

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

The wheat harvest is the busy season of the summer, and the land on which the wheat is grown receives but little consideration after the crop is removed. As clover is usually seeded on wheat the removal of the wheat crop gives the clover the possession of the land until next season, but if the clover does not make a good stand, and it is not worth retaining, weeds will grow and produce seeds, especially if the clover seed used was not clean. Some farmers turn sheep on such stubble fields, but after the sheep have worked over the field the land should be plowed to start the seeds of weeds, and may even be plowed again with benefit if the weeds are very thick. If the work is done thoroughly there will be no weeds to kill off next year, and the land will be in better condition for corn.

USE LIME NOW.

By plowing under a crop of weeds and applying about 20 bushels of lime per acre on the surface of the land there will be a more rapid formation of humus in the soil, as the lime assists in this formation by its chemical action, and it is to the assistance of lime in the gaining and storing of nitrogen in the soil that the beneficial effects of lime are so noticeable long after its use. Even on limestone soils the application of freshly slacked lime proves beneficial, as it possesses alkaline properties which differ from the insoluble carbonate of lime existing in limestone soils. When the stubble field is plowed under and lime is being applied on the surface, the rains will carry the lime downward, and as its effects are slow, the lime is given more time from now until spring. It is better to apply the lime at the time of plowing, and it is also better to plow during the summer in order to kill off the weeds on the land.

WEEDS ON CORN LAND.

The same may be said of the land now in corn. Take off the crop and plow it. No corn is so thoroughly worked as to have all the grass and weeds destroyed. It is true that but a few weeds may be seen and the land may appear apparently clean, but only a few weeds are sufficient to seed down a new crop for next year, thus entailing the labor of their extermination at a time when work is pressing. The late plowing permits the frost to go down into the soil and assist in reducing it, while breaking up the soil hastens the decomposition of materials left in the cornfield. It is when the grass and weeds are green that they decompose quickly, as they are then largely composed of water, but when dry they sometimes remain undecomposed for a long time. Lime not only hastens the process of decomposition, but is of use to our plants and assists in promoting growth. It is from the stubble fields that weeds are mostly spread, and this should never be allowed.

There is quite a loss of time during the busy season in looking up tools that may be wanted for use. The hoe will be left in the fields, the spades and shovels cannot be found, and inquiries must be made of the persons who used them last, in order to find them, all of which leads to waste of time. Have a place for the tools and implements, and see that they are in their proper places after being used, which will lead to the convenience of all who use them.

The cow pea, also known as the "crowder," grows on any land that will produce corn, and will also grow on land that is too poor to produce some other crops. It is a leguminous plant, drawing nitrogen from the air, the same as does clover. It is an excellent renovating crop. Sow the seed broadcast, or drill them in, and when the plants are of sufficient growth plow them under. The best period for so doing is when the seed pods are beginning to form.

If you wish to grow large strawberries next year keep your young plants of this year's setting well cultivated and clean. Apply about 400 pounds of mixed fertilizer per acre, and repeat the same early in the spring. The ground must be soft and needs and grass not allowed. The proportion of fertilizer may appear large, but so will the crop next spring.

The young steers are the ones that pay. They should be well bred, so as to grow rapidly. There is no necessity for keeping a steer longer than when it is three years old. The greatest gain in weight is when they are young.

Phosphate of lime is now a product of iron. The phosphoric acid is set free from the iron and combined with lime, being in a fine powder when shipped for use on the farm.

When sheep are seen running with head close to the ground and stamping, the fly which produces the grub in the head is near. Put some pine tar on the sheep's noses.

The growth of limb, trunk, vine or bush is the abstraction of more potash from the soil than of any other important mineral. Add this material to the fruit garden.

No animal will thrive if overfed. It will seem to gain rapidly for awhile, but, sooner or later, the digestive organs become impaired and disease results.

Have you cut out all the cases of black knot in the plum trees and cherry trees. This is a trouble that means extermination if neglected.

Color may be but skin deep, but it pays to note the color in the apples raised for market.

Cape May.

A New Railroad to America's Oldest Watering Place.

Historically, and in point of natural advantages and attractiveness, Cape May is the most important seaside resort in the United States. Its career as a sanitarium and pleasure place dates back to the closing years of the last century, and, until a comparatively recent period, it was virtually without a rival—even Long Branch, in its palmiest days, conceding its superior prestige. For many decades prior to the Civil War it was regarded as the summer capital of the nation and upon its broad beach were gathered each summer the great political and social notabilities of the country, the intellect and beauty of the North and the South. In the more immediate past it has been comparatively unheard of, a fact due partially to the inherent conservatism which has always distinguished it, but more largely to the distraction of popular attention to newer and more vociferously "boomed" resorts along the coast.

