

# Democratic Watchman

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## Farm Notes.

—Each field is adapted to some special crop. Study the soil and the needs of the crop.

—Sweet potatoes contain a large proportion of sugar, and are more fattening than corn! The smallest sizes are equal to the best for stock.

—This is the season for preparing the asparagus bed. Cut down the seed stalks and use manure six inches thick on the bed. Next spring you will have large stalks and plenty of them.

—Ground wheat, when used with cooked turnips, carrots, or small potatoes, will induce rapid gain in stock. Variety of feed is also necessary in order to promote the thrift of the animals. Keep them in good appetite.

—The seed corn for next year cannot be too dry. Let the select ears remain on the stalks until the leaves turn yellow and the kernels are hard and dry, then hang the ears up in a dry place.

—Lined meal is a food that always proves beneficial to horses and cows, and it should be given at least three times a week. It may be mixed with ground grain or sprinkled on chopped carrots or cooked roots of any kind.

—Loss of appetite is sometimes due to close confinement. When the winter sets in and stock must be kept up, there should be a large yard for exercise. If there is a field adjoining the yard, into which the animals can go on clear, warm days, so much the better.

—The past season has no doubt taught an excellent lesson to those who have depended mostly on special crops. It is not safe to rely on one crop for a profit, for should excessive rains or drought injure such a crop the farmer will lose the whole year. A diversity of soils should be made to produce general crops, which with judicious rotation, gives the farmer an opportunity to realize on some of the crops, though he may lose on others.

—The management of the soil is at the present day a subject as important as the management of stock, and as the soil can gain or lose in fertility according to its treatment, the value of a farm depends upon the manner in which the soil has been cultivated. And not only does cultivation affect the soil but the kind of crop grown influences it also, and changes its quality and texture to a certain extent. Many soils have been brought to a high degree of fertility with the aid of but a limited amount of manure, by growing certain crops which not only cover the soil and protect it, but which also derive nitrogen from the air and add it to the plant food already existing in the soil. It is not only in the gain of fertility that the farm is enriched, but also in the prevention of loss by so managing the soil that even after the crop is removed a protection is given against rains, heat and frost. While these agents are at times beneficial and important, under certain conditions of the soil it is necessary to guard against losing that which was gained earlier in the season of growth.

## MULCHING THE SOIL.

—It is an advantage to plow some soils late in the fall, but scientists are not unanimous in their opinions regarding this subject. It is advocated that there is too much exposure of the soil, by which large portions of soluble matter are lost. Nature covers the always, and never leaves it exposed. Under the fall system, practiced in former years, when "resting" the land a year or two, by omitting crops, the soil gained in fertility, yet the plow was not used during the resting period. The gain in fertility was attributed to the scanty growth of herbage, which covered the almost barren fields, but the real gain was in the covering of the soil and the additional protection brought down by the rains, and which was transformed into other substances by the indigenous herbage covering the soil as a mulch, and thus promoting the formation of humus. Learning from experience, it has occurred to many progressive farmers that mulching the soil is to protect it against loss as well as to add to its fertility.

## WEEDS MAY BE BENEFICIAL.

—Weeds are claimed to be Nature's recuperative crops, which repair the losses made by man. Weeds compel the indolent farmer to cultivate the soil to save his crops and they at once cover the soil with heavy growth as soon as the farmer ceases to have crops on the land. If the crops of the farmer do not cover the soil so as to afford complete protection, the weeds make an attempt to gain the mastery, but when the crops are heavy and dense the weeds are kept down. Different soils may be covered by different weeds, even the poorest soils having weeds that will thrive on them, though not suitable elsewhere. If the weeds are allowed to produce seed they become a crop, but if plowed under they add to the soil. The question then arises as to covering the soil in the winter. If the land is plowed and then seeded to a crop in the fall, the soil is protected, but if this is not done, Nature still makes a further effort, with weeds that spring up late in the season, to cover the soil with a mulch. The subject is one that commends itself to the consideration of farmers, and though it is admitted that theory is at present in the ascendancy, yet it is believed that practical experiments will in future lead to a complete revolution in the treatment of soils after the regular crops have been removed. Shading the soil promotes fertility, and this gain occurs mostly in summer, but it must be conserved and retained in winter for use the following year.

## Cartridges and Revolution.

The seizure of 50,000 cartridges, shipped to Havana in casks labelled as talow, is prematurely reported as a sign of the approaching outbreak of revolutionary hostilities in Cuba. It is probably nothing more than a smuggling case. The duties on ammunition are so high in the island that all sorts of devices are employed for evading them. The discovery of this consignment is probably due to the neglect of the smugglers to secure by bribery the connivance of the customs officials. Under the high revenue tariff in that island smuggling is practiced in many lines of merchandise. The rapacious customs officials know what is going on, and they are well paid for their services in passing goods which are fraudulently invoiced. Otherwise they would not be able to make fortunes in the service and to send to Spain high commissions to those responsible for their appointments.

