

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

In Europe, pigs weighing about 200 pounds are preferred to large ones.

Prune the shade trees as well as the fruit trees, so as to give them a beautiful shape.

Every bushel of necessary grain withheld is equivalent to two bushels thrown away.

Linseed oil is said to be a remedy for black knot on the plum if applied to the knot upon the first appearance.

Two beans two inches apart will yield as much as two in the same space. It is a waste of seed to sow too close.

The poorest acre on the farm will produce a fleece worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50, and a lamb worth from \$3 to \$5.—J. P. Lambert.

Plant the garden so as to have all of the ground occupied during the growing season. There is no advantage in planting any kind of garden seed when the ground is wet and cold.

Success hinges upon the man and his surroundings. Find your market before your crop is ready and send the produce in the neatest and most attractive condition.

Try two and one half bushels of oats and one of peas on an acre early next spring. Cut early, it is excellent for hay; ripened, the grain ground together, is excellent feed for horses and pigs.

In discussing the causes of depression of agriculture interest it is well to remember that lack of business methods on the part of the farmer has contributed an important share.

James J. H. Gregory says that for the onion maggot he has found hens and chickens a possible remedy. He claims that a hen and a brood of chickens will take care of from an acre to an acre and a half.

There is no young couple who can not, if they wish, earn and pay for a farm in a few years time and be independent all their lives and hand down to their children a valuable property.

Do not be in a hurry to have your sheep care for themselves in the fields, but keep up a little winter feeding and give them abundant shelter—especially at night—until the weather gets warm and the grass gets well started.

In experiments made at the Wisconsin Station, to make 100 pounds of gain with lambs required 800 pounds of sweet skimmed milk, 25 pounds of oats and 60 pounds of green feed. To make 100 pounds of gain with pigs under the same conditions, required 654 pounds of sweet skimmed milk and 198 pounds of cornmeal and shorts.

Among the gooseberries, Industry is thought by some to be the best English gooseberry yet introduced. It is of vigorous upright growth, and a great cropper, and shows no sign of mildew; berries of largest size, often one and one-half inches in diameter and of excellent flavor, pleasant and rich; color when fully ripe, dark red.

The flax plant prefers a mild, soft soil, light and not too heavy, and free of weeds. A mild, loamy soil with a deep layer of humus and a subsoil not too dry, is best adapted for the requirements of this plant. A stiff soil composed of clay, or a dry and sandy one, is unsuitable. A very sandy soil is only good for flax culture if sufficiently moist.

Mr. O. S. Bliss, of Vermont, gives some pretty strong evidence in the New York Tribune to show that the strength of manure does not wash away to any considerable amount, even on quite steep side-hills. He says the color is no evidence of fertilizing material, which is very rapidly deposited if taken up at all by the surface water.

Unless rich ground is richly covered with useful plants it is quite certain to produce weeds. Nothing surpasses clover for smothering weeds. If sown thickly, and stock is kept off from it after the mowing, so that some of the seed from the second crop will be scattered, it will gain complete possession of the field to the exclusion of the weeds.

The sheep suffers more from long continued wet weather than any other animal. Keep them in dry locations if you wish to avoid disease in the flock, especially the dreaded foot-rot. Colds, due to exposure, lead to other ailments, and the sheep is more easily affected by dampness than by cold the flock should be carefully guarded until the spring rains are over.

At a recent Farmers' Institute the experience of one who had experimented for ten years with the different modes of cutting potatoes for planting was given. His testimony was that he had raised the most and largest potatoes from small uncut and seed ends every year but one, and that was a poor year for potatoes. He raised at the rate of 400 bushels to the acre.

A breed to be pure should have fixed characteristics peculiar to itself, and which can be transmitted. When pure breeds are used for improving common stock there will be a gain in some direction, but when the attempt to improve is made without regard to the characteristics desired, no improvement whatever may be the result. All work in improving the stock should be done with the view of accomplishing some definite purpose.

The soil must be fed liberally if it is to do liberal work. The capacity of all soils depends on its soluble plant food and the treatment given the crops. As soils vary the farmer alone is the judge of the kind of plant food required by his soil. To farm in an intelligent manner the farmer should not only know what the soil needs, but also the requirements of the crops to be grown thereon, in order to produce the greatest amount at the least cost.

An Old Fashion Returning.

A hundred years back it was customary for fussy people, old maids particularly, God bless them! to hang little bags at the head of their beds and put away things they might want before morning. We have not seen anything of this kind for years, but now we discover that these bedpockets are being sold in England, although the extent of their use is not stated. They are arranged in fanciful shapes of brass and hang by cords or ribbons from the head of the bedstead. There is a place for the pocket-handkerchief and a place for the watch. Likewise a place for the pocket-book and a sign to the burglar, "Step softly and don't disturb the sleeper." One can keep here his cough mixture or bottle of night-caps and eye-openers. Some of these devices take the form of niches to hold holy water or saintly figures, for use in Roman Catholic countries. We have not seen them in America, but once let them be introduced and they certainly would sell. It's a big improvement over poking things under the pillow.—Philadelphia Up-holsterer.

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—Chicago Post.

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