Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., May 2, 1890.

Farm Notes.

Fat hens that do not lay will not produce many eggs after they reach such condition. Fat is detrimental to egg production. Such hens should be marketed.

The cabbage delights in having the soil stirred. The plants grow rapidly when the hoe or cultivator is frequently used. Not only should they be well cultivated but should have an abundance of manure.

For vegetables the soil should be loose and rich. All kinds of vegetables thrive well with the surface kept clean and the top soil fine. When the surface is baked hard the plants derive less moistnre.

Too much work over too much ground is sure to result in the production of the crop at the greatest cost. It is the labor that is applied at the proper time, and on an area sufficient only for the purpose, that pays.

The second planting of peas may be made as soon as the first lot are up through the ground if the dwart varieties are used, as but one or two pickings are usually secured from early peas. Plant them so as to have a succession.

With early lambs now selling at $6 each, and early chickens at 40 cents per pound, the farmer should learn a leason. It is the reaching of the markets at the proper time that gives the advantage and makes the difference in the profit.

Do not be in a hurry to have your sheep care for themselves in the fields, but keep up a little winter feeding and give them abundant shelter—especially at night, until the weather gets warm and the grass gets started.

Sow radishes at intervals of a week or ten days. The best radishes are those that grow quickly, which renders them crisp aud tender. If they remain in the ground too long they become tough. To have them crisp make the plot rich and sow seed often.

It is remarkable what a large supply of berries twenty raspberry plants will provide when in full-bearing condition if well manured and cared for. A small number in a row along the line fence will take up but little space and provide amply for a small family.

John Harmon, Deerfield, Oneida county, N. Y., says he has a cow which in ten months, from March 10, 1889, to January, 1890, furnished 340 pounds of butter, besides what milk and cream were used in a family of four. She was "acommon cow." We think she must have been an uncommon cow.

A young peach orchard of a few trees may be used as a garden with advantage. The manuring of the vegetables will benefit the trees, and as clean cultivation will also be required the weeds and grass will not have an opportunity to injure the trees. Peach trees thrive best when well cultivated.

Alfalfa is being given a trial in the East this season. In New Jersey there are quite a number of patches of it by way of experiment. The seed has germinated evenly, and the prospect looks favorable, but it is as yet too soon to arrive at a conclusion regarding its excellence as a substitute for red clover.

Warm the cream up to 66 or 68 degrees and add as much water as cream. Warm the cream with water, temperature 110 degrees. Stir the cream lively when the water is put in. When cream is cold the butter globules connot unite. They will not stick together, nor can they unite when the cream is too thick. Do you see?

While skim-milk and whey make excellent hog feed, they yield better returns fed in summer than in winter. By planning to raise winter calves some farmers feed in the summer pigs to sell at eight months old, and then, in the place of raising fall pigs to eat winter slops, feed the slops to calves with greater profit.

It pays to feed meal to cows giving milk, and if a cow insists on having it every time, she does a good turn by forcing us to be regular. Of all losses incurred by American farmers, scarcely any one is greater than that which comes from allowing cows to fail in in their milk for want of sufficient food of a kind that answers their requirements.

If farmers would take one good breed of fowls and carefully study their characteristics they would make double the profit than if they keep trying to originate some new breed. It sounds nice to hear yourself spoken of as the originator of some new and valuable breed, but very few ever succeed in starting a variety of fowls that ever amount to anything.

New varieties are often sold because they are "novelties" rather than the old tried and standard kinds. It is better to use varieties of trees and varieties of vegetables that are known to be the best for the section where they have been tested, in preference to using others until experience gives an opportunity to know more of the newer varieties. Novelties should be tested in a limited way.

An excellent mode of planting carrot and parsnip seed is to drop the seed in small quantities six inches apart in the rows, instead of scattering the seed in the row. By this method the plants will come up in stools, and can be thinned out if they come up too thick, whereas if the seed is scattered the plants may come up straggling, as the seed does not germinate very easily under adverse conditions. Extra plants taken from the rows may be planted elsewhere.

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A CHANGE OF ROOM.—"You will have to give me another room, I guess," said a Congressman to the hotel clerk.

"What's the matter? aren't you comfortable where you are?

"Well, not exactly. That German musician in the next room and I don't get along well. Last night he tooted away on his clarionet so that I thought I never would get to sleep. After I had caught a few winks I was awakened by a pounding on my door. 'What's the matter?' I asked. 'Of you blease,' said the German, 'dot you vould schnore on the same key. You vas go from B flat to G, und it schpoils der moosic.'" —*Washington Post.*

MADE HIM A MANIAC.—"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" he inquired.

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And she passed upon her way, leaving a gibbering idiot, groveling upon the ground where lately had stood a dandy drummer.

FOR NEURALGIA—When one is suffering from neuralgia in the head, put him in a warm bed. Make a brick very hot and cover it with several thicknesses of flannel. Fold a coarse, thick cloth and place it on a pillow. Lay the brick on this and wet thoroughly with rum. Rest the most painful part of the head or face on the brick and throw a blanket over the patient, covering the head. Keep covered in this way until the pain ceases. When the blanket is removed, wipe the moisture from the head, face and neck, and then bathe in alcohol or rum to prevent taking cold.—*Housewife.*

——The Russian Government is said to be "disagreeably impressed" by the meetings in this country and England to protest against the Siberian horrors. It is a great pity, says the San Francisco *Chronicle*, that this impression could not be made stronger, as the Cossack that underlies the surface polish of the Russian needs thorough rousing before he can be made to conform to civilized customs.

——A Chinese mandarin can order a man's head to be cut off at any moment. But within three months he must forward to the Emperor an affidavit from two persons declaring that the execution was in the interest of religion and morals. He has no difficulty in getting such affidavits, as he can cut the head of any who refuse to make them.

INQUISITIVE YANKEE.—"May I ask your opinion on the question of annexation?"

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