A revolutionary uprising in Cuba will be heralded by something more sensational than an everyday occurrence like smuggling, even when cartridges are shipped as talow. It will come about some day when the jealousies between the Spanish-born and Cuban-born classes have burned out, and there is an instinctive recoil against an order of government that is ruinous to all interests. The conditions have undergone a radical change since the close of the patriot war. Then the landed proprietors, the sugar and tobacco planters, and nearly all the men of wealth and influence were on the side of the government. Today the land-owners and planters, whether Spaniards, Germans or Cubans, are annexationists at heart. They know that their fortunes depend upon radical reforms of administration which Spain will never bring about. They are waiting for some turn of the wheel which will enable political revolutionists to proclaim themselves annexationists. In a crisis of that kind neither cartridges nor rifles will play an important part.

There is less talk about filibustering expeditions and revolutionary outbreaks than there has been in former years; but all classes of the population in the island are drawing together, old feuds and animosities are passing out of remembrance, and annexation is looming up as a popular policy which will redempt the fortunes of the misgoverned island.

## Done Every Twelve Hours.

Railroad Time Corrected Twice a Day by Telegraph from This City.

There was a time, says the Philadelphia Times, when folks used to set their watches by the town clock, but they don't do it much anymore. Nowadays the railway timepiece seems to set the pace. There is so much traveling and so many have to catch trains that men try to keep railroad time.

Few think, however, how difficult it is to keep that same railroad time straight. A bad watch or false time, even to the extent of a minute or two, might easily involve the destruction of a train and many lives. Conductors and engineers not only must have a very accurate standard of time to go by. All clocks vary, but most clocks vary too much for railroad accuracy.

All over the great Pennsylvania system the clocks are regulated twice every twenty-four hours by telegraph from Altoona, where they get the standard time in seconds from Washington. The conductors and engineers running out of Philadelphia get their time from the clock in the rounds at the Broad street station, the big one in the center just outside the waiting room, which occupies the same position in the new station that it did in the old. This clock, which cost over \$400, is considered a wonder, and in the old station seldom varied more than two seconds in the twenty-four hours. It has not been done up again, but is improving, and is so much better than any other clock known that nobody thinks of changing it, and in all probability in a little while when it gets accustomed to its position and surroundings, it will come as near perfect accuracy as it ever has in its history.

## The House of Hanover.

Upon the death of Queen Victoria the house of Hanover will cease to rule in England, and, failing surviving issue to the Duke of York, the London Times assumes that the heirship to the throne will lie with the daughter of the Duchess of Edinburgh.

"The crown came with a woman," said the Stuart king of Scotland when he heard of the birth of a daughter, the subsequently unfortunate Mary Stuart, "and it will go with a woman."

The Tudor dynasty, at any rate, passed with a woman—Queen Elizabeth—while that of the Stuarts in England came in through the girl child to whom the dying Scots king made melancholy allusion. The Electress Sophia, granddaughter of James I, was the female link between the line of Guelph and the preceding dynasty, while her majesty connects Saxe-Coburg-Gotha with the great family which made popular in England the badge of the White Horse.

—Philadelphia Press.

## The Soldier, the Indian, and the Whiskey.

"The way an Indian loves whiskey beats everything," said the soldier. "I once met a Cheyenne on his pony. 'Give me a drink of whiskey; I'll give you my bridle for it,' says he. 'No,' says I. 'I'll give you my saddle,' says he. 'No,' says I. 'I'll give you my pony,' says he. 'No,' says I. Finally, if you'll believe it, he offered his bridle and saddle and pony all in a bunch for a drink."

"Well, and wouldn't you give it to him for all that?" asked the soldier's listener.

"Not much," said the soldier. "I had only one drink left, and I wanted that myself."—in Harper's Magazine for October.

## Our Rivers Meet.

Nasquehanna—"Get out of my way," Chananoo (somewhat drily).—"Bag pardon. I didn't know you were out. I was feeling dusty and was looking for a drink."

Both—"Let's irrigate."

"Oh, punctuation marks are not of much account. They're just put in for looks. I don't want to bother about them."

Such are the sentiments of a good many schoolboys with regard to the branch of letter and composition writing. Others again, appear to think that all that is necessary is to put in a comma here and there at haphazard, to set off "the looks of things." How risky this way of doing things is may be learned from the following incident.

It seems that, some twenty years ago, when the United States, by Congress, was making a tariff bill, one of the sections enumerated what articles should be admitted free of duty. Among the articles specified were "all foreign fruit-plants," etc., meaning plants imported for transplanting, propagation or experiment.

The enrolling clerk, in copying the bill, accidentally changed the hyphen in the compound word 'fruit-plants,' to a comma, making it read, "all foreign fruit, plants, etc." As a result of this simple mistake, for a year, or until Congress could remedy the blunder, all the oranges, lemons, bananas grapes, and other foreign fruits were admitted free of duty.—This little mistake, which anyone would be liable to make, yet could have been avoided by carelessness, cost the government not less than \$2,000,000. A pretty costly comma, that.

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