

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

A few months since a barn of my neighbor, Charles Taylor, writes John Gould, of Ohio, was consumed by fire. In one bay of his barn was a wooden silo, holding about one hundred and twenty-five tons. The wooden shell of the silo was burned completely off, leaving the silage standing. It was found that less than six inches of the surface and sides were spoiled. A new "shell" was put about it as soon as possible. The burned portions were first removed, and the sides again trapped with fresh silage from the surface. It is not expected that the quality of the silage will be as perfect as would have been under more favorable conditions.

An economical food, and a fairly nutritious one for pigs is peas, which can be grown as the first or second crop on some gravelly, loamy and moderately rich soil. About two bushels of common peas should be sown to the acre, the soil having been properly pulverized and prepared beforehand. When they are ripe pick enough for seed and then turn the pigs into the field. Pigs that have been fed on corn through the winter will enjoy this change, and fatten up for early market. No corn should be given them, but this should be saved for winter. After the pigs have eaten the peas the ground will be in fine condition for wheat. If it is not desirable to turn the pigs in the field the vines can be raked up and stacked, and fed to them at pleasure; but this involves unnecessary work in the busiest time of the year.

Farmers can form no estimate of the loss of manure during the warm season, as the volatile matter, being invisible, gives no indication of its disappearance except from odor, which simply makes known the fact that decomposition is occurring in the heap. The object of heaping manure is not only a matter of economy of space but also to reduce the manure to a fine condition, and to render it as available as possible for plant food; but the degree of decomposition of the manure depends largely on the temperature of the atmosphere, the amount of absorbent material in the heap, the composition of the food from which the manure was made, and the amount of urine mixed with the solids.

The presence of the peach-borer may be known by the appearance of gum, which should be scraped away. Clean the tree by sponging with water, first removing the dirt from around the trunk a little. The next day the work of the borer may be seen by the appearance of what seems like fine sawdust. Now run a knife blade in after him, or a piece of sharp wire. If the borer is not watched it will soon destroy the tree.

It is perhaps cheaper to pasture the cows where the land is cheap, and on large farms, but it will not pay on valuable small farms. To use five acres instead of one is to lose the use of four acres. The soiling system will at some future time revolutionize the present methods, the discovery of the preservation of green foods in the silo being the first step in that direction.

A German scientist states that when milk is first drawn from a healthy cow, it contains no microbes, but after two hours exposure he estimated that 25,000 were present in half a cubic inch. The higher the temperature of the milk the greater the number of microbes. The same thing occurs in the fermentation of beer, but he says the microbes are harmless.

It is no easier to keep poultry than to keep other stock, as labor and proper management must be used to meet success. Less capital may be required in poultry, but it must be judiciously expended, or a loss can result as easily as from any other source. Experience is of more value than capital in poultry raising.

Professor Fernald reports that an ant hill near a house, which was doing much damage to a lawn, was exterminated by making holes in the hill fifteen inches apart with a small stick and pouring two or three teaspoonful of bi-sulphate of carbon into each hole; after which all the holes were closed up and the earth pressed down by stepping on it.

The successful and profitable keeping and rearing of poultry, either for home use or market, and especially where they cannot have their liberty, depends wholly upon good management, and upon strict compliance with numerous essential, though simple requisites—any of which being omitted, only partial success at most can be obtained.

Unruly cattle on a farm are very troublesome, but the cause is not hard to find. It is almost invariably poor pasture and semi-starvation. Why shouldn't a hungry animal jump fences or push them down?

No farm animal will make a surer return in proportion to care given than a cow. Good care to cows will be the way out of the agricultural depression, in connection, of course, with enlightened marketing of dairy products.

Hardy shrubs and flowers should be selected with a view of having a supply of flowers from spring until autumn. As some flowers bloom early and others late, selections of varieties best suited to soil and for each month will greatly assist in ornamenting the garden until frost appears.

In shipping young poultry see that they are well watered and fed before cooping, and do not crowd too many into the coops.

Plant flowers, shrubs and vines about the house to add to its attractiveness, and otherwise improve and ornament your surroundings.

He Breaks His Silence.

But Not on the Subject Most Interesting to the People.

