

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

Millions of dollars worth of manure is annually lost on the roadways of this country.

There is nothing surprising. The French now freeze milk in blocks and sell it in that condition.

Burn over every spot that contains dead grass or dried seeds. Millions of seeds are found under such prices.

When the potted plants are well grown and become heavily rooted remove them to a larger pot or they will not thrive.

Eight pound of milk make about one gallon, but as milk varies in quality and weight every gallon of milk will not weigh eight pounds.

Spinach may be sown early in the spring. Sow in drills twelve inches apart, and thin out the young plants where they may be too thick.

It is time enough to trim the peach trees about April. The work should not be done until the frost has finished its work of nipping the tender branches.

Try starting some early plants by sowing seed in boxes, and placing the boxes in the house window. Quite a large number can be secured in that manner.

Water in the cellar means disease in the family. It is better to fill the cellar and do without one than to have it with a foot or more of water covering the floor every spring.

The greatest problem on the farm at the present day is the weed problem. More time, labor and money are spent on weeds than on crops, yet much of this expense could be avoided.

Peas can be put in somewhat early, as they are hardy. They endure a little frost, and grow better when the spring is not too warm. Prepare a plot for successive sowings, as the dwarf kinds seldom allow of more than two pickings.

A poor clover field is better than none at all. If it is not worth cutting, it will at least assist to provide green food for some of the stock. A clover field is just the place for pigs, and will also be convenient for the cows.

When sowing clover seed do not fear to use plenty of seed, and if it is possible brush the seed in. One-half the seed is sometimes destroyed by exposure on the surface, while birds get a large share of it also.

The earliest cabbages are forced in cold frames, being transplanted from hotbeds. Lettuce is also forced in the same manner. Early lettuce brings good prices, and pays well for the extra attention given it.

The best way to prepare buttertubs to prevent imparting odor to milk is to thoroughly scald and wash them, rinsing well. Then saturate the tub with hot brine, allowing it to stand in the tub until cooled.

It is estimated that eight bushels of seed are required to plant an acre of potatoes, but this estimate is not reliable, much depending on how the potatoes are cut and how the seed is planted.

The farmer who does not preserve his implements in a great loss on himself. An account of the sum annually expended for repairs would show that a great leak in the expenses exists from carelessness in the care of tools and implements.

The time to begin on corn is the present. Whenever the ground is in a condition to plow the work should be done. Early plowing has its advantages. The seeds of weeds will be destroyed to a certain extent, and the insects will be exposed to the cold.

In an experiment with sugar in Kansas the yield on over four acres was one ton of sugar per acre, which polarized over 96 per cent, of pure crystallized sugar. About 380 gallons of sirup were also obtained from the four acres. The sugar was made from beets, the seed of which was imported from the sugar factories of Germany.

An Englishman by the name of Hawkins, a fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, who has been working in Professor Koch's hospital at Berlin, claims to have discovered a cure for the disease of anthrax in cattle. His method is exactly the same as that of Koch as regards inoculation, but he thinks he has found the anthrax killer in rats.

Seed may be good and yet not germinate on account of being covered with too much earth, especially on heavy soils. The seeds of vegetables should be planted just deep enough for the moisture of the ground to sprout them. One fourth of an inch is deep enough for such seeds as beets, while the small seeds of cabbage, parsnips, carrots and turnips, need only the lightest of covering, and the soil should be very fine.

The asparagus beds should be well manured now with manure free from litter. It cannot be applied too liberally. Asparagus is the earliest vegetable that appears, and its quality largely depends on the soil and the manure. If the ground is not frozen the soil should be lightly forked up, the manure applied and the bed again forked over, which may prevent loss of the manure by washing during heavy rains.

It is useless to attempt to engage in market gardening unless the vegetables grown are of the choicest and best quality. The prices obtained depend on the appearance of the articles. A single bunch of asparagus or celery, that has been properly grown and neatly put up, is worth three bunches of inferior kinds. The liberal use of manure in market gardening is the most essential matter, and next comes cultivation of the crops, which must be thorough. There is no such thing as too much work on a market garden. The receipts more than balance the extra labor.

THE INFORMER'S REWARD.—Schoolmaster (turning round sharply)—Which of you is it that is daring to make faces at me?

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