Democratic Watchman.

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Farm Notes.

Water in the soil is essential, but too much of it is injurious. Do not overlook the ditches and drains.

If evergreens stand where the water will get round them and freeze in winter, do something to prevent it.

Damp ground is usually the cause of foot rot in sheep, and it is not easily cured when it makes its appearance.

A hog raiser who considers sorghum seed first class for fattening animals says the seed for this purpose will almost pay for producing the crop.

It is only proper to state that no farmer can grow beets, carrots, or parsnips to sell at a profit, but he can make such crops pay well as food for stock.

If you cannot fill your ice house you can plow the land when it is not too wet to do so. The present winter has been very favorable for advancing some of the spring work.

Generally when a horse balks it is due to one of three things---overloading. bad fitting harness, especially the collar, and a bad tempered driver. A good horse may be spoiled by being worked with a balky one.

The collar is the most important part of the harness. If a collar is too large it will chafe; if too small it will choke. It costs no more to get a collar that fits than to get one too small or too large. Don't torture a horse with a misfit collar.

Sheep fed very highly on grain, to be fattened, will consume with relish an occasional feed of straw, weedy hay, ragweeds, or the like; and it will be better for them than a steady, unbroken regimen of any one feed stuff, however excellent in itself.

Why does the cow give more milk when on a pasture? Simply because she has more succulant food. When given an exclusively dry ration in winter the conditions are not favorable to her purpose. This can be overcome by growing ensilage and roots.

Keep onion sets dry. Dampness is more injurious to them than cold. If they become frozen do not touch them, but let them thaw out, and if the weather is clear and above the freezing point, let them dry. Keep them on wire screens, in thin layers.

A farmer said at an institute that his yield of corn last year, running from 120 bushels per acre down to 80, was exactly proportional to the time the manure had lain on the surface before being turned under, and his experience with last year's crop was the same.

It is much easier to hatch out a hundred chicks than to raise them. Hawks, cats, and rats are the most destructive enemies of young chicks. A single rat will kill a dozen or more in one night. The only safe plan is to keep the chicks closed in covered runs until they are well feathered.

The potato known as "Rural New Yorker No. 2" seems to have gained the best record of the new varieties during the past year. The seed is now so plentiful that it can be procured of any seedsman. All new varieties should be tested on a small plot one year before being used for a general crop.

The bee works harder than most people would believe. There are about sixty flower tubes in every head of clover, and only a tiny morsel of honey in each. In order to get sugar enough for a load the bee must visit about six thousands different flowers, and each bee makes, on an average, twenty trips a day.

Artichokes are a crop that seem to be but little affected by drought. Once established they will always remain, as it is impossible to get rid of the small seeds, even when the ground is well worked over by pigs. They can be destroyed only by keeping them cut off as soon as they appear. As a crop for hogs they are considered valuable.

Sow a crop of oats this spring, by doubting the quantity of seed and using plenty of manure. Do not look for a crop of seed, but cut the oats when they are in the milky stage of the seed, which will arrest for the nutritive matter in the stalks. Cure the crop the same as hay, and feed by cutting with a straw cutter, using both straw and heads.

The liquids in the stalls not only contaminate the milk by creating a constant source of ammonia but the feet of the animals will sooner or later be effected. Standing on damp ammoniacal ground, that has been soaked with urine time and again, and with bedding that is dried in the sun to be used again, the horses and cows cannot escape sore feet.

The first three days with a brood of young pigs, in protecting them from cold, and providing the sow with plenty of food, in order to supply the pigs with nourishment, is the most important point in giving them a good start. Let a young pig become chilled, and it will not begin to grow rapidly for quite a while after the better protected pigs have shown evidence of thrift.

In England they do not keep sheep for wool. The merino is a rare animal there. Sheep in England are not turned out to feed on the hillsides, but are given the best pastures and fed on the best food. Only the mutton breeds are used, and sheep pay more than any other animals. It is cheaper to buy wool there than to grow it, but no country has better home-grown mutton than England.

Civil Engineers.

They Do Not Allow Their Clerks to Keep Private Note Books.

"He was the best surveyor and draughtsman in my employ," said a well-known civil engineer of this city a few days ago, referring to a man whom he had just discharged. "I discovered a short time ago that he was keeping a private note-book, and after notifying him that he must stop it and again learning that he was continuing the practice I was obliged to discharge him."

I asked the gentleman to explain what he meant by "keeping a private note-book."

"A surveyor," said he, "in doing a piece of work makes minutes as he goes along of the lines he runs, of the various points marking the bounds of the lands he is surveying and all such data as is not only necessary for the drawing of his plans, but also incidentally that which may aid him in the case of any other survey being made later on.

"This data, you see, really constitutes a sort of capital or stock in trade, for if the party owning the land ever wishes another survey of it for any purpose he will naturally apply to that same surveyor, who, having these old memoranda, can do the work easier and more cheaply than any other surveyor. Oftentimes, after many years have elapsed and old landmarks have passed away, those minutes become very valuable.

"Consequently a civil engineer always wishes to keep these in his own hands, and men in his employ are not allowed to make copies of minutes of surveys which they make while in his employ. Otherwise an old employe, in leaving and setting up in business for himself, could carry away a large slice of his employer's business.

"This is the reason why I have discharged my best employe upon finding that he was persisting in the practice."

Tall Ferns.

They Grow to the Height of 100 Feet on the Banks of the Amazon.

Ferns ever have and ever will come in for a full share of homage from the worshipers at nature's shrine. Their delicate and graceful outlines, together with the almost certainty that some members of the family may be found in their prime, whether sought in May or December, if not buried in the snow, assures for them a permanent place near the head of the list of desirable floral decorations.

They are found in all climes and vary almost as much as do their surroundings. They revel in a warm, moist and equable climate and are now found in the highest state of luxuriance in the topical islands of the Pacific and on the low banks of the Amazon, where they rival palms in shape and often attain to the height of 100 feet. More than 3,000 species are now known, of which the Philippine Islands alone furnish 300 and Java and Southeastern Africa 400. Collectors on the United States cruiser Albatross brought thirteen species from the sterile shores of Southern Patagonia. These have been named by Professor D. C. Eaton, of Yale College, and include representatives of seven genera, one of which, aspidium aculeatum, is a native of the North Atlantic States. Four of the eight sub-orders of living species, represented by twenty-two genera and upward of sixty species and varieties, are indigenous to our Northern States.—*Goldthwaite's Magazine.*

New Pension Bill.

The Appropriation $15,000,000 Under That of Last Year.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—The pension appropriation bill was reported to the House this morning. The estimates submitted by the Commissioner of Pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, were $162,631,570. The committee have appropriated $151,581,570 The appropriations for the current fiscal year $166,531,350. The appropriations for next year, therefore, are, in round numbers, about $15,000,000 less than those for this year.

The principal changes made by the bill in existing law and in the estimates are as follows: The general appropriations for the payment of pensions is reduced to $150,000,000, which is $10,000,000 less than the estimate and $15,000,000 less than the appropriations for the current year. The item for fees for examining surgeons is reduced $1,000,000 from the estimates, remaining as at present, $1,000,000. For clerk hire at agencies the appropriation is fixed at $450,000, $250,000 more than the estimate.

Attached to the report of the committee is a table showing that the number of pensioners on the rolls has increased from 243,755 in 1879 to 966,012 in 1893. During the same time disbursements on account of pensions increased from $35,121,482 to $159,357,557. The bill includes no new items of legislation.

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