Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., April 4, 1890.

Farm Notes.

Broilers are now up to 40 cents per pound, with an upward tendency, which shows that the early chicks pay.

To prevent smut in corn or oats, steep the seed in a solution of four ounces of sulphate of copper (blue vitrol) in a gallon of water for six bushels of seed.

It is of no more use to feed cows on poor feed than it is to put poor wheat into a good mill; the machinery in both cases will turn out a poor and unprofitable product.

If you do not want the sills of your barns and sheds to decay, keep the dirt away from them so that they will remain constantly dry. This is easier than putting in new sills.

Well cultivated and fertilized soil stands climatic conditions and changes better than poor soil badly tilled. If the season be wet, dry or cold, crops on poor soil suffer the most.

We advise again the feeding of a little oil meal to every animal on the farm at this season of the year, if it can conveniently be had. It would save a good deal of sickness.

A spirited horse may soon be made slow and spiritless by constant nagging, twitching the lines, peevish urging, and many other wearing processes that fretful drivers invent and practice.

Liquid manure is a grand, good fertilizer. But when specially saved in tanks, as it sometimes is, it is very concentrated, and that fact must be remember when applying it to plants.

A prominent horticulturist states that by placing tomato leaves around the trunks of trees, and also by sprinkling roses and cabbages with a decoction prepared by steeping tomato leaves in water, insects did not disturb them. This is worthy a trial.

A slight top-dressing of manure, applied just after the ground has frozen, will be the best protection for late-sown wheat. It will protect from slight thaws and thus give the grain a double protection.

Early vegetables may be planted as soon as April in this section if the ground is warm, but it will be at the risk of injury by frost at any time. If early vegetables are desired, some attention must be given to covering and protecting them at night.

Look over the seed corn. There is but little danger of any of it being frozen this season, but the best ears should be selected. By carefully selecting seed every year the yield of corn can be gradually increased. No plants are more easily improved by selection than corn and wheat.

At the American Horticultural meeting at Austin, Tex., Mrs. S. E. Sherman, Salado, Tex., read a paper on "The Honey Bee," showing its usefulness to the horticulturist and the value of the honey it gathered, even if used only to preserve the fruit the horticulturist raises. The paper was well received.

Farmers in this section should try alfalfa in small lots by way of experiment. In the West it is considered superior to clover, and once the ground is covered with it two or three crops can be removed in a season. It will last for years, and endures drought well. It has been tested with success in New York.

Never grow trees of different kinds together until satisfied that one does not injure the other, as is frequently the case when plumbs are planted near peaches, thus inducing the curculio to sometimes attack the latter. A single wild cherry tree near an apple tree will provide a harboring place for caterpillers, which finally injure the apple orchard.

It may be possible to give a nearly perfect ration for an animal, but it is not always advisable to use such a ration. It is possible that in some seasons or in some sections the cost of an element in that ration would make it unadvisable to feed. We must feed, to some extent, according to circumstances, always keeping in mind that it never pays to feed what will absolutely injure the animal, however cheap it may be.

Food values and analysis are well enough, but the farmer who keeps a sharp eye on his stock, and notes the appetite of each animal, will know more about how to feed and what to give than all the learned "Professors" in the country. We do not mean to infer that the tables of feeding values are useless, or that the efforts of scientists are futile, but animals differ in characteristics, and the only way to know is by practical observation.

We cannot too often repeat to inquirers after the best cow food, says the Jersey *Bulletin*, that no one food known will either bring or keep a cow up to her best work in butter-making. Short, fine, nutritious grass is as good or better than any other one thing, but the best of grass needs to be re-enforced by more or less of grain. So the very best conceivable ration of grain needs to be enforced by more or less of grass, or some other succulent food, such as good corn silage.

There is no argument we can possibly use in favor of fooling away valuable time and wasting your energies in keeping common dung hill fowls. It costs no more to rear good birds than bad ones. If you rear a lot of scrubs you can sell neither eggs nor poultry at any price. You will take more pride in good poultry than in poor stock, and will be much more apt to make the business a success if you are proud of your birds and delight to show them off to visitors or fanciers. By all means keep pure stock.

Household Hints.

