

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., March 21, 1890.

## Farm Notes.

Onions like uncleaned wood ashes. Apply the ashes bountifully and the onion crop will respond.

Sheep must be kept in dry yards and in dry pasture. Wet footing is the one thing that sheep cannot stand.

Some swill is one of the sources of disease in the hog. Much of it is kept until it becomes too acid for even a hog.

Dr. Lintner says that apple tree borers may be kept out of the trees by applications of a mixture of carbolic acid and soap.

It never pays to feed poor hay to the cows. If the hay is very poor it will pay the dairyman to use it for bedding and buy better.

It is suggested that the best way to protect both dogs and sheep is to muzzle all dogs, dogs not muzzled to be shot whenever found running at large.

A horse with a well fitting harness, especially a well fitting collar, feels just like a man whose clothes do not pinch him; and will, of course, do its work easier and better.

A potato "sorter" is something that is needed, and if invented it will find ready sale. Apple "sorters" have been in use for some time, but as yet potatoes are sorted by hand.

Hypsulphite of soda, though not a perfect remedy for the scab of apples or pears is still the best that is known, and when a mixture of half an ounce to ten gallons of water is used it will destroy a large proportion of the fungus.

**Field and Farm says:** "We find that a pig which is fed pure, fresh slop will not take kindly to raw pumpkins as food, but cooked with potatoes they are much relished. When cooked this way it is well to add a little shipstuf or bran to make a better balanced ration.

Seeds of beets, carrots and parsnips are slow to germinate. They may be made to swell and sprout quickly if placed in a flannel bag and moistened with warm water daily. Some gardeners mix a little fine earth with the seeds in the bag.

If you grow vegetables for market, profit will depend upon getting them into market early; and if you grow them only for home consumption, you do not care to wait all summer before you can have a "mess." So the hot bed or cold frame is useful for the early starting of plants in either case.

**The New England Farmer** reports that Mr. Philbrick, of Tilton, N. H., finds his ensilage costs him \$2.40 per ton in the silo, and that three tons are equal in value to one ton of hay. Mr. Haven, of Whitefield, estimates the cost of his silage at \$1.25 per ton, labor cost, and finds forty pounds equal to nineteen pounds of hay.

The introduction of the bush lima bean is a valuable aid to the bean-grower. The chief expense in growing lima beans is the poles, which require labor in sticking and replacing those affected by the winds. Those who have tried the bush beans claim that they are fully as prolific as the pole beans, as well as being equal to the latter in quality.

A member of the Ohio Horticultural Society expresses his surprise (in the *Ohio Farmer*) at the Wealthy Apple as grown in Miami county. It is smooth, handsome, and as large as the Northern Spy. The Yellow Transparent is the coming summer apple, and would be welcomed by many who are unable to grow the unhealthy Early Harvest.

Pres. T. T. Lyon tells *Vie's Magazine* he has a screen of border of the ornamental Japan quince, probably ten or twelve rods in length, planted ten or twelve years since, which, besides constituting an impassable barrier to both man and beast, and affording an exceedingly beautiful object in early spring, produces annually several bushels of attractive looking fruit.

Many orchards are seriously injured by allowing too heavy a growth of grass around the stem of the trees. In the majority of cases better health and thrift will be secured if the soil for two or three feet around each tree is kept loose and mellow, stirring frequently if necessary to secure this. At least once a week will be better than to allow the weeds and grass to use up the plant food needed by the trees.

Many losses occur in the increase of flocks by yarding sheep, horses, cattle, and hogs together. Lambs do not thrive well with hogs, nor do sheep come up to the standard of expectation when trampled on by horses or looked by cattle. Do not turn a flock of sheep and lambs into a field in spring and leave them there until fall. The chances are that none will be found when the owner calls for them.

The *American Agriculturist* advises, if you can't get meat for your fowls, to buy them some cotton seed meal. If fed daily one pint to a suit mess of food is sufficient for 200 hens. Milk is also an excellent substitute for meat, and, in fact, is considered preferable by some poultry dealers. No matter how well balanced their ration may be, change it often. A variety of food gives rest to the appetite and stimulates digestion.

