

Democratic Watchman.

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Farm Notes.

As many as sixteen tons of sugar beets may be grown on an acre, and if they cannot be converted into sugar they can be used as food for stock.

Good, well-cured hay, is an article of food that seldom causes any ill effects. All classes of stock may eat their fill of it without danger of colic and other complaints of the bowels.

Potato rot develops most in damp locations and during very warm weather. One of the cheapest remedies for lessening the ravages of the rot is to dust the leaves with air-slaked lime.

If a heavy, strong-growing hedge is desired, the honey locust will answer the purpose. The trees will, in a few years, closely interlock and become almost impenetrable.

Three-quarters of an ounce of salt to a pound will be the right quantity for most markets for immediate consumption, and one ounce to a pound for packed butter.

Kickers among colts and calves are usually bred, not born. Handle them gently and kindly and kickers will be rare. Teasing by heedless boys and hired men originates most of the farm kickers.

It is better to pinch off all the fruit than to allow it to begin to bear too early in life. The tree like the animal should first make growth before beginning to produce. Premature production results in premature decay.

The quicker the grower made by a plant the better it endures drought and insect attacks. To secure rapid growth, cultivate the plants well, and thus lessen the disadvantages of a prolonged dry spell, which may come at any time.

The truest test of a cow's dairy qualities is to test her for a full year, or from the date of dropping one calf until the next one is dropped. Tests for a week or a month after a special preparation are delusive.

The agricultural colleges have done much for agriculture by teaching the farmer and stockman the true value of foods. This knowledge teaches him not only how to feed properly, but also how to avoid waste.

Wheat and oats should be given alternately to the hens—oats always dry; wheat either dry or cooked. We have invariably had good results from feeding sound wheat boiled or bursting, says *Field and Farm*.

Milk cans should be washed in cold or tepid water first, and then rinsed in boiling water before they are exposed to be aired. The addition of a little soda and borax to the hot water increases its cleansing propensities.

According to California fruit growers rhubarb may be forced by placing kegs or half barrels over the plants and surrounding the same with heating manure. The tops of the barrels or kegs can be covered with boards or sacks.

Ohio Farmer declares that it is a waste of cash product to feed a calf whole milk after his rennet stomach changes so as to call for solid food, and it is a mistake to so feed it after it is 10 days old. It considers warm skimmed milk and a little oatmeal much better.

If you want a paving dairy do not breed everything. If you do you will accomplish about as much as the man who shoots at random expecting to kill all the game. When you breed, breed for something. Aim at some idea of excellence, using proper means, and you will be sure of improvement.

One of the results of pasturing cows in a wood lot is said to be grubs in their backs, which are certainly sometimes found. The same authority says that the remedy in many cases (certainly when near a town where land is valuable) is that the cow owner had better not pasture at all. Soiling is the better way.

H. P. Hopkins, of New York, avers that every time he churns unripe cream he loses. He says: "When cream is a trifle acid it is sufficiently ripened. I prefer a concussion churn to the friction churn. White specks in butter come from coagulation of the milk, which settles to the bottom of the cans. They should be washed out properly. The attacks of the striped cucumber beetle are repelled by planting beans in each hill with the cucumber seed. Gas, lime or tobacco dust, applied with a bellows at least once a week, or better twice, is good for woolly aphids. For flea beetle mix thoroughly one teaspoonful paris green with one quart of flour; this to be dusted on the plants while wet with dew.

Where skimmed milk is plentiful devote a portion of it at least to your poultry. Supply it occasionally in form of curd made by heating the milk until the whey separates from the solid part. Milk is very nutritious, and as its constituents closely resemble the white of the egg it is especially desirable for laying fowls. Clabbered milk is also eagerly eaten by fowls and is good for them.

Experiments at the Cornell (Ithaca, N. Y.) station show that horse manure thrown in a loose pile and subjected to the action of the weather loses one-half its value as a fertilizer. Manure that simply dries without heating is not damaged materially. It pays, therefore, to haul out and scatter manure as it is made, thereby saving it all, or, in lieu of this, it should be kept covered.

Experiments on the farm need not always be successful. They often teach what not to do, which is just as important as knowing what to do. All the experiments that may be made by scientists in the interests of the farmer are not as valuable to him as those coming under his experience on his farm, and the farmer who fails to experiment will deprive himself of much useful knowledge.

A modest, sensitive woman often shrinks from consulting a physician about functional derangement, and prefers to suffer in silence. This may be a mistaken feeling, but it is one which is largely prevalent. To all such women we would say that one of the most skillful physicians of the day, who has had a vast experience in curing diseases peculiar to women, has prepared a remedy which is of inestimable aid to them. We refer to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This is the only remedy for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case or money refunded. See guarantee printed on bottle wrapper.

THE OLD PROBLEM.—"Were you ever in love before, Edwin?" "Great Caesar," he cried, in anguish, "am I never to be free from that awful question?"

"And what is strange about it?" "All the girls I ever loved have asked it, and when I answer 'no,' they answer they wouldn't have thought it from the way I acted. And now here you are laying wires to ring in the same old conundrum."—*San Francisco Wasp*

A TOOTHsome PUDDING.—Put twelve egg yolks in a bowl with a pound of white sugar and beat very light. Add half a pound of creamed butter. Shred up half a pound of citron, grate half a pound of coconut; blanch and pound a quarter of a pound of almonds and add these with the grated rind of a fresh lemon. Last, add the whites of eight eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Line four pie plates with puff paste, fill with the pudding and bake in a moderately heated oven. Do not cook rapidly.—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

WHAT HE MISSED.—Uncle Silas Greening, visiting his niece in the city, was taken one day to see the chrysanthemum show. The old man is of a practical turn, and seldom hesitates to speak his mind.

"Well, uncle," said his niece, after their return home, "how did you like the exhibition?"

"Wal, to tell you the truth, Elvira, I didn't think much on it."

"Why, what was the matter with it?"

"Matter? Why, there wasn't so much as a single pumpkin in the whole show!"

"WANTED—reliable men," read Mrs. Bascom from the advertising columns of the paper. Then she raised her glasses upon her forehead, looked severely at her husband and remarked: "And the world'll wait a considerable number of centuries yet before it gets 'em."

SISTER.—"Bobby, who tied that tin can on that poor dog's tail?" Bobby—"Johnny Stevens." "Sister—That was cruel. You wouldn't tie a tin can on a dog's tail, would you Bobby?" Bobby—"No, I'd rather tie an old ten-kettle on."

"This is a pretty time coming home to your wife, isn't it?" "But, my dear, how can a fellow break off at once. When I used to go to see you I never got home till 2 or 3 o'clock, and you never found fault. So why expect it different now?"

A little tot saying her prayers was asked by her mother why she had not asked God's forgiveness for some act of disobedience. "Why, mamma, I didn't s'pose you wanted it mentioned outside the family."

Abraham Lincoln used to tell a story about two men who made a fortune in Kentucky. One of them minded his own business and the other left other people's business alone. Both of them got rich, lived long and died happy.

A man in Georgia has got whiskers six feet long and correspondingly thick. The only wind that can blow through them is a cyclone.

Every man should have an aim in life, but he shouldn't spend too much time aiming. The quick shot gets the pigeon when the trap is sprung.

The Turks collect taxes from the Armenians by building fires under them. Did they get the hint from our American fat-frying campaign of '88?

An English edition of *The Ladies Home Journal* is to be brought out in London on a scale never before attempted by an American magazine, and Mr. Cyrus H. K. Curtis, proprietor of the *Journal*, and Mr. Edward W. Bok, the editor, sailed for Europe last week to perfect arrangements.

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