Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., October 17, 1890.

Farm Notes.

Frequently give your hens new, clean nests.

The market is seldom overstocked with the best.

A light and effective movable fence is a desideratum.

Cut the burs and cockles before turning in the sheep.

Keeping the weeds cut is better than pulling them out.

The fall is the seeding time for weeds. Destroy them before the seed falls.

Use a little mutton tallow or vaseline when there are signs of the cow's teats cracking.

Plans for numbering farm houses and others in the country are being tried in some States.

It is said that typhoid fever has been traced to a dirty pig pen, the virus coming into the house on the unwashed feet of flies.

If you have had the start of the weeds all summer don't let them get the start of you on the homestretch. Keep them down.

All recent agricultural exchanges that refer to the practice of sulphuring fruit condemn it. Not one has a word to say in its favor.

Germany sent to the United States last year beet-root sugar to the value of $16,000,000. Two years ago the amount was less than $1,500,000.

Bright oats straw run through a cutting box and mixed with bran and a little ground oats slightly moistened, makes one of the best fodders for horses.

In cutting seed potatoes cut the eye with a slant toward the butt or stem end, and cut past the middle of the potato, leaving as much of the eye on the potato as you can.

Be careful that your hay does not become heated in the barn. Hay, to keep well, should be well cured before storing, and it should not be packed too heavily.

Professor Augur, of Connecticut, recommends sprinkling cabbage with brine strong enough to bear an egg as a remedy for the cabbage worm. It is also good for the cabbage.

It is only in exceptional cases that it will pay the average farmer to breed horses for speed. Generally, all things considered, good draft horses will return a safer and better profit.

In plowing stony land for seeding to grass, put all small stones into the furrow and cover them, and lay all larger ones out on the furrows and afterward draw them off on a stone boat.

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

When tomatoes are on stakes or trellises it is a good plan to nip off the tops. Side shoots push out the sooner, and from these come the fruit. There is no advantage in so much height.

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.

Teach the boy to do his farm work so that it will be admired, and you give him something to think about that adds zest to his work. Teach him to be as neat and tasteful in his work as in dress, and you develop valuable qualities, such as may hold him to the farm.

If the corn crop is not harvested and siloed when there is moisture in the stalks to start rapid fermentation, we should certainly, say *Hoard's Dairyman*, add water to the contents of the pit, and if the water was hot, it would be all the more effective in starting the fermentation.

An exchange naively remarks: "The attempt to control sex in stock breeding is not yet a triumph of science. What is more, it never will be." Undoubtedly not. The more scientists struggle with the problem the more they are confused. Nature keeps some things wisely and closely hidden.

Early cabbages are not usually as hard and large as the later kinds. They are intended to afford a supply while waiting for the better varieties to come in. They are but of little value unless early. It is time to have the seed for early plants sowed in the hot bed, and the young plant should be set out as soon as possible.

The introduction of the bush lima bean is a valuable aid to the bean grower. The chief expense in growing lima beans is the poles, which require labor in staking and replacing when affected by winds. Those who have tried the bush beans claim that they are fully as prolific as the pole beans, as well as being equal to the latter in quality.

To make thorough work of the weeds they should be carted off the land at once and burned up if dry enough, or dumped in a pile and worked over for two years before returning to the land as compost. This working over may be done with a cultivator and harrow in a large pile; it does not take much time, but needs attention every ten days in the growing season.

One of the reasons why peaches do not succeed on land long cultivated, is lack of mineral plant food. The peach is usually planted on light or sandy land, that has at best very little mineral. The seed cannot form without potash, and lacking this the seed falls off soon after setting. It is believed by some that lack of potash is the predisposing cause of the disease known as peach yellows. When taken early enough this disease has been cured by heavy applications of German potash salts.

Household Hints.

For polishing furniture beeswax and turpentine are very good, but plenty of elbow grease is essential.

White paint that has become discolored may be nicely cleaned by using a little whiting in the water for washing.

Save all your white muslin. It makes good dusters and will also be useful for cleaning windows, as it is free from lint.

A good way to remove ink stains from carpets is to sprinkle salt over the soiled spots and pour on boiling water; do it several times, if necessary.

For cleaning glasses belonging to mahogany furniture, use either powdered whiting or scraped rottenstone mixed with sweet oil, and rub on with a chamois skin.

Eggs shells crushed into small bits and shaken well in decanters, three parts filled with cold water, will not only clean them thoroughly, but make the glass look like new.

The walls of each room should be brushed, a duster should be tied over a broom and then passed up and down. The duster must, of course, be shaken from time to time.

For cleaning windows and mirrors one of the best things is plain soft water and chamois leather, having a dry chamois leather as well to polish with afterward. This process will not answer near the sea, because of the salt in the atmosphere.

The scrubbing of floors should be done with bath brick dust or sand and ordinary household soap. The object of the brick dust or sand is to whiten boards. After washing leave all the doors and windows open for it to dry quickly, which also helps to whiten the boards.

When table cloths are worn beyond mending cut out square pieces from the best parts of them and hem them neatly. They make nice napkins for the little children to use at the table, and also do nicely for them to carry their lunche to school in, for if they are stained or lost it will not matter much, as your set will not be broken.

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