At one of the Wisconsin farmer's institutes, S. A. Pelton, of Reedburg, expressed the opinion that mutton first and wool second should be the aim of every flockmaster. While opinions differ as to breed, the farmer can ill afford not to heed the fact that the market demands that certain conditions be fulfilled. Feed influences breed to a great extent, and care likewise leaves its ear marks unmistakably prominent in every flock.

## PURELY A MATTER OF OPINION.

"The world grows better every day; To this no person can be blind." We sometimes hear the sage say Who make a study of mankind.

We would not contradict the wise Who in the world improvement see; But grandpa in his corner sighs— "Affirmes ain't what they used to be." Boston Courier.

## Something About Good-Byes.

Every now and then, as we journey through this vale from the cradle to the grave, it becomes necessary for us to say good-bye. Generally it is said in sadness and with a sigh. We wring the hand of the departing friend, the sorrowful tears are shed, the bell rings and the train goes around the curve. This is the good-bye that sticks in the throat like a three cornered lump and persistently refuses to be swallowed. After this kind that of a farewell we go home feeling something has gone out of life. We are like the man who puts his foot for another step at the top of a dark stairway and finds suddenly that it isn't there.

Then there is the farewell that is said with a hilarious chuckle of joy. We say it to the bill collector, whom we have with us always, or have had for a long time. We say it to the bore, the spring poet, to the man who reads the exchanges and to the writer who invariably refers to a bear as a bruin.

The sweetest good-bye is that of the girl at her father's front gate, when only you or I and the girl and twinkling stars are present. To some of us it is only a memory, this kind of a farewell, but it is a memory that will remain fresh and green long after we have passed that callow age.

The saddest good-bye is the one that is said by the side of an open grave.

**Asia's Ablest Soldier.**

Nearly fifty years ago in South Huntington township, Westmoreland county, lived John Hinton. He was an orphan boy, and uneducated, and had wandered there from the neighborhood of Masontown, Fayette county. With no known relatives, he was kicked out one family to another till manhood, enlisting then in the Mexican war. At its close he helped to escort the Cherokees beyond the Mississippi. From the Indian territory he went to New Orleans and shipped as a common sailor on a vessel bound for East Indies. At the Bay of Aladras, on the western shores of the Bay of Bengal, he deserted and enlisted in a British regiment. He served many years, and during the memorable Sepoy rebellion was noted for daring bravery. At his discharge he was presented with a gold medal by the Governor General himself.

He is next heard of traveling in a caravan from Delhi westward across the Indus river, through Afghanistan and Persia to Turkey and back. In time, from trading, he became immensely rich and was the owner of five caravans, containing 13,000 horses and camels and fifty elephants. In 1873 he visited Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, for copper, great quantities of which are there mined and smelted. His magnificent retinue attracted the attention of the ameer, and he was invited to an audience, an honor never before received by a Christian. A present of 100 horses and a three tusked elephant made the ameer his eternal friend. When yearly it was followed by similar presents, besides camels and merchandise, John Hinton gained the monopoly of trade from the summit of the Hindoo Kosh mountains to the con fines of the Belloistan, and in real power is second only to the ameer himself.

About 1880 he was made military commander of the district of Herat, and in 1876 surprised a local rebellion to the great satisfaction of his sovereign. Trained in the art of war among the superstitious natives of India, where he became thoroughly familiar with British soldiers and their resources, together with his years of service as the idolized commander of the Mahometan tribes, to tens of thousands of half civilized men he is the ablest soldier in Asia.

**A Bear Killed With a Marble.**

Mr. Austin Moore, a mining engineer of Scranton, Penn., was walking the railroad track a mile below Pleasant Valley, at dusk, when he was startled by the crack of a rifle and by the almost simultaneous appearance of a bear and two dogs that came rolling and tumbling down the bank to the railroad track. The bear was wounded. The hunter that fired the shot did not appear on the scene. One of the dogs got in front of the bear, and the bear knocked it out of his way in short order, and broke one of its legs. He also disabled the other dog. Mr. Moore in the meantime had got out of the immediate neighborhood.

