—the frost that comes at a time when spring appears like summer—that damages the crops. Do not be in too big a hurry to plant seeds. Wait until the ground is warmed and all danger of frost is over. Peas and onions, as well as other plants that can endure a slight frost, may be risked, but it is safer not to take the chances of loss with tender plants.

It is not recommended to plant the onion seed in this section. The "sets" are better. They are the very small onions from seed grown last season. To produce sets for next season sow the seed thickly, and harvest when the tops die down. Onions are seldom grown from seed south of New York, the sets being preferred.

Many young fruit trees are received that have but few roots. It is better not to plant such trees at all, but if they are used the tops should be cut back severely, in order to give the roots as little work in the beginning as possible. The larger the top the less growth, as the roots cannot nourish but a proportion of the buds.

An open ditch across a field is a nuisance. It compels the wagons to go a greater distance, causes injury to stock, obstructs plowing and sown fills up. Ditches should be covered in some way if possible, but where the expense is too great they should be filled and drain tiles substituted.

Peach trees will stand cutting without injury, and the young trees will come stocky and more vigorous if cut back close to the ground. For field culture the trees need not be cut very close, or the cultivator cannot well be used, but where only a few are planted the shorter they are cut back the better.

Lambs are coming in this month and the season is very favorable for them. This need not lessen the prospective profit, as it is the lamb that receives the attention necessary to force it into the market ahead of others that brings the highest price.

Because some plants are partial to moisture it does not indicate that such plants must be grown in a wet soil. There is quite a difference between wet soil and soil that retains only sufficient moisture to be of advantage to the crop.

If early ducks are to be hatched they must be brought out in march in order to bring the highest prices. Ducks should be laying well now. Those who hatch large numbers use incubators and raise the ducklings in brooders.

Dipping sheep in winter must be done at a risk, as the animals may take cold and loss in the flock be the result. A better mode is to dust insect powder (pyrethrum) in the fleece, which will instantly kill the ticks.

The wet ground and mild winter has prevented farmers from getting on to the wheat field. The horses cannot draw the roller over the ground, and any attempt to assist the wheat will result in injury.

Clover hay, cut very fine and scalded is an excellent ration for growing pigs that have been weaned. A mess of the cut clover once a day will promote their appetites and keep them in health.

Churning without a thermometer is as difficult as steering a ship without a compass. The proper temperature must be maintained, which cannot be done without a thermometer.

The potato beetle will attack nearly all kinds of early plants. They must be watched closely. Egg plants are special food for the beetles, they preferring them to potatoes.

If you have not made preparations for putting out the onion sets there is but little time left for doing so. The sooner they are planted (season permitting) the better.

It will not do to keep a young and spirited horse standing in the stable too long without work. He must be kept in exercise, even if only turned out on a lot.

Spring plowing for corn is an old custom, and recent experience shows that it is correct. But such plowing must be done early in the season.

All hinges on the barn-doors and gates will be made to work easier by oiling occasionally, a process, however, which is seldom performed.

Many fertile fields have been ruined by bad plowing. Upon the plowing sometimes depends the washing of the field by heavy rains.

Experienced stock growers who have tested ground and whole oats for hogs pronounce it superior to corn for promoting growth.

## A Touch of Spice.

The foolish man goes to his daily work With a glance at the morning sky, Saying low to himself, with a happy smile: "This day will be surely dry." Then he robes himself in his best silk hat And jauntily swings his cane; But at night he sneezes and coughs and groans With the "grip" that he caught in the rain.

The wise man looks out on the sunny sky And smiles in sarcastic gloom, Then he rolls up his gossamer overcoat— He doesn't want the "grip," not he. So he hugs his umbrella and overshoes In the place of his dainty cane, And he meets all the girls that he ever knew, For there isn't a drop of rain.

No man likes to be taken in. No doubt, Jonah, after he got home, began to tell the folks that he went into the whale's mouth of his own accord merely to get out of the wet.