Now, however, it is believed that Cape May is about to resume its ancient prestige and reassert its proud eminence among seaside watering places. This re-justification of the grand old resort is anticipated as a direct result of the increased and improved railway facilities which will be supplied by the new South Jersey Railroad, just being completed, and we may expect to hear a great deal of Cape May during the Summer.

The South Jersey Railroad extends from Winslow Junction, on the Reading Railroad's Atlantic City line, to Cape May, with branches to Sea Isle City, Ocean City, Avalon, Wildwood and other resorts. It has been in operation to Sea Isle City for nearly a year, and will be opened to Cape May on Saturday, June 23d, the remaining points to be reached later in the year. The new line to Cape May is described as "straight as a string and level as a table," substantially constructed, with a view to the highest speed, and materially shorter than any other road to the Cape. The equipment is all new. Hard-coal locomotives of the speediest type, and cars of novel and remarkably elegant construction, will compose the flying express trains, and it is promised that a very considerable shortening of the time will be effected. The Philadelphia stations of the new road are the Reading railroad, ferries, at Chestnut street and South street, and through tickets to Cape May by the South Jersey railroad route will be sold at the principal stations of the Reading, Baltimore & Ohio, and New Jersey Central Railroads.

The Decadence of Man.

But where are our men? Where is the chivalry, the truth and affections the earnest purpose, the plain living, high thinking and noble sacrifice that make a man? We look in vain among the generation of these qualities.

With the younger men all that is usually cultivated is that flippant smartness which is synonymous with cheapness. There is such a want of wit among them, too, such a lack of variety, such monotony of threadbare subjects worked to death! Their "comic" papers subsist upon the repetitions of those three venerable jests, the mother-in-law, somebody drunk and an edifying deception successfully practiced by an unfaithful husband or wife. As they have nothing true so they have nothing new to give us, nothing either to expand the heart or move us to happy mirth. Their ideas of beauty threaten always to be satisfied with the ballet dancer's legs, pretty things enough in their way but not worth mentioning as an aid to the moral, intellectual and physical strength that make a man. They are sadly deficient in imagination, too; that old fallacy to which they cling, that because an evil thing has always been, therefore it must always continue, is as much the result of want of imagination as of the man's trick of evading the responsibility of seeing right done in any matter that does not immediately affect his personal comfort. But there is one thing the younger men are specially good at and that is giving their opinion; this they do to each other's admiration until they verily believe it to be worth something. Yet they do not even know where we are in the history of the world.—Sarah Grand in *North American Review*.

Finger Nails Like Bird Claws.

To what extremes physical deformation, for the sake of complying with certain fashions or as the fulfillment of ascetic vows, can be explained by Dr. I. Ranke of Germany in his recently published anatomical treatise entitled "Der Mensch." He demonstrates that in all lands certain forms of malpractice have been indulged in. In old Peru, for instance, little children were placed under a head press, and their skulls were shaped oblong. This was especially the case with the daughters of the nobles and with the members of the royal families. The climax is reached, however, in the case of the Chinese ascetic who is set apart as a holy man to serve in the joss-house, who does not perform any manual labor and permits his finger nails, with the exception of those on his index finger, to grow several inches long. Finally they become entangled and resemble somewhat the claws of an old bird.—*New York Press*.

Faithful Study Won't Bar a Cadet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22.—General Hancock's grandson, Gwynn R. Hancock, who fell five pounds below the minimum to pass examination as a West Point cadet because he overstudied, has been reinstated by Secretary Lamont, to continue in service on probation. The Secretary has also restored Cadets Harris and Straley.

Do you read the WATCHMAN?

Why So Many Chess Players Are Jews.

From the *New York Sun* we take the following: "A writer of a Jewish periodical asks why it is that the best chess players in the world are Jews." This question allows me to answer in the following way: Gambling is a natural passion planted in almost every human breast. It shows itself as an irresistible instinct in the little child. Before he gets intelligence sufficient to choose between right and wrong, between good and evil, he feels a desire to win something which costs him nothing from his little playmate, and he induces him to gamble—they play marbles! When older the price of marbles does not satisfy his gambling lust. He aspires to something higher. He wants to win reality. He wants money, a thing that possesses purchasing power, to buy candy with, and he and his playmate lose up for pennies. When the youth advances and reaches a higher age and becomes a newboy he gives the reins to his gambling disposition, and he plays "craps." So when we see men who play injudiciously cards for high stakes or bet on races or on elections to the detriment of their fortune we only see before us the graduates who began this exercise in their childhood. You will, however, hardly ever—at least very seldom—see a Jewish child who has outgrown the marble game, tossing for pennies on the street, much less playing "craps." The Jewish boy, if he feels driven by his instinct to give vent to his gambling disposition, looks on a game of chess. He plays chess instead of craps or poker, and as the percentage of Jewish chess players is in consequence greater, so is the chance greater of the best chess players in the world being Jews.

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