Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 2, 1891.

Farm Notes.

There is no use trying to save a blighted pear tree with any application for that purpose until all the affected limbs are removed. The same rule applies to black knot on plum and cherry trees.

The sheep is being improved each year, and more wool and more mutton is the result, each annual shearing giving heavier fleeces, while the carcasses of the mutton sheep are increasing in weight also.

Soot is an excellent fertilizer for plants in pots. It is very strong and should not be given in large doses. Just enough to color the water is sufficient. It produces a dark, healthy green color which is much admired.

Grapes will not mature after picking as fully grown pears and apples do; so if you wish them to keep well they must be thoroughly ripened on the vines. With proper care and handling they may then be kept well into the winter.

A new enemy of the potato vine has made its appearance in Michigan. The vine when attacked begins to wilt at the top. In the hollow of the stem is found a worm nearly an inch in length, which appears to sap the life of the plant.

Do not plant a tree unless you know how to take care of it. Some people will plant expensive trees and shrubs and find out how to take care of them and protect them only after they have become the prey of some of its numerour eenmies.

Experiments made for the purpose of determining the economic weight of a hog show conclusively that he never should be fed beyond 8 or 9 months of the age, and that the largest profit is found, as a rule, in a weight not to exceed 200 pounds.

Professor Roberts says: "I would as soon deposit $50 or $100 in a bank, week after week; never keeping any account of it, and knowing no account was kept at the bank, as to run a dairy without knowing how much every cow gave me, and how much cash it cost me to get it."

Flax is destined to play an important part in our agriculture, as its cultivation is now on the increase in many portions of the country. A careful investigation made by the Kansas Agricultural Department shows that during the past year has paid better than any other crop.

It is bad policy in transplanting trees to vary the condition too much. If a tree has grown in the thick forest, sheltered from sun and cold and wind by other trees, it can hardly be depended on to do well in an open place. If such a tree is used, great care must be taken to protect it.

It is well to save all the fruit cans of any size for future use in the garden. Some gardeners utilize them by punching holes in them to let in the air and light and using them to cover plants that have been newly set out. They are left on long enough to allow the roots of the plant to get to work.

In a test with a small herd at the Maine station the cost of milk was found to be, with Holsteins, .85 cents per pound; with Eyrshires, 94 cents; with Jerseys, 1.13 cents. The cost of solids was, with same breed, respectively, 7.00 cents, 7.45 cents and 7.44 cents. Butter fat, 25,22 cents, 25.82 cents and 20·53 cents.

A correspondent of the *Sheep Breeder*, Frenchman born in the French district where Roquefort (pronounced Rokefore) cheese is made, says it is hard, made of ewe's milk and impossible to imitate from cow's milk. It is the acknowledged king of hard cheeses as the Brie is of soft cheeses. The first is made fram sheeps milk and the other from cows.

The chestnut grows readily from the seed, but great care must be exercised not to permit the nuts to become dry. To accomplish this this they must be planted as soon as gathered, or else must be kept in moist sand until ready to plant. If possible the nuts should be planted where the tree is to stand, as the chestnut has a long tap-root, which renders transplanting difficult.

It is said there is nothiug which will squelch an oil-fed fire in its incipiency more quickly and effectually than sand, and there are no after-claps in the way of water damage, either. Hence it is recommended that a gallon pail filled with fine sand be always placed within convenient reach of each workman employed wherever there is a possibility of fire starting in oils or oil soaked materials.

The "yellows" in peaches have been ascribed to starvation, but the yellows have appeared in orchards that have been liberally supplied with both manure fertilizers. It may be that there is a lack of potash, but not of nitrogen and phosphoric acid. Potash fertilizers have proven beneficial in orchards affected with yellows, but the safest method to prevent its spread is to dig up and burn the affected trees.

Did you ever know a farmer who gave as earnest and constant attention to his business as a successful doctor does who kept himself posted on all that other men in the same line are doing, kept posted on the markets, in short ran his farm in a thorough and business like way, who did not make as much out of it as he could have made on the same amount of capital invested in another legitimate business?

The cow has four large stomachs; the horse has one small one; therefore they need to be fed differently. The horse must have food often, and it needs to be fairly concentrated and nourishing. The cow can take a large amount of food at once into her pounch and then lie down to remasticate and digest it. Therefore she must have time between meals to do this work. Food twice a day is often enough for her.