The first thing Stanley should do before making any further African explorations is to send out there a full cargo of open vowels to mix up generously with the native names of people and places. No man can be reasonably expected to keep up a keen interest in the geography of the Dark Continent when it's worth the toothache, if not a tooth, every time he attempts to be on familiar terms with any of its characters or provinces.

He—I was glad to see you take off your hat in the theater. I do like a girl who has a thought for others.

She—Yes, but did you notice the elegant set of gold-headed hairpins I wore?

A new Milford girl has made a wager with the young man to whom she is engaged that he cannot raise a respectable mustache within four months. It will tickle her greatly if she wins and more or less if she loses.

A young lady who recently traveled around the world is said to have lost several days by delays. This, however, did not worry her, nor do such mishaps as a rule worry any of them. Women have been known to suddenly lose as much as ten years of time off their ages, and, if anything, they imagine they felt the better for it.

"I am from New York," he remarked as he eased up on the flourish of his name in order to give the hotel clerk time to recover.

"That's all right. Our detective will keep his eye on you, and the table silver is only plated anyway."

This truth should everywhere be known— One swallow can't make a summer bring; But yet it can be clearly shown That just one frog can make a spring.

A DOMESTIC MONOPOLIST.—Mr. Billius sat in an easy chair occupying the only available space in front of the fire, with his feet sprawled out on two other chairs, and scowled at his wife.

"Maria," he said, "with all the furniture we have in this house it does seem to me we might afford at least one foot-stool."

"Would the earth suit you, John?" said Mrs. Billius quietly.—Chicago Tribune.

Teacher—"When boys disobey the rules of the school and refuse to learn their lessons, they grow up ignorant and lazy. What kind of men do they make?"

Pupil—"I know, Jurymen."—Danville Breeze.

Boarder—"Madam, we want hot meals or we'll move."

Landlady—"Hot meals! Why, have you not got pepper, and catsup, and horseradish, and raw onion, and mustard! What more do you folks expect?"—Times.

An exchange tells of a man who "choked to death while eating his supper at night." He would probably have escaped this sad fate if he had eaten his supper in the morning, right after breakfast.—New York News.

"Twas after the ball, 'Twas dark in the hall— Her good night was not very emphatic! 'Twas such a good chance For sweetest romance, And I lingered with longing ecstatic.

"Twas dark in the hall, 'Twas after the ball, Such a chance for a parting romantic! And—she was not cold, Why was I not bold? When I think of it now I am frantic.

"Yes," said old inhabitant, "this is a pretty mild winter, but I remember a season that was much warmer than this." "How long ago was that?" queried his listeners. "Only last summer."—Norristown Herald.

A Glasgow boy came home from school very much excited, and told his father that he believed all human beings were descended from apes, which made the old man so wild that he replied angrily: "That may be the case with you, but not with me; I can tell you that."—London Tit-bits.

Lawyer—Did you give Mr. Skinfint your note for the amount, as I advised you to?

Young Widow (weeping)—Yes, I did. I wrote him the sweetest little note that ever was, and the very next day he came and put a mortgage on my furniture.—Burlington Free Press.

Edison is said to be trying to perfect a device whereby the hand organs of a city can be worked from a central office supplying electric power. Such an arrangement would be very convenient. By blowing up the central office the entire business is silenced.—Norristown Herald.

A sick dude called on a doctor. "What he needs," advised the physician, "is absolute seclusion and solitude, with nothing whatever to excite him."

"Leave him alone with his thoughts," promptly said his friends as they withdrew from the room.—Chicago Globe.

Deliver—What a peculiar book reviewer Razzle is! Did you ever notice how confused his ideas seem to be—how rambling and incoherent?

Pompous—Yes; I've noticed it. (Struck with an idea.) Perhaps he reads the books he reviews!—Lippincott's Magazine.

## cott's Magazine.

A man aroused his wife from a sound sleep the other night, saying that he had seen a ghost in the shape of a donkey. "Oh, let me sleep!" the irate dame rejoined, "and don't be frightened at your own shadow."—Texas Siftings.

Cantwaine—"How about that five dollars you owe me?" Van Gall—"Oh, hang that five dollars! I'm sick and tired of hearing about it. Say, can't you make it ten?"—Washington Star.

