Democratic Watchman.

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Farm Notes.

The refuse of the crop from an acre of tomatoes contains more fertilizing material than similar remains of most other crops.

Heavy horses are chiefly needed in crowded cities where horses cannot move rapidly, and where heavy loads are necessary. For the country, a different sort of horses is wanted.

Pigs are useful in a small fruit orchard to eat the fallen fruit, and thus destroy the larvæ. But to have the work well and promptly done the proportion of trees and pigs should harmonize.

Milk is somewhat variable, but what is called Borden's standard—five and five eighth pounds per gallon—is now accepted as the standard for milk, not only in our own country, but in all Europe.

In some sections of our happy country goats and sheep are used for "sprouting" new land. Starvation—or the principle of "root, hog or die"—is the motive power. But it never makes the animals fat.

There is the same difference of constitution in the various weeds of our gardens. The ragweed, chickweed and pigweed germinate very early, the smartweed later, and after hot weather begins the greatest pest of all, purslane, begins to sprout.

The California *Fruit-Grower* says that sorrel can be eradicated by an application of twenty-five pounds of slaked lime to the square rod, applied broadcast. Digging and cultivating seems only to spread and encourage the pest to make renewed efforts.

Corn-cobs contain some nutritive matter and are useful for feeding when ground with the corn if the meal is made fine enough to be digested. A number of mills are now made for grinding the cob and grain together, but some of them only crush it. In buying select a mill that reduces it all to fine meal.

If any great success is to be made in farming, the man must follow that particular line of farming which he likes so well that he can put his whole soul into it, giving it that thorough investigation which will enable him to fully understand it in all its details, and grow it in the cheapest and best manner.

Every now and then some writer in the stock journals suggests a proper ration for an animal based on its size or weight, in spite of the fact that this is about the least reliable guide one can have, Almost every one knows that men do not eat in proportion to their size and weight, and neither do cows.

A gardener who has tested it for three years tells the *Home Journal* that broken pieces of bone do much better than broken crockery for draining flower-pots. The plants suck the fertilizing quality out of the bones and make such a vigorous growth that the plants in pots supplied with bones could be told at once.

All kinds of plants make considerable growth at the root before the eaves start much, and this root-growth akes place with plants like cabbages, onions, pansies, etc., at very low temperatures, scarcely above freezing. But the roote of the tender plants stand still in cold weather and even decay if it is long continued.

Analyses of cottonseed indicate that in one ton of it are 134.6 pounds of nitrogen, 60.5 pounds of phosphoric acid and 35.8 pounds of potash. This would show the material to be rich in manurial constituents. With this right at our door in unlimited quantities and low in price it would seem that the fertilizer question could be easily settled.

To show how much our English friends are ahead of us in some things, we may cite a measure recently introduced into Parliament, providing for the official registration of farriers and shoeing-smiths throughout that country. It is proposed that no one will be permitted to shoe horses who has not obtained a diploma from the Farriers' Company, and this can be had only after careful examination of the man's practical and technical knowledge of the business.

Maple sirup, to be pure and just right to eat, says a Utica paper, should weigh about 11½ pounds to the gallon. When poured out in a glass it should be clear and amber hued, without containing dark streaks. If, after it has stood in the dish a few hours, a dark sediment is found in the bottom, it is not pure maple sirup, even though the man who made it should cut down the tree from which he claimed the sap was drawn and haul it to your door in proof of his claim.

Poland China swine are properly recognized as one of the leading breeds. They possess great powers of assimilation, making the most of every particle of food that they received. They are of a quiet temperament, make a fine quality of meat, and give but a very small per cent. of offal in the dressed carcass. They are good graziers. thriving and making growth on grass and clover from spring until autumn. And they possess the valuable quality of being able to fatten off rapidly at any age, as soon as put on grain.

Recent discoveries of scientists occurring simultaneously in widely separated portions of the world in the absence of concerted action of concurrent knowledge, established the fact that the air is supplied with unlimited stores of fertilizing elements, which are designed to be used by plants by the adoption of a system of agriculture calculated to develop the supplies of fertility from all the sources of supply, both in the air and in the earth to great depths. Fertility is supplied in abundance, but to use it for the promotion of the growth of plants is the purpose of all agricultural efforts.

Out of Town.

A crippled child was taken out of the slums in Philadelphia one summer to a farm house among the hills, where she remained for a fortnight. It was her first visit to the country. The next summer the farmer's wife went to the city to find the child, and to bring her home with her. But want and foul air had conquered. She was dying.

"I wish I could go," she said, with eager eyes. "Are the fields green this year? And are the trees growing the same way still?"

A poor shopgirl, with some of her companions, was taken by a good woman to the seashore for the first time. Her friend, seeing her standing alone on the beach, went up to her and found her weeping.

"Excuse me, ma'am," she said, "but I'm not used to these swell things."

Do we realize that there are in this free, bountiful country people so poor that the sea and fields and all good things seem to belong only to the "swell" rich?

Children's relief and fresh air funds are doing much in our cities to give to the overworked poor in their garrets and alleys a glimpse of the country during the summer, but there are still countless thousands who are left behind.—*Youth's Companion.*

Trifling Things in Court.

Very trifling things sometimes go very far in the courts. The supreme court of the United States has ended a costly and long controversy by ruling upon the question, "Is the tomato a fruit or a vegetables?" About $20,000 has been expended in the celebrated 'Jones county calf case," in Iowa, in which the ownership of a calf valued at fifteen dollars is involved. A Medina county (O.) farmer a few years ago refused to pay taxes on four mooleys on the ground that the law provided for the taxation of "all horned cattle of whatsoever kind," whereas the four cows had no horns. This case was ended in the circuit court after the costs had eaten up the value of the defendant's farm. A suit for taxes in which the Standard Oil company is involved to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars in Pennsylvania and Ohio hangs upon the insertion of a comma in an Ohio statute.—*Chicago Mail.*

Shook the Deacon.

In the course of his sermon Rev. McLeod told the congregation that if any among them were asleep they had better wake up or they would miss hearing a good story. Much to the amusement of the congregation one old man left his seat, advanced a few steps up the aisle, grasped another old man by the shoulder, and, after giving him a sound shake, whispered in his ear sufficiently loud enough to be heard in all parts of the church: "Brother! Wake up! The elder is going to tell a story. If you would keep better hours Saturday nights you would be able to keep awake during church services." The unlooked for scene caused an audible titter in nearly every pew in the church, which in many cases had not entirely ceased when the benediction was pronounce.—*Sun Parire (Wis.) Countryman.*

Magic Button Holes.

Erie Dispatch.

A good story is told on a young man who makes his home at a Water street hotel. A couple of days ago he bought a cheap suit of clothes, and while showing them to some friends at the hotel discovered that the maker of the vest forgot to put in any button holes. With the declared intention of making a grand kick the next morning, the young man laid the clothes away. During the evening a kind friend saw to it that the vest was properly equipped with button holes, saying nothing about it to the owner. The kick was made the next morning, as intended, but the man who sold the goods was not slow to discover that the vest was all right, and now a certain young man is wandering what was wrong with him the night besore.

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