

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

Professor W. A. Henry found that a pound of mutton can be produced cheaper than a pound of pork.

Don't pull too many stalks from the rhabarb bed; let some of the leaves remain, for they are the lungs that supply life and vigor to the roots.

Some men pay a great deal of attention to the branches of the fruit tree, and let the roots take care of themselves. Both require equal attention.

Present prices of land and its products will not justify a man in clearing rocky land for pastures, or fields either, unless it is near some large town where market gardening can be followed.

It costs much more to regain a lost pound of flesh on a steer than to add a like weight to a thrifty one. In purchasing steers to feed, the thrifty ones will generally be found the more profitable.

Dairymen cannot afford to cut down the feed of their cows on account of the high price of grain. To do good work cows must have good feed, and small profit from the outlay is better than none.

By selecting varieties, and using fertilizer liberally, strawberries of enormous size may be grown. The kind of fertilizer to be used depends partially on the kind of soil, and can only be determined by experiment.

The fertilizing ingredients in a ton of corn meal are valued at \$7.85; in corn-cob meal, \$5.88; in linseed cake, \$22.80; in cottonseed meal, \$26.25; in wheat bran, \$14.58; in wheat middlings, \$10.63; in gluten meal, \$19.01.

A grocer wants to know why farmers do not make small cheeses, because they are called for. We answer, it is more work to make them, they do not cure as well, and there is more waste—more rind and outside dry curd.

Professor F. H. Storer, in his *Agriculture*, says that it is notorious that every improvement thus far made in European farming has been developed by the large farmers, the peasants having simply followed where the larger proprietors led.

A single row of raspberries will provide sufficient fruit for a family if well managed, but a dozen rows that have received no attention will fail to give even a mess. The raspberry responds well to good treatment, but fails when it is neglected.

One remedy to prevent squirrels, mice and birds finding planted corn is to harrow the ground immediately after planting to cover the planter tracks, and then to scatter corn about the border of the fields and in the vicinity of the squirrel holes as soon as the corn begins to come up.

Some have used as strong a mixture as one pound of Paris green to 50 gallons of water, but one pound to 100 gallons would be a great deal safer and equally efficacious. Some have used it even weaker than that and report good success with one pound to 200 gallons of water.

Professor E. S. Goff, of the Wisconsin station, says that in careful germination tests he found that the hulled grains of timothy seed neither germinate so well nor retain their vitality so long as those not hulled; also, that timothy seed, when properly stored, is fairly reliable up to five years old.

The average commercial value of fertilizers has increased in twenty-two years 35 per cent., and the average cost has diminished over 51 per cent. in the same period. To have obtained the same average quality of fertilizer which to-day sells at \$28.90 would cost the farmer at the average price of 1868, \$80.84.

Give me a good mixture and a close growth of grasses and red clover in the pasture field, and hay cut just before the height of bloom, cured as rapidly as possible and stored in good mows or barns, while yet some of it has a greenish tinge, and I can feed farm animals upon it more cheaply than upon any other food.

A simple and safe method of forming new colonies is to go to a strong one and take from it two frames of capped brood and place them, bees and all, in a new hive. From another colony fully as strong borrow two frames of hatching brood, and place one on each side of those in the new hive. In both cases be careful not to take the old queen.

Farmers with poor fences complain of the difficulty of keeping a flock of sheep confined; but a well-led and contented flock is not disposed to roam and break out of the lot, and may easily be kept within limits by a reasonably tight fence. A stonewall may not always be sufficient; but if this is topped up with stakes and riders it will stop any animal.

In Kentucky the average product of an acre of hemp is from 1200 to 1400 pounds of fibre, worth about 4¢ cents per pound. The cost of planting, harvesting and scutching is about \$25 per acre, so that it can easily be seen that hemp is a very profitable crop. Any good corn or wheat land will grow hemp, and there is a great demand for the fibre for twin and other manufacturing purposes. It is grass-rotted, same as flax.

It is better to fence off a portion of the pasture, and allow the grass to grow on one portion while the other portion is occupied, than to have a herd trample over the whole field in search of grass. Many pastures would afford an abundant supply of grass with good management. It is impossible for a pasture to withstand constant cropping and trampling. If grazed down too closely, and kept close, the grass will die out should the weather become very dry. Fence off a portion, and apply some kind of soluble fertilizer to the unoccupied field.

Popular Books.

Charles McDonald—The book which had the greatest run in its day from my counters was "Lorna Doone." I haven't had a call for it for months, but for a long time everybody who came in the store wanted it, and I could not begin to get enough to supply the demand. Of the old books, Dumas' "Monte Cristo," "The Three Guardsmen" and "The Mysteries of Paris" have a hold on my customers. I sell a copy of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" every ten days regularly. Occasionally I have an order for some of Gunter's books, "Barnes of New York" being in the lead. I had a box of Stevenson's "Jekyll and Hyde" which I had left over after the rage for Stevenson's books. I got this box out the other day and put the books in front of the house, but people look at them and then laugh at me. Poor Hugh Conway's books seemed to have dropped out of recollection. What a run they had! And there was John Habberton. When his "Helen's Babies" came out people stood in a line in this store to buy them. I don't believe I could give one of them away now.

The First Umbrella.

It is generally stated that it is to Jonas Hanway, the well-known philanthropist, that we are indebted for the valuable example of moral courage in first carrying a raised umbrella in the streets of London. It is difficult now to conceive the amount of persecution which this strange proceeding entailed upon that honorable gentleman, whose object was, doubtless, less the protection of his own person than that of showing his countrymen how they might protect themselves from drenching showers. Long after they had come into occasional use, a gentleman, accompanied by a lady, under the shelter of the new style of rain-protector, was hooted at by grown men as he passed along. A gentleman who chanced to be alone with a raised umbrella on the streets of either London or Liverpool was in constant danger of assault from the howling mob that was sure to follow at his heels.—*St. Louis Republic.*

A Fist Fight in Court.

CHATTANOOGA, June 6.—Two prominent attorneys came to blows in the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon. Col. W. J. Clift made severe remarks about the client of H. B. Case, who said in reply that Clift's language was unprofessional, damnable and outrageous. After a few angry words Clift struck Case a heavy blow in the face. Case struck back and a clinch followed, in which Case came out on top. The belligerents were separated and fined fifty dollars each by Judge Loon, who declares it shall be paid.

The prominence of the men and their legal, political and social standing makes the case a very sensational one and further trouble is looked for.

The Ear.

No oily substance, poultice or liniment should be put into the ear, because great injury is liable to be done. Warm water is the best possible, and about the only safe "wash." Do not scratch the ears with any metal; pin heads, hairpins or ear-picks should be tabooed. Do not scream if an insect enters the ear; warm water will drown it, and wash out the "remains." The ear is not nearly so liable to injury from the intruder as from frantic efforts to dislodge it.—*Hall's Journal.*

WEAK WOMAN.—The more sensitive nature of the female sex renders women much more susceptible than men to those numerous ills which spring from lack of harmony in the system. The nervous system gives way, sick headache is frequent, the appetite is lost, and other ailments peculiar to the sex cause great suffering. Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiarly adapted for such cases, and has received the most gratifying praise for the relief it has afforded thousands of women whose very existence before taking it was only misery. It strengthens the nerves, cures sick headache and indigestion, purifies and vitalizes the blood, and gives regular and healthy action to every organ in the body.

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