

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

The greatest profit on a pig is in the first 200 pounds.

Trim your fruit trees so as to give a free, open top, no two limbs touching or crossing each other.

It is said that the pea weevil will not live over one year in seed peas. So that by keeping the seed over until the second season it destroys what may be in it. And 2-year-old peas are almost as good as 1-year ones.

California is famous for her large sized fruits, but it is the general verdict that in quality her apples and pears are not the equal of those of the Atlantic States. The pears which find their way to our market are not equal to our own.

Hogs are not as filthy in their habits as they are represented, while their keepers are more so. A well-bred hog will prefer clean food and drink every time it has an opportunity. Their motto is: Clean if possible, but beggars are not choosers.

Professor Hunter Nicholson says that women make the best butter-makers because of their superior ability to see and smell anything wrong, and this for the simple reason that their fine olfactory sense is not deadened by chewing tobacco, smoking cigars or drinking whisky.

Good silage weighs 40 to 45 pounds per cubic foot. In estimating the size of a silo, when building, it is safe to allow 50 pounds to every cubic foot. Thus, a silo 10 feet wide, 16 feet long and 16 feet deep would contain 10x16x16=2560x50=128,000 pounds. This divided by 2000 equals 64 tons.

Chop the manure well into the soil of the garden. Use only the fine and well rotted material. Coarse manure, containing cornstalks, straw, or other litter not decomposed, will only be in the way of the young and tender plants. The finer the manure the better.

Dr. Hoskins, Newport, V., the well-known experimenter in fruits for the cold North, harvested over a thousand barrels of apples last summer from his little orchard. Certainly no one need question but he has learned from his experimental work to grow fruit.

An excellent coating for peach trees, to prevent borers, is to swab the trees well with a mixture of lime and wood tar. Dig away the earth, swab the trees six inches below the ground and twelve inches above it, and return the earth to the trees.

Early cabbages require a very rich soil, while late ones will do well wherever a good crop of corn can be raised. We plow our ground early for late crop, summer following as for wheat. Early crop is set about the 10th of April, the second crop the 1st of May and the third crop the 20th of June.

Let the top dressing of the asparagus bed be of well decomposed manure, or if you covered last fall with manure that was a little "long," rake off this spring, and let the fine remain. Three hundred pounds of nitrate of soda to the acre just before the "grass" comes through will be a benefit.

Costiveness in sheep is very apt to occur in winter when no roots or ensilage are fed. In such case the value of oil meal can scarcely be overestimated. If the flockmaster has no green food we believe it will pay him to buy some oil meal at any cost that any body will likely have to pay.

The first thing to do in invigorating a worn-out orchard is to enrich the ground by top-dressing the whole surface with barn manure; if practicable, at the rate of thirty or forty two-horse loads to the acre, or with less if this amount cannot be had. Let this manure be finely broken up so as to be evenly spread and not left in lumps.

Professor J. W. Sanborn says: "Up to 300 pounds weight the calf consumes 3.3 per cent. of its live weight daily; from 300 to 700 pounds weight the steer requires 3 per cent. of live weight daily; from 700 to 1000 pounds about 2.8 per cent., and thereafter some 2.6 per cent. of live weight daily. More at first and less at the finish, it requiring about one-third of this food in grain."

Professor Robertson gave the following points of excellence in a dairy cow: Large udder, long, broad and elastic; soft, mellow skin; large barrel and plenty of room for food; broad loins and long rumps; rather long, fine neck and large eyes. A good 100-acre farm suited to dairying should carry 25 cows working ten months per year, producing at least \$50 per head.

Rotation of crops is always beneficial. Land that is given a different crop every year will not become exhausted as soon as when given up, year after year, to a single crop. A crop will take from the land certain foods in excess of others, and causes it to fail though it may not be lacking in other elements. By rotation of crops the supply of plant food removed is equalized, and the soil is better enabled to produce crops for a longer period of time.

All kinds of food may be relished by stock, but the food that gives the best results is that which is most easily digested and assimilated. The individual characteristics of an animal should be considered in feeding. Some animals will digest certain foods which would not be beneficial to their associates. There is no herd or flock that contains two alike in every respect. The farmer who studies the habits of each animal will have a great advantage in feeding for the best possible results.

The largest bearing apple orchard in the United States, says an exchange, is at Leavenworth, Kan., and comprises 437 acres of bearing trees. This year the yield was 79,170 bushels, the gross receipts being \$50,000. Yet nearly \$100 was cleared off of each acre. The

owner considers the Missouri Pippin the best paying apple in the orchard, the Ben Davis next and the Jonathan third. He has recently set an 800-acre orchard in Osage county.

The Centre of Population.

The Census Office has issued a bulletin giving the center of population of the United States in June, 1890, with some discussion of the movements of the center during the past century. By the eleventh census the center of population in 1890 was in Southern Indiana, at a point a little west of Greensburg, and 20 miles east of Columbus, or 46 miles west and 9 miles north of where it was in 1880.

The closeness with which the center of population during the past 100 years has clung to the parallel of 39 degrees of latitude cannot fail to be noticed. The most northern point reached was at the start in 1793, the most southern point was in 1880, the preceding decade having witnessed a rapid development of population in the South-west—Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana having been admitted as States and Florida annexed and organized as a territory. The extreme variation in latitude has been less than 19 minutes, while the hundred years of record have accomplished a movement of longitude of nearly 9.5 degrees.

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