

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.
While agriculture is the first and noblest of the sciences, stock raising is the right arm of agriculture.

Buttermilk is something too valuable for the pigs. Use it instead of water when making bread, and use it as a drink on the table.

More attention should be paid to teaching young horses to walk fast than is done. A fast-walking horse is a desideratum not often met with.

Do not keep the cream too long before you churn. By waiting until enough cream is secured to make a churning bitter butter may be the result.

Dr. Hoskins, among the first pomological authorities of to-day, says, in *Orchard and Garden*, that beauty in fruit is more important than size; but he thinks beauty and size are more important than very high quality.

We know a man who makes his hens "hoop" his garden, at least partially. He makes a long box with slat sides and top which will just fit between the rows, and in this contrivance the hens are left to scratch to their hearts content.

An ill-fitting harness or collar will chafe or gall any horse, and any harness or collar that does not allow the horse to dry into the harness, which by degrees becomes brittle, hard and unyielding. All harness should be oiled at regular intervals.

It literally makes one's blood run cold to step into some stables and pens these cold days and see how little attention is given to the warmth of animals. And yet they are expected to thrive and fatten just the same. Weather strips over crevices and straw for beds save feed.

Cut straw can be used for so many different purposes, in the shape of bedding, as well as for food, that it really possesses a greater value for the farmer's uses than the prices quoted for straw in the markets. No farmer should sell his straw. It is worth more on the farm than can be realized by its sale.

The latest English returns show an increase in all its branches of live stock over last year. Compared with 1889, cattle have increased from 6,139,555 to 6,508,632, a gain of 369,077; sheep from 25,532,020 to 27,272,459, and pigs from 2,510,803 to 2,773,600, a gain of 262,806.

Remember that every time you add to the comfort of the cow you increase the flow of milk, not only theoretically but practically. The quality of the milk obtained, not only through judicious feeding but through cleanly bedding from first to last, is everything in the quality of butter obtained.

Where calves are to be kept they do not get new milk a very long time; but the skim-milk should at least be warmed before feeding. If the calf is inclined to scour the milk should be scalded and then partly cooled. Out milk, sifted and boiled to thicken it, makes an excellent feed for calves, mixed with as much skim-milk as can be spared.

There are people who have been milking cows and making butter for forty years and yet know nothing about the philosophy of the business. There are beginners who, of course, know little or nothing about it; neither, perhaps, think much of the dairy as a farm industry. A thorough study of the subject would likely change the minds of both.

If the young stock is expected to be strong and vigorous the first point is to secure vigorous parents. Like begets like, and the tendency should be to have the young stock better than the old stock on the farm. To do this secure new blood, avoid inbreeding, and discard all animals that are not hardy and vigorous.

Guinea fowls will go into a house to roost if they have been accustomed to it, though they like to choose a place for themselves, and have a decided liking for trees. It is necessary to keep them in pairs, as they are monogamous. They are nearly always steal their nests. They are not remarkably belligerent, but it is not advisable to confine them with other fowls.

Long warts on cows' teats can be cured by clipping them off close to the skin, then coat the wound with powdered sulphate of copper. If the warts are broad and flat, moisten them with a strong solution of sulphate of copper. Before this application rub the corroded surface with sand-paper, which prevents soreness. Warts are said to be contagious.

Many a farmer is daily enviously complaining because he has not money enough to buy a lot of pure bred cows. To improve what he has by better feeding and care, the use of green fodder crops when the pastures fail and good winter keeping, and so on, would be better for him in the end than a herd of cows costing \$1000—*Northeastern Agriculturalist*.

The quality of vegetables in winter depends much upon their freshness. If they are permitted to wither by exposure to a dry air, much of their crispness and flavor is lost. The two essentials are to keep them from freezing and from drying. The former requisite is easy to all who have good cellars; the latter requires the exercise of a little more knowledge and care.

Fierce competition makes all men hustle if they would succeed. There is just as much competition in farming as in any other business, and it is the hustler who reads and studies and works who makes a success of his farming or his stock raising. The old-fashioned methods are playing out. They were good in their day and generation, but they can't compete with the fast-time methods of to-day.

Her Work Nearly Done.

There she sits, the old Christian mother, ripe for heaven. Her eyesight is almost gone, but the splendors of the celestial city kindle up her vision. The gray light of heaven's morn has struck through the gray locks which are folded back over the wrinkled temples. She stoops very much now under the burden of care she used to carry for her children. She sits at home, too old to find her way to the house of God, but while she sits there all the past comes back, and the children who, forty years ago, tripped around her armchair with their griefs and joys and sorrows—these children are gone now, some caught up into a better realm where they shall never die, and others out in a broad world, testing the excellency of a Christian mother's discipline. Her last days are full of peace, and calmer and sweeter will her spirit become until the gates of life shall lift and let the worn old pilgrim into eternal springtime and youth, where the limbs never ache and the eyes never grow dim, and the staff of the exhausted and decrepit pilgrim shall become the palm of the immortal athlete.—*Dr. Talnage in New York Observer.*

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A WARM FINALE.—Good old Uncle Henry and 4-year-old Tom, his nephew, were in conference. Asked how he put in the time the small boy began with breakfast, hurried over play time to dinner, then through more play to supper, and then paused in doubt.

"Well, Tom, what comes after supper?" asked his uncle.
The boy's big eyes looked fixedly into space, but his lips never moved.

"Specially something comes after supper?" the older repeated.
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