

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., October 3, 1890.

Farm Notes.

All stone fruit are claimed to be benefited by potash fertilizers more than by the application of manure.

It is claimed that the cows which calve in September and October are the ones that give the largest profit.

Sunflower seeds are excellent for the hens that are molting. The hens should have all their new feathers before frost sets in.

One of the greatest obstacles to the farmer in the winter season is mud. All paths and walkways should now be covered with sand and gravel.

Be careful now that the heavy sows do not kill their pigs by crushing them. Allow plenty of room to farrowing sows, and use cut straw for bedding.

The cabbage-worm butterfly will not cease work until the end of the season. The white butterflies will remind you to look for cabbage-worms.

The Devon is one of the hardiest and best breeds known for hillside pastures. The cows are usually gentle and yield more than the average quantity of milk.

The Holstein Friesian cow Pauline Paul has recently concluded a test in which she produced 382 pounds and 14 ounces of butter in 90 days. When will we reach the limit?

A new roof may be expensive, but it is cheaper than damp stables or barns and sick animals. The animals have no warm stoves in winter, and dryness is therefore essential.

A teaspoonful of liquid carbolic acid in a quart of water, allowing no other water to drink, is the best remedy for chicken cholera yet discovered, but it is not a sure cure.

Common sense urges the farmer to give himself and his team a good rest after the mid-day meal. Rarely is work so pressing as to make the non-observance of this rule profitable.

If the sows are to bring a second litter care should be taken against her becoming too thin before the pigs are weaned. Satisfactory results cannot be expected from a walking skeleton.

It pays to have good roads, and the tax for that purpose is a small sum compared with the saving of the team. On a good road one horse can do more work than two on a rough road.

Experiments made show that when celery and many other vegetables are packed in damp moss and kept in a cool place they will keep well for a long time, and especially in winter.

In London the milk of the goat is sold at three times the price of cow's milk, being in demand for young children. Goats in England are largely used for producing milk, and they are pedigreed and bred to certain lines or strains in the same manner as are cattle in this country.

If there was no other inducement for keeping the pig pen clean, the odors therefrom should be a sufficient cause. Diseases may occur from the filth of the pen, and it is stated that typhoid fever has been traced to such source. Saving the manure at all times leads to cleanliness and enriches the farmer.

About one pint of grain per day is estimated as an average allowance for each sheep if plenty of straw and hay be given. This is less than six bushels of grain per year. As the sheep produces mutton, lamb and wool, as well as returning part of the food as manure, it should give a large profit in proportion to cost.

"Fancy farmers" are a blessing to agriculture. They reach for the best, make experiments, and gradually lead the more practical workers to a realization of the importance of superior stock and better methods. But for the "fancy farmers" many of our best breeds would not be known, and agriculture would be behind our pursuits.

Eggs can be preserved by simply placing them on racks in a cool place and turning them twice a week. It is important when preserving eggs to have every egg fresh, as a single stale egg in a lot will injure the whole. Eggs to be preserved should never be bought from other parties, as there is too much liability of having some among the number unfit for the purpose desired.

Labor is the great factor on the farm that gives the best return of all expenses, but everything depends on how and where it is applied. It is not the number of hours labor is performed that brings in the profit, for misapplied labor may entail a loss, but in systematic arrangement, by which every matter demanding attention receives its share at the proper time and with the least effort necessary.

One of the difficulties in banking up all kinds of roots, or cabbage, is that of the ground becoming frozen, and sealing them up until the weather becomes mild. A farmer, who has tried the method, suggests that cabbage be packed in barrels covered with earth, the head of the barrel being so arranged as to allow the cabbages to be taken out as required, and the barrel head covered with straw.

The sweet potato crop is being harvested. It is a bulky crop, and one of the most difficult to keep through the winter. The first thing to do is to assort the potatoes and use the small ones for fattening hogs, for which purpose it is superior to corn. When some method is discovered by which sweet potatoes can be evaporated and kept in that condition they will become an important article of consumption.

Johnny—Please, pa, let me have a quarter to give to a poor lame man, Father. — "Who is the lame man, Johnny?" Johnny—"Er—well, pa, he's the ticket-seller down at the circus." —West Shore.

An Ancient Doll.

Last May, near the Hadrian Villa, in Rome, were found at a depth of thirty feet below the surface, two stone burial caskets. In one of them was the perfect skeleton of a little girl wrapped in linen which, upon exposure to the air, fell rapidly to dust. Upon her head were fragments of a myrtle crown—the Roman symbol of youth—and on her fingers were four rings, one of them with her name, "Filetus," engraved upon it. There were also in the narrow sarcophagus—as the ancients called their stone coffins—many other articles of more or less value. Among them an exquisite amethyst breastpin, cut like a cameo, and set in Etruscan gold filigree work; pearl earrings, carved amber pins for the hair, and a gold necklace with little white pendants of elegant workmanship. But the most interesting thing of all the treasures which loving hands had laid away with little "Filetus" centuries ago, was a doll, most perfectly made of oak wood. The face and hair were carved in the most minute and careful way, the latter waving low on the forehead and bound with a fillet. The joints were articulated so that legs, arms and wrists moved in sockets, and the hands and feet were cut with extreme delicacy, with small and delicate nails.

The dress, if there was any originally, must have mouldered away, for the letter which gave this account did not speak of any.

It is thought that this little Roman girl, with her ornaments and the playthings which were probably dearest to her, must have been laid away to her rest before the Christian era, and taking a long backward look through the centuries, it is touching to realize that the same things that were pleasing then, are still the delight of the young people.

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After the polite, smiling visitor had gone away the gentleman whose garment had been operated upon had occasion to consult his watch.

It wasn't there.

It had disappeared with the spot.—Chicago Herald.

Interesting Facts about Hair.

Four hundred hairs of an average thickness would cover an inch of space on a woman's head. The blonde has about 140,000 filaments to comb and brush, while the red-haired beauty has to be satisfied with 88,000; the brown-haired damsel may have 100,000; the black-haired but 100,000.

Few ladies consider that they carry some forty or fifty miles of hair on their head; the fair-haired may have to dress seventy miles of threads of gold every morning. A German experimentalist has proved that a single hair will suspend four ounces without breaking, stretching under the process and contracting again. But the hair thus heavily weighted must be dark brown, for blonde hair breaks down under two and one-half ounces.

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