

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

It is poor policy to keep pigs of all ages and size together.

It is estimated that 180,000 lambs between four and eight weeks of age, were marketed last season.

The liquids of the stable, if allowed to run off, carry away the most valuable portions of the manure.

Don't stint the young sows you intend to breed soon. Oats, wheat middlings and a little oil cake will be much better for them than heavy corn feeding.

Good draft horses, roasters or work horses are always in demand at good prices, and, with care in the selection of the breed-stock, may be raised as cheaply as common pligs.

The cost of a quart of milk at the New Hampshire station averaged for the herd 2.74 cents. The best cow on good feed made milk for 1.59; milk for the poorest cow on the same food cost 4.26 cents.

Milk that contains more than four pounds of butter fat should be skimmed two pounds to every 100 pounds of milk, and the surplus made into butter, says H. P. Carpenter in the *American Creamery*.

Those who are in the winter dairying for the first time must not forget that the fundamental principle is to feed well. That, in fact, is the fundamental principle of dairying in winter or summer.

A bee authority says: "The want of air fit for breathing, and perhaps all so of water, is the cause of bees becoming restless, which ignorant and superficially informed people attribute to excessive heat."

Seeds should always be planted in fresh, moist soil. If the soil is dry it draws the moisture from the seed if it contains any, and the seed has to lie and await the necessary moisture before it can sprout.

In selling fat wethers each one must decide for himself whether the money is in shearing or selling unshorn. We know flockmasters who hold there is just as much money in selling with the wool on.

T. B. Terry says: "I believe that at the present day, in the vicinity of good markets at least, a sure plan for keeping poor and hard up on a small farm is to try to raise a little of everything that will grow in the latitude where one lives."

Mr. O. S. Bliss says in the *New York Tribune* that true economy in feeding hens is to give all the feed that can be well assimilated and turned to profitable use, and when too much is consumed for profit, reduce the quality rather than the quantity.

This season the farmers who grow potatoes will benefit themselves by making experiments with fertilizers, using different kinds for that purpose. The value of any kind of fertilizer largely depends on the soil in which the crop is grown.

Farm Stock and Home puts it in this wise: "Poor roads; small loads, exhausted horses, lost time, wretched wagons. Good roads; big loads, happy horses, time to spare, solid wagons. Of all men, the farmers cannot afford to have poor roads."

The farmer takes not only cost but his living out of his receipts before he begins to count the profit. The merchant counts as profit the difference between the buying and selling price, less the cost of the transaction, and then lives on his profit.

Dr. Hoskins says that if paris green were soluble in water it would kill the leaves upon which it was sprinkled. It is, however, soluble in the bodies of insects. London purple is slightly soluble in water, and is hence always more or less harmful to foliage.

A calf can be prevented from having horns by an application of crude potash to the spot where the incipient horn can be felt—so Waldo F. Brown says. The cost is next to nothing. The plan of dehorning is gaining in favor, and done in this way has much to commend it.

Never cut a fowl's wings by clipping off the quills, as it makes them look unsightly. The best way to cut their wings out and cut the feather portion from the quill. This will leave bare quills, and when the wing is closed it rarely shows that the wing has been tampered with. Only one wing should be cut.

Many persons make the mistake of planting carrots, parsnips and beets too late. They are crops that should go in as early as the season will permit, as they should have as long a growing period as possible. Another advantage of early planting is that they have a chance to grow before weeds and grass. The seeds are slow to germinate, and much time is often lost by the seeds covering the ground before the seeds of the root crops come through. Make the soil very fine.

In those sections where hay is not a sure crop oats are thickly sown on good land, and when the heads are in the milky stage the crop is cut and cured. In this manner the nutritious matter is arrested in the stalk while on its way to fill out the seed heads, the stalks being in a green, succulent condition. For feeding the oats (stalks and heads) are passed through a cutter, ground grain added, and feed it to all kinds of stock except swine, and it is easily cured and kept during winter.

Professor W. A. Henry says: "I should think ten pounds of hay sufficient for a horse literally fed on grain. As a rule horses consume much more hay than is best for them or profitable for the owner. The practice of filling a hay-chute or deep manger with a large amount of hay and allowing the

animal to eat at will should be avoided. With a little experience ascertain the real needs of the animal, and keep him to that."

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—It takes two to make a quarrel, but it lies in the power of one to prevent it. The young wife will act wisely and for the happiness of all, herself included in the home if she always strives to bar the entrance to quarrels by loving patience, gentle words, and ready forgiveness; but this plan of action must begin at the very commencement of her married life. The door once opened is difficult to close, though it can be done by much trying.

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—A man of genius never speaks applause, while the little minded, or those who have but a small portion of intellect, try by their vanity and conceited boasting, to build upon the mental resources of others their own fame and reputation. However, it is for the best, for they soon fall to their proper level—once they reach it, they never rise.

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