The bear had been chased from the Spring Brook woods down into the Lackawanna Valley by two hunters. They had lost sight of him just before he plunged down the embankment near where Mr. Moore was trudging along, and, as it became dark soon afterward, they gave up the chase, expecting that the dogs would find their way home next day.

The wounded bear passed the night in a piece of woods less than a quarter of a mile from where he had disabled the dogs. Between 6 and 7 on the next morning the night watchman at the breaker took a short cut through the woods to his home, and saw the bear sitting on his haunches with his back against a tree. He was licking a wounded paw, and he didn't seem to notice the watchman at all. The man ran home after his gun and found that he had no shot. From a box of marbles that belonged to his children he selected one that fitted the gun and rammed it down on top of a big charge of powder. When he got back to the woods the bear was still licking his paw, and the watchman stole up with-

in three or four yards and blazed away. His aim was good, and the bear tumbled over dead. He weighed 229 pounds and when they cut him open they found that the marble had lodged in his heart.

## Nature's Remedy for Diphtheria.

It is said that nature has her own remedy for every ill to which flesh is heir. Some of her remedies have not yet been discovered and some that have been found out have not become generally known. Medical science has long sought for a sovereign remedy for the scourge of childhood, diphtheria, yet the colored people of Louisiana, and perhaps of other localities in the South, have for years known and used a cure which is remarkable for its simplicity. It is nothing more nor less than the pure juice of the pine-apple.

"The remedy is not mine," said a gentleman, when interviewed, "it has been used by negroes in the swamps down South for years. One of my children was down with diphtheria and was in a critical condition. An old colored man who heard of the cure asked if we had tried pine-apple juice. We tried it, and the child got well. I have known it tried in hundreds of cases. I have told my friends about it whenever I heard of a case and never knew it to fail. You get a ripe pine-apple, squeeze out the juice, and let the patient swallow it. The juice is of so corrosive a nature that it will cut out the diphtheric mucus, and if you will take the fruit before it is ripe and give the juice to a person whose throat is well it mashes the mucus membrane of his throat sore."—Chicago Tribune.

**ROLLED STEAK.**—Procure a round steak and spread over it stuffing such as is used for poultry. Begin at one end of the steak and roll it as you would fowl; tie to keep it in shape. Bake as you would a fowl, basting very often with the gravy of hot water and butter which you poured over it before placing it in the oven. Season with pepper and salt about fifteen minutes before it is done, which will be when the meat seems tender when tested with a fork. Skim of the fat, thicken the gravy a little and pour over the roll. Slice neatly from one end. Boil some onions tender in salted boiling water. Put them in a baking pan with salt, pepper, butter and a little milk. Brown them quickly in a hot oven, and dish as a garnish around the beef. If there is too much of sameness about the onion soup and baked onions, substitute a pea soup for the former, or lay peeled potatoes around the beef roll while baking instead of the latter.

**THE LAST RESORT.**—Willie Pendegast (who has been watching Casey fill his hod)—Aw, be Jove, it takes some brain work to fill or not properly, don'tcher know.

Casey—Right ye air sonny.

Willie Pendegast—And what would you do, man, if you didn't have any brains?

Casey—Be hivens, O'd be a duds.

**A TEST FOR A CHAMPION.**—Mr. Downs—Did I understand you to say, Carrie, that that young man of yours is an athlete?

Miss Downs—Only an amateur, papa, but he's one of the strongest men in the athletic club. He lifted a thousand pounds the other day.

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**BAKED STUFFED FISH.**—Wash thoroughly and dry by rolling in a towel. Salt and pepper to taste; fill the cavity with stuffing sauce as used for fowl, sew up and place in a baking-pan with a cupful of boiling water and two ounces of butter. Bake two or three times during one hour, which it will take to cook it. Serve with white gravy or mashed potatoes.

"Thank God! there is one man who never spoke a cross word to his wife," said Sam Jones at an Omaha meeting the other night, as around-faced, good-natured man rose, in response to Sam's question if such a man was present. The good-natured man smiled a bland smile and said: "I haven't any wife. I'm a bachelor!"

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