

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

The cream that rises first is the richest, the globules of the first cream being larger than those coming later.

The pigs will work industriously if given plenty of litter, and it will assist in keeping them in health.

A sudden change from dry food to green, on the part of the cows, may cause scours, and a falling off in milk.

Make a cold frame for your early cabbage and lettuce. Expose all tender plants to the open air on clear days when the temperature is not below the freezing point, so as to gradually harden them.

Breeders of ponies in this country evidently have a wide field before them. A better acquaintance of the public with the value of these horses in miniature would result in an increased use of them.

A contemporary says that it is sometimes said that apples will keep in water just above the freezing point, and wishes our experiment stations would test it. Apples have been kept in water for two years.

Dairying is similar to other occupations, in that it is profitable or unprofitable—just as the dairyman makes it. Energy, true (not false) economy and a strict adherence to business principles are the "watchwords" to success.

All kinds of stock are subject to loss of appetite when the food does not consist of a variety. A mess of cooked turnips may improve an animal more than medicine. Always resort to a change of food when the animals seem to lose appetite.

Rich soil stands drought better than poor. The heavier growth shades the soil, and thus checks evaporation; the crops are hurried to maturity before drought gets in its work, and vigorous plants can go further for moisture and nutriment.

The fall colt can now be weaned if the dam is required for work, but the colt must not be neglected or turned out on the pasture to pick its food. Give it a mess of oats morning and night. After grass is plentiful it will need no meal at noon.

The hog-pen is a nuisance that ought to be abolished. A small pasture of green food, containing comfortable shelter and conveniences for feeding and watering, should be provided; then hogs will be healthy, have good appetites and good digestion, and that is all they want.

The manure of different kinds of farm stock varies in quality or richness because they receive different kinds of rations, and because they assimilate their food differently. The manure from the stalls of fattening animals is richer; that is to say, is worth more per ton than that from stock fed on grain or mill feed.

Early beets in the garden should be planted on a plot that has been spaded deep, as some varieties of beets push down into the ground. Parsnips and carrots will become forked if they meet with obstructions below in growing. If the soil is made very fine and spaded well this difficulty may be avoided.

The rust on raspberry and blackberry causes a dangerous disease, says the *Massachusetts Ploughman*. Cut out every part affected with it as soon as seen. Handle with care, so as not to shake off the poisonous rust, and burn or bury it. If let alone it spreads rapidly. In most cases it is said to come from wild vines along the roads or in neglected fields.

Professor Burrill has demonstrated by experiment that Canada thistles can be eradicated in from one to two years by simply cutting them back as often as they show their heads above ground. If the work is thoroughly done at a cost of about 50 cents per square rod, a year will suffice, and only one crop need be lost.

Neither heavy grain feeding nor inbreeding will cause tuberculosis, but anything that reduces the vigor of an animal will make it more susceptible to the attacks of disease. Farmers should be cautious about buying thin, sickly looking cows, hoping to fatten them up by good feeding. A suspicious cow should not be introduced into a healthy herd at any price.

It is perfectly certain that the corn plant can be improved so as to produce five and six ears to the stalk. It can not be done by going to the crib to get seed, nor can it ever be done by going to the field starting seed from hills with two to three stalks. It can only be done by growing stalks separately, giving room to each stalk to do its best.

Economy in feeding means providing the cows with a generous allowance of the kind that will produce the most returns, the sort that make more milk and butter. The term does not apply so much to restricted quantity (feed not fed is not always economy) as to skill in compounding the ration and judgment in giving it.

The South Dakota Station concludes after careful experiments and analysis during the past year, that the sugar beet industry, as now carried on, is one requiring the utmost care in all its details. Persons with small capital should not undertake it. But when conducted on a large scale and properly managed, it not only yields a profit to the manufacturer, but is a great benefit to the locality in which the business is carried on.

It is announced that hundreds of horses which have done nothing but plow for wheat are coming out of that Dakota wheat country to be traded for sheep in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The country about Mendon and Bismarck is being stocked with sheep in place of raising wheat. It is the firm opinion of Dalrymple, the great Dakota wheat raiser, that there will be 60,000,000 bushels less of wheat raised next year than the year before.

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It can go to sleep "like a little angel" and just as mamma and papa are starting for the theater it can wake up and stay awake till the last act.

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It can lighten the burdens of a loving mother's life by adding to them. It can flatten its dirty little face against the window pane in such a way that the tired father can see it as a picture before he rounds the corner. Yes, babies are great institutions, particularly one's own baby.

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