Tea should be kept in a close canister.

Corn starch is a good substitute for eggs in cooking.

To keep lemons, cover with cold water, changing once a week.

To stop hiccough, take a lump of sugar saturated with vinegar.

It is well to keep pieces of charcoal in damp corners and in dark places.

Salt should never be added to fresh milk, as it will cause it to curdle.

To make tough meat or fowls tender add vinegar to the water in which they are cooked.

To cure earache, take a piece of cotton batting, put in it a pinch of black pepper, dip in sweet oil and put in the ear.

Cheese should be kept in a close box in a cool place. That which feels soft between the fingers is richest and best.

Wood ashes put in water and poured in vessels retaining odors of onions, cabbages or fish will entirely destroy them.

Boiling water should not be poured over tea trays, japanned goods, etc., as it will make the varnish crack and peel off.

To prevent cake adhering to the pan when baked, scatter a little flour over the greased surface before pouring in the dough.

It is said that if the hands are rubbed on a stick of celery after peeling onions the disagreeable smell will be entirely removed.

Strong muriatic acid applied with a cloth, and the spot washed thoroughly with water, is recommended to remove ink stains from boards.

Almonds are blanched by pouring water over them after they are shelled; when they have remained for a few moments in the water they can be rubbed in a soft, dry towel, and the skin will slip off the kernels, leaving them white and entire.

Dipping fish in scalding water will cause the scales to come off very easily, but if the fish are to be salted down they must on no account be scalded. You may pour over them vinegar with the same result. Salt fish will soak fresh much quicker in sour milk than in water.

An easy method of removing bits of oreign bodies from the eye is to place a grain of flaxseed under the lower lid, and close the lids. The seed becomes surrounded by a thick, adhering mucilage, which entraps the foreigh body, and soon carries it out from the angle of the eye.

Hints to Hostesses.

If you are thinking of asking friends to spend an evening with you, give them a warm welcome on their arrival and, after seeing that they are comfortably settled, let them alone for a bit. No one can possibly feel at ease while the hostess is continually fussing around, making suggestions for comfort where none are required. Many an otherwise pleasant evening has been spoiled in this way, and guests have had occasion to regret having accepted the invitation. Do not monopolize the conversation so entirely yourself as to entirely exclude your company from from putting in a word. Your choice of subjects might be most uninteresting to others, and if you have children beware of showing them off to those who have none, or to maiden ladies, who might wish them elsewhere! Some hostesses are just a little too pressing with all sorts of good things; and it should be borne in mind that in these days of civilization people do not visit their friends for the sake of eating and drinking, and one "No, thank you," might generally be accepted for an answer. On the other hand do not neglect your guests, nor give more attention to one than to another. Above all, do not make your friends stay when they rise to depart; this is another of the mistaken kindnesses that one has frequently to put up with.

An Immense Forest.

In Stanley's report to the British Government in regard to his expedition for the relief of Emin Pasha, he speaks as follows of the discovery of an immense forest: "We can prove that east and north and northeast of the Congo there exists an immense area of about 250,000 square miles which is covered by one unbroken, compact and veritable forest. Through the core of this forest we traveled for thirteen months, and in its gloomy shades many scores of our dark followers perished. Our progress through the dense undergrowth of bush and ambitious young trees which grew beneath the impervious shades of the forest giants, and which were matted by arums, phrynia and amona, meshed by endless lines of calamus, and complicated by great cable-like convolvuli, was often only at the rate of 400 yards an hour. Through such obstructions as these we had to tunnel a way for the column to pass. The Amazon Valley cannot boast a more impervious or a more umbrageous forest, nor one which has more truly a tropical character, than this vast Upper Congo forest, nourished as it is by eleven months of tropical showers."

——The pony is the horse of hardships, says a horseman in an exchange, and one that has sprung from some poor country where he has ever been the child of neglect, he and all the predecessors of his race. In a rich country like the horse regions of Kentucky, for instance, his pony characteristics would invariably run out in the course of a few generations. He is not a distinct strain, as many would seem to suppose. He doubtless sprang originally from as good a strain of horses as the world knew of at the time, and his present reduced size and characteristic tonghness have resulted unquestionably from local circumstances.

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