## Beauty Without Paint.

"What makes my skin so dark and muddy? My cheeks were once so smooth and ruddy! I used the best cosmetics made, Is what a lovely maiden said.

"That's not the cure, my charming Miss," The doctor said—"remember this: If you your skin would keep from taint, Discard the powder and the paint.

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## Choice Selections.

Good thoughts are blessed guests.—Spurgeon.

Trust in God does not supersede the employment of prudent means on our part. To expect God's protection while we do nothing is not to honor, but to tempt, Providence.—Quesnel.

Of all religious things we should speak hopefully, hoping even against hope, because of the faith we have in the promises of God. The end must be good, for He has so decreed.—United Presbyterian.

When Dr. John Manson Good was on his death-bed he said: "I have taken what unfortunately the generality of Christians too often take. I have taken the middle walk of Christianity. I have endeavored to live up to its duties and doctrines, but I have lived below its privileges."

The democracy of pain and the democracy of sin are co-eval and co-extensive with the history of man. All men share in both. That which will cure the latter will largely cure the former, even in this world, and perfectly so in the next world.—N. Y. Independent.

A wise man carries all his treasures within himself, what fortune gives she may take, but he leaves nothing at her mercy. He stands firm and keeps his ground amid all misfortunes, without so much as changing her countenance.—Seneca, after Sir Roger L'Estrange.

The blessing we long for can come in this world, sudden and wonderful, written all over with the manifest tokens of God's hand; or, if it may never be ours here, it carries the standard of hope beyond the gulf to plant it on the shores of the eternal.—Dr. J. Ker.

How grand is the Bible! It is the wreath into which are twisted all garlands; it is the song into which are struck all harmonies; it is the river into which are poured all the great tides of heaven; and it is the firmament in which suns and moons and stars and constellations and universes and eternities wheel, and blaze and triumph.—Talmage in N. Y. Observer.

Sunday work of every kind should be reduced to the clear necessities, and how few those really are would surprise the most liberal. As to the Sunday post work, times change. Sunday letters haven't necessarily a tithing of the importance that they had a quarter of a century ago. Communication is much quicker, the telegraph is so universal, that the necessities of the case are few and far between, indeed. The great principle of everybody's right to one day's rest in every ought to be recognized everywhere, and every stroke of merely convenient or desirable work in the postal service should be abolished.—Indianapolis Journal.

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." Of course! Why, those old duifers suffered horribly with aches and pains, and didn't and couldn't know that Salvation Oil would cure them.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Major John W. Roder, 4th Artillery, U. S. A., having been granted to the undersigned, she requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated by law for settlement. MRS. MARY AUGUSTA RODER, Bellefonte, Pa. 35-64

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned an auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Centre county to make distribution of the balance in the hands of Geo. P. Hall Administrator of the estate of Frederick Harper deceased will meet the parties interested, at his office in Bellefonte on Wednesday the 19th day of March A. D. 1890 at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of his appointment. When and where all parties interested must present their claims or be barred from coming in on said fund. J. C. HARPER, Auditor. 35-7-3t

PUBLIC SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public sale at the Court House in Bellefonte on Saturday the eighth day of March 1890, at eleven o'clock A. M. all that certain house and lot situated on Howard Street in Bellefonte Borough, bounded on the south by Howard Street, on the east by an alley and on the north and west by lot owned by Dr. E. W. Hale, being 80 1/2 feet in front on Howard Street and 50 feet in depth and being the eastern part of lot No. 110 in Bellefonte Borough, being the property recently occupied by the late Mary A. Sankey, deceased. TERMS OF SALE. Ten per cent. in hand when the property is knocked down, the balance of one-third upon execution and delivery of deed; one-third in one year and one-third in two years. The deferred payments to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises with the insurance Policy as collateral and said deferred payments to bear interest from date of sale. JOHN SANKEY, JOHN SANKEY, JAMES W. SANKEY, JOHN RICHARDSON, 35-7-3t Exrs. of JOHN SANKEY, deceased

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