Why He Played the Sucker.

General Spinola regaled his friends with a good poker story the other day. He said: "I was coming down the Hudson one night in company with Cornelius Vanderbilt, Thurlow Weed, Dean Richmond and George Law, when Weed proposed a game of poker and I was asked to come in. I hesitated, for I had only about $4000 in my pocket, and I knew that it was to be a game without a limit. I mentioned the state of my finances to Law, but he told me to take a hand, and said that he would back me to any amount. 'I am willing to lose $30,000 or $40,000 to-night' he said, 'and to-morrow I will tell you my reason.' So the game started and I stayed in, hugging the shore pretty close, and getting startled every once in a while when some one went a thousand dollars blind. When we quit at daybreak I had won about $4000, but Law had lost ten times that amount. The next day I met him. 'I will tell you, Frank,' he said, 'why I lost that money. I wanted Vanderbilt to think I was a sucker, and so I played like one. The result was that to-day I sold him a lot of steamboats for nearly $600,000 more than I ever expected to get from him. Don't you think the money was well invested?"

The Old Times and the New.

A train of 225 loaded four-wheeled coal cars passed over the Lehigh Valley railroad a few days ago. It was the longest and heaviest train ever carried over any road in this country, and that means in the world. Naturally this train suggests a comparison with the trains of Conestoga teams which sixty years ago toiled between Eastern Pennsylvania and Pittsburg. The teamster of that period never, in his wildest conceptions, imagined such an event as the one related above. Had any one prophesied that before the century was out trains of cars containing 2,000 and more tons would traverse in a single day a distance as great as that between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, he would have set down the prophet as the wildest of visionaries. Few greater wonders have been brought about in the nineteenth century than this marvel of rapid transportation. It has cheapened the cost of living, been productive of good in a hundred directions, and made the whole world neighbors.—*Lancaster New Era.*

A Romance.

She was fair—and my passion begun!
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In despair she sought doctors in vain,
Till she learned of "Humanity's boon;"
Now her breath is as sweet as the dew
Which falls upon roses in June.

To-night, as we sit in our home,
And I kiss her sweet lips o'er and o'er,
We bless Dr. Sage in our bliss,
For the joy that he brought to our door.

There is no disease more trying to friendship than catarrh! The constant effort to clear the throat and nose, the foul breath, all the features of the disease, make it as much dreaded by the friend as by the victim. Humanity has cause to bless Dr. Sage for his "Catarrh Remedy." The manufactures offers to forfeit $500 for any case they cannot cure.

PRESERVED CUCUMBERS.—Split the cucumbers and extract the seeds. Let them remain for three days in salt and water. Put them now into cold water, with a small quantity of alum, and boil them till tender. Drain them and allow them to lie in a thin sirup for two days; then take them out, boiling the sirup again and pour it over the cucumbers, repeating this operation twice more. Now boil same clarified sugar until when a spoontul of it is taken up and blown through small sparks of sugar will fly from it; put the cucumbers into this and let them simmer five minutes. Leave them until the next day, when the whole must be boiled up again, and afterward put by for use.

HARSH BUT——?—"Ho," said a well-known statesman, "I shall never believe that woman has the proper judgment and sense to cast a ballot, or interfere in politics, whrle she is so weak-minded as to passively suffer, year after from diseases peculiar to females, when every newspaper she picks up, tells of the merits of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Not to take advantage of this remedy is certainly an indication of mental weakness!"

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Just Home from the War.

An Old Soldier Returns After 29 Years.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20.—A remarkable case is being investigated at the Pension Office, in the application of William Newby, a private in Company D, Fortieth Regiment, Illinois Volunteers. Newby fought at Shiloh, was reported killed, but had been terribly wounded in the head, captured by the Rebels, sent to Andersonville, and when the war was over he was half demented. For many years he has lived in poorhouses, and but recently returned to his home in White county, where his wife and family are living. The wife has been drawing a widow's pension, but she says Newby is her husband, and her pension has been suspended, and the old soldier has applied for one.

THE PRODIGAL SON.—The wayward young man, broken in health, had gone to the far Southwest to recuperate. He was in jail at Tombstone, Ariz., for stealing a hind quarter of beef. In the loneliness of his cell he sat down and wrote as follows:

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