Chester County Democrat.
We notice that Mr. Quay deigned a few days ago to make some reply to charges in a New York paper to the effect that he had been bribed by certain linen importers in New York to influence the shaping of the Tariff bill in their interest. This shows that Mr. Quay can open his mouth. But why does he not open it when he is charged daily and circumstantially by the most powerful newspapers in the United States with scandalous offenses and when they taunt him to come forward and silence them if he dares? The fact is that the charges concerning the linen importers of New York were really false in far as Mr. Quay was alleged to be implicated, and it was therefore easy for him to step to the front and make a virtuous and indignant denial. But in the far more important matter of his alleged embezzling from the State Treasury he has not the courage to meet his accusers face to face, and he lacks the courage because he has no case of his own. His only refuge is silence, and silence is confession.

CHOCOLATE CORN STARCH. — Milk, 1 quart; eggs, 2; corn starch, 2 table-spoonfuls; sugar, a large half cupful; chocolate, one-half cupful. Boil the milk in a vessel set in water; add the sugar and corn starch dissolved in a little milk; boil five or ten minutes, then add the yolks of the eggs, well beaten, and mixed with a little milk stirring all the time for two or three minutes; now turn out into the moulding dish. Now, have the rest of the sugar and milk and chocolate all dissolved and well mixed together, heat it and pour it over the preparation; now add he whites of the eggs, well beaten, with a little sugar by spreading it over the top, set it in the oven two minutes. Serve cold, without sauce.

—Woolen hosiery and underwear costing thirty-two cents a pound started out just 100 years ago with a protective duty of 5 per cent. These goods have gradually climbed up the protective ladder till now McKinley puts on a duty of 24 per cent. When do stockings cease to need protection? Is this a decent way for our stockings to celebrate a century of protection?

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—William Waldorf Astor, since he became the richest man in America, has the gloomiest expression of face conceivable, his former cheerful demeanor having entirely departed. His head hangs forward like that of a man who is weighed down by responsibilities, and he talks in an almost querulous fashion.

—The United States has about thirty acres of land to each inhabitant, while England has less than two acres. This is what keeps wages up in America and makes the problem of bread winning easier here than in England. Yet protectionists assure us that nothing but the tariff can cause good wages and keep us all from going to ruin.

—It is a very common thing for young housekeepers to scorch their linen when learning to iron. Do not be discouraged. Wax your irons thoroughly and keep them in a dry place. This will prevent their sticking. If you find a scorched place expose it to the hottest rays of the sun. It will be obliterated in a short time.

—The Japanese are a gentle, sensitive race, very much under the influence of their emotions. Love with them is a serious matter; often one of life or death. Disappointments in love or desertion, frequently ends in suicide. The passion which thrill and torment the human soul are as intense in faraway heathens Japan as in those lands which boast a higher civilization.

"HAD BEEN WORRIED EIGHTEEN YEARS."—It should have read "married," but the proof-reader observed that it amounted to about the same thing, and so did not draw his blue pencil through the error. Unfortunately there was considerable truth in his observation. Thousands of husbands are constantly worried almost to despair by the ill health that afflicts their wives, and often robs life of comfort and happiness. There is but one safe and sure way to change all this for the better. The ladies should use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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Those who think nothing—who use nothing—who live on expectation, hope or some intangible nothing, will save time by passing this column by. It is not intended for them but the other fellows. We write what is here put down for the people who are mortal enough to get hungry, and in consequence of getting hungry are sensible enough to try to get what is good, pure, wholesome and necessary, at prices that don't require them to lay out all that they earn, to appease their appetites. We have been in the hunger-appeasing business for many, many years. We know what men want, we know what women and children desire, and we know how much better and how much more pleasant it is to reside in a community where people enjoy good health, than among dyspeptic complainers, growlers and sufferers. To have healthy people pure food must be used. We understand this, and understanding it, keep nothing but the purest of everything that can be found in the market. To satisfy the demands of the many different stomachs that we try to gratify, requires a vast variety of dainties, condiments and relishes, as well as the substantial; and knowing this there is nothing that is eatable, relishable or appetizing, that we do not keep.

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