

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

The value of manure or fertilizers depends not only upon the amount of plant food they contain but also upon the kind and quality. Commercial fertilizers contain plant food in a concentrated form, while manure form, substances in contains nearly the same a bulky condition, and they may be nearly alike in composition or vary widely. Every pound of available plant food in a ton of manure can be duplicated by the chemist, and in a smaller bulk.

The temperature when churning is about sixty-three degrees, though some churn a degree or two higher or lower according to conditions. To cool the cream in the churn apply ice or cold water on the outside of the churn, or in the can before churning instead of adding cold water to the cream.

The melons prefer a light, sandy soil and plenty of manure. They will not thrive during a wet season, or where the ground is damp. Until they begin to run they should be kept clear of grass and weeds, but they will need only slight attention after they cover the ground.

Those who are accustomed to the growing of cauliflowers will not fail to have a few plants every season if once they are given a trial. They are as easily grown as cabbage, and are tender and crisp. They grow rapidly, and thrive best with frequent hoeing.

Every weed that grows from the soil a certain amount of nutrition, and every time the growing weeds are turned under the elements are again added to the soil. It is cheaper to keep the soil clean than to clean it after it is covered with weeds.

The importance of good breeds may be shown by the fact that a Michigan farmer's Shorthorn calf weighed 125 pounds when only a day old, when a Shorthorn calf belonging to another breeder weighed 740 pounds when 3 months old.

Do not sow small seeds too deep in ground. One of the many causes of failure of the carrot and pasparry seeds to push through the ground is that too much earth is placed on them. The lightest of covering will answer.

Never keep a poor milk as long as there is a possibility of getting something better. It is just as important to replace a poor cow with a better one as it is to get rid of a talky horse for one more servicable.

Sheep are also used as dairy animals in some countries. The celebrated Rochesort cheese is made from the milk of sheep, and in many portions of Canada sheep are regularly milked, and profitably.

Milk from cows that have recently calved is usually rropy, yet it is frequently mixed in the can with the milk of other cows. Ropy milk is not in a proper condition to be used as food.

The bronze gobbler should be used for improving the flock of turkeys. May is an excellent time for hatching young turkeys, as they will thrive better than when hatched earlier.

The large Lima bean has been made to assume the bush habit, and this will greatly aid in the annual production of a larger crop for consumption.

Salt is frequently applied to asparagus beds, but soapuds are better. Celery is also benefited by liberal applications of soapuds.

Peas and oats are oftentimes sown together, and cut as green food for the cows as soon as the seed pods of the peas are formed.

To make new ropes pliable before using them in the stables boil them and dry them in the sun.

Early turnips may be planted this month for table use, but the main crop should be later.

White clover is said to be disappearing in some of the Eastern States; it is more than holding its own in the West. It is a great luxury to live on a good road. It pays everyone living along a road to do his share toward making it a good one.

As a presumption against weevil in grain the granary ought to be entirely cleared every year and old grain stored elsewhere.

The difficulty when cream will not raise, in nine cases out of ten, is the temperature. Every buttermaker should have a thermometer.

Professor Ladd concludes that it is preferable to cut timothy for feeding at the period of full bloom rather than after the seeds have formed.

Feed the pig regularly and liberally a variety of wholesome food, always some bulky food, and let each feed be eaten up clean before more is given.

A pound of bran makes within 17 per cent. of as much milk as a pound of ormeal which usually costs much more but ormeal makes much richer milk.

Ashey, says L. J. Farmer, of New Jersey, increase the quantity of the strawberry crop, and make it better colored and firmer. Well-rotted barnyard manure makes a healthy growth of plants. Superphosphates are also valuable.

When cattle take to the woods or to the shade on a hot day to escape the sun and bloodthirsty flies is an argument for selling every time. The pasture they read down is another argument. The cost of fences is another strong one.

The mine Deadwood originated from the superabundance of dead pine timber on the mountains and along the streams above the Dakota city, and was so called by the pioneers who first discovered gold in 1875. The city was laid out in the summer of 1878.

Ex-Governor Curtin on the Governorial Question.

Last Saturday in Philadelphia Ex-Governor Curtin delivered himself as follows to a reporter of the *Evening Herald* in regard to the Democratic candidates for Governor:

"You may say that I think Senator Wallace will be nominated and that he ought to be. He is the natural candidate alike on account of his experience and ability and because of the peculiar conditions existing at this time."

"I have no personal objections to Governor Pattison," he continued, "and his face assumed a thoughtful aspect, and do not disparage his ability or question his integrity, but the present conditions are such as to make Senator Wallace the more available candidate."

"Mr. Wallace has made one mistake in his career," he said. "That is, he delayed the declaration of his candidacy too long. If the announcement had been made two months earlier than it was there would have been no opposition to him. As it is, he will be nominated, because his strong personality and splendid majorities will wipe out the blunder. But with any other man it would have been fatal."

"Yes, Wallace will defeat Delamater easily, but Hastings would hold the Republican vote and be elected. Of course, I am for Hastings as the Republican candidate," he remarked with such emphasis as to carry conviction of sincerity with it.

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- Elect good men to offices.
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- Always cheer on the men who go in for improvements. Your portion of the costs will be nothing but that which is right.
- Don't kick at any proposed improvements because it is not at your own door, or for fear your taxes will be raised fifty cents.

Characteristic Misrepresentation.

The protectionist organs, which failed to print Secretary Blaine's letter on the Customs Union report, have already begun misrepresenting it. According to the organs, Mr. Blaine's letter is not a plea for reciprocal free trade, but for the steamship subsidies and an international bank. This is an exhibition of protection mendacity as amusing as it is characteristic.—*Ez.*

TIME ON A MILE.—

A man can swim a mile in 26 minutes 32 seconds; he can walk it in 6 minutes 23 seconds; he can cover it on snow shoes in 5 minutes 39 seconds; he can run the distance in 4 minutes 12 seconds; he can ride it on a tricycle in 2 minutes 49 2-5 seconds; on a bicycle in 2 minutes 29 4-5 seconds, and can skate it in 2 minutes 12 3-5 seconds. Behind a trotting horse he gains nearly four seconds in covering the distance in 2 minutes 8 seconds, while on a running horse he gallops the mile in 1 minute 39 seconds, and last and fastest, he sits in a railroad train and flies over a mile of the steel rails in 50 seconds.

Miss Hunt was alone in a small cabin in Iowa Gulch, Col., when three toughs came and ordered her to get out three square meals, and be quick about it. She asked how they liked their eggs, hard or soft, and at the same instant covered the nearest tough with a revolver and pulled the trigger. Pieces of his jawbone rattled against the side of the cabin, whereupon Miss Hunt, with delicate sarcasm, observed that perhaps "two square meals would be enough." The two toughs begged for mercy and were permitted to carry their wounded companion into the brush.

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