

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

If you mean to raise early lambs for next spring's trade, it's time you had your breeding stock in shape.

A large scarlet comb indicates that the hen is laying. All healthy fowls should have bright red combs.

It is money thrown away to invest in the better class of stock unless you are prepared to give them good care.

Plenty of fresh-burnt charcoal is excellent in the pig-pen, especially during this season, when green food is plentiful, and they will eat it rapidly.

Keep the stock where you can get the manure. It does not pay to turn your stock in the woods and buy fertilizers. Do not let your farm run down.

Turkeys grown three months will, barring accident, be growing rapidly from now on. Rhode Island raises the largest number; the farmers of Indiana and Illinois are raising more than they have done for years past.

Every bird killed means more worms to fight. Every woman who wears a dead bird as an ornament on her bonnet encourages the destruction of the useful creatures. If the women would reject all such ornaments they would do a service to farmers and prevent cruelty.

Mr. B. Allen, in the New York Tribune, advises that pasture lands be divided into small lots, instead of one large one. The grass is eaten down cleaner, and while one lot is pastured the others recuperate. Now that iron fences are so cheap, this is a good plan.

Cottonseed meal and bran are the cheapest of all food for stock, considering their nutritive value as compared with other materials. These foods are cheap if simply brought on the farm for the value as manure alone, and especially on lands deficient in nitrogen and phosphates.

The New Jersey State Agricultural Society, two years ago, balloting for the best three grapes for general use, one of each color, decided in favor of the Brighton, red; Worden, black, and Niagara, white; and few grape growers in that State would to-day make any alternation in the list.

There is generally found a brisk demand for peas, beans, radishes and sweet corn in late summer and fall. These crops when planted in summer require richer soil than in early spring and it should be remembered, too, that seeds sown in mid-summer must be covered deeper than in the spring.

Every farmer knows that bright, clean corn fodder will be eaten up entirely by the cows. Do not let it become moldy. It may be very convenient to leave it in the field, but before the winter is half over much of it will be soaked with rain, blown or trampled. Corn fodder is an excellent food if in good, bright condition.

If our farms are "running out" such should not be the case. In England, where the soil has been cultivated for centuries, the land is richer today than ever before. This is due to the farms being small and well manured. Every square foot of land in England is made to yield something, if used for farming, and the aim is always to add more plant food than the crop removes.

With a small flock of choice sheep the farmer is not obliged to go around among his neighbors to solicit them to buy a quarter of beef from him at a low price, because he cannot consume it, but can retain and can use the meat of sheep instead. Mutton is just as nutritious as beef, and if the choice mutton breeds of sheep are used a far better article of meat can be secured.

A writer from Union county, Ill., notices that the Bartlett pear is losing ground, and among nurserymen's lists from first has sunk to third or fourth place, and says: "The Wilson strawberry has headed the list for decades. Who plants it now? Excepting in a few localities especially adapted to it we hardly find it at all. Is the Bartlett in like manner passing into retirement?"

Some one makes the sensible suggestion that such horses on the farm as are to be worked together nearly every day during the season should be matched in gait and strength. These items are of much more importance than color, size, and other things that are often looked at instead. If unevenly matched give the weakest animal the benefit of a little advantage with the double-tree.

The Mirror and Farmer holds forth in this manner: "There is an anxious looking after the sheep industry as a mortgage lifter. Not long since the cow, the 'angel of the hillsides' and the 'queen of the prairie,' was the idol of the farmer staggering under a mortgage. But dairying has been descending to the common level of other lines of agriculture, and there is a dubious looking around to find some other idol of hope."

Mrs. L. Harrison, in the Prairie Farmer, gives the following good advice about not disturbing the nests of the bumble-bees: Farmers do not burn up all the nests of the bumble-bees, for they are worth \$20 to you in fertilizing red clover blossoms, thereby insuring a heavy crop of seeds. In Australia there were no bumble-bees of our kind and they could not raise cloverseed till they imported some.

Carrots are regarded as promoting the strength and endurance of the horse in a high degree. They are much esteemed as a feed for sick or convalescent horses. In health, carrots may be given sliced in cut feed. Half a bushel a day is sufficient, if other strong feed is not given. Boiled carrots are given to sick horses. Carrots are much used in feeding racing and other sporting horses. They greatly improve the horse's wind.

No Bank There.

There was an eastern man with us in the stage as we were making a route in Kansas, and at noon, as we stopped at a new town for dinner, he said to the landlord of the board shanty tavern: "This seems to be a brisk sort of a town."

"Yes. She's gaining right along." "Is there a bank here?" "Regular bank?" "Yes."

"Regular bank, with president, cashier, and so on, where they receive deposits, give drafts on Chicago, and so forth."

"Yes." "No, there isn't any such bank here now."

"Then there was one." "Yes, but it closed out. The president and cashier are here, though."

"Then perhaps I could have a little talk with them before dinner?" "Hardly. They are lying underground out here in my back lot."

"What! Dead?" "As door nails?" "Sickness or accident?" "Well, sort o' betwixt. The bank tried to fail and pay fifty cents on the dollar, and the boys turned out and hung them to that telegraph pole there, and divided the cash, so that we got \$1.10 a piece on our deposits. If you want to start a bank, however, fill—"

"Oh, no, no! I had no idea of it.—I'm going on to Emporia to go into business."

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