

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

—It is never too late to kill the weeds. They are producing seed at this time and every one that is destroyed means the destruction of hundreds in the spring.

—As the late summer is the season for budding, many a good-for-nothing fruit tree may be transformed into something worth having by the process of budding.

—The fairs are good places to root out prejudice and long, deep-set ideas. The wise farmer realizes that he can not afford to miss a good thing so he attends the fairs.

—Do not burn brush during a dry period. The risk to the farm buildings is greater than the advantages to be gained. Many large fires are started by burning brush.

—The hens that have moulted are the best for winter laying. Do not sell off the old hens that have done good service, as they will continue to exceed the average number of eggs until aged.

—Clean off the asparagus bed before the seeds are fully matured, if possible, then spread manure over the bed. Use as much as may be preferred, as the result next spring depends on the fertility of the plot.

—The hedge may be trimmed in the fall. This work is often postponed until spring and until rather late in the season, or perhaps not done at all if crops require attention. The surest plan is to do the trimming in the fall.

—The peach crop brought better prices this season than for many years, although the crop was not short. The good prices were due to the large proportion taken by canners, and also to better facilities for distributing the crop.

—Now is the time to clean the wells while the water is low. On some farms the well is never cleaned, yet it is one of the most important duties that can be performed, as the health of the family and of the stock depends upon pure water.

—Although the admonition to dairy men to get rid of the scrub cow is very frequently given, yet she can be seen on many of the farms operated by experienced dairymen, but she costs an enormous sum every season to those who still believe in her.

—If the young trees that were set out appear to be injured by dry weather it will pay to pour water around them even if it must be hauled at extra cost. Give them an opportunity to stand until the rains come and they will need but little care this year.

—Subsoiling to the depth of 16 to 18 inches allows the snows and rains of winter and spring to soak into the soil, instead of running away. As soil can take up from 30 to 50 per cent. of their weight in water, a large amount is stored for the use of plants in dry weather.

—An excellent fertilizer for grape vines is to break bones into pieces and mix them with unleached wood ashes, keeping the mixture damp with soap-suds. Dig around the vines and use the mixture liberally. The bones alone, buried around the vines, are excellent.

—Whether the raising of horses becomes profitable or not, the horses most serviceable to the farmer are those he raises on the farm, provided he breeds for the kind he prefers. Disposition, constitution, capacity and perfection in any degree can be best secured by breeding for those qualities.

—Those who keep but one cow and save the cream until a sufficiency has accumulated for churning, will not succeed in making choice butter, as it is a mistake to mix the old and new cream. This is a fact that is frequently overlooked, and has been the cause of more failures than anything else.

—There will be but a few choice lots of large sweet potatoes grown in this region, owing to the extremely dry season, but the quality will perhaps be better and prices high. The general yield is far below the average, and those who have been so fortunate as to have fair crops will find a ready market without the necessity of storing them for winter.

—When a cow is dry she should not receive heavy rations of grain. Hay and fodder, with a small proportion of bran, is better than concentrated food, as such cows are non-producers, and if fed too heavily will become fat, a condition which is not very favorable at the calving period, milk fever often resulting when the cow is too fat from overfeeding.

—The most useless stock that can be kept during the winter is a lot of cockles. They simply use food and take up the room required in the poultry house by hens and pullets. They seldom bring over six cents a pound in market when matured and should be sold when they weigh five pounds per pair, at which age they bring the best prices.

—The majority of farmers prefer to use manure and seldom resort to the use of fertilizers. They cannot produce sufficient manure for a large farm and manure one field a year. The plan is excellent, but they lose time by not using fertilizers on those fields where no manure has been applied. Manure is recommended by all experienced farmers and experimenters, but it is a scarce article compared with the area of land to be covered, unless there is a number of animals kept on the farm. Fertilizers can be profitably applied with or without manure, and will more than pay for their cost.

Overdone.

Does it strike the average man that everything in this age is overdone—severely overdone? If we begin with newspapers we find this to be remarkably the case. Our blanket sheets are a monstrosity that have come into existence within a few years under the high pressure system on which we do everything. They are not properly newspapers, with a terse, readable condensation of the news, but great volumes of details of politics, love and crime, so watered as to be almost without point. Take up a country newspaper, whether published at the country town or a cross roads, and every event is spun out and watered to the extent that makes the narration of the event almost ridiculous. As part of the same system of overdoing whatever a newspaper takes up, the simplest happening is introduced with great head lines, and stretched out until so thin it will hardly hold together. Nowdays the value of an article is estimated by its length, and few, if any of our modern writers imitate the terse style of Addison and his contemporaries, when much in little, was the rule. In public speaking he is considered the most eloquent man, who rants and talks the loudest; and the smarter if he indulges in expressions his audience do not comprehend or understand. This overdoing runs through the whole routine of life. We find in it the style of living by people living beyond their means; it creeps in to dress, many men and women putting all they earn, or nearly so, on their back, to appear well to the public eye; young men and young women especially, often offending at the expense of good taste, to say nothing of the purse. This is a fast age in every sense, and nothing like it has been seen since our ancestors peopled these western shores. Go into our large cities where the extent to which life is overdone will strike every one at a glance; where wealth is rolled up by the million; the dwellings are palaces, more befitting the nabobs we read of in the fabled stories of the East than for the homes of citizens of a Republic; the inmates are arrayed in silks and satins and fine linens and are sumptuously every day. The vulgar display of wealth we see on every hand is one of the most disgusting features of the age we live in and does a vast deal to repress what is really good. Not only does this system of overdoing things on land, but is found on the sea. Men keep their yachts, great steamers, fitted up like floating palaces, and in them they sail to the ends of the earth to find something new to cater to their tastes, the ordinary and sensible enjoyments of life having palled on their sensual palates. Even the governments of the world are greatly overdoing things in building navies. Their ships are huge Leviathans with the solidity of land fortifications, as a rule too unwieldy and difficult to handle, when much lighter vessels, armed with far-reaching guns, would be more destructive to an enemy's commerce. The overdoing process has reached our public schools, and leads to cramming the pupil's heads with a smattering of many branches, and a critical knowledge of none. We doubt if pupils who now leave our schools are as equipped to work their way in life as were their grandfathers, who graduated on Comely's Spelling Book and Grammar, like's Arithmetic, Mensuration, the English Reader and Gunner's Surveying. The children of this age leave school grounded in ologies, but deficient in practical education. But a change will come; there will be a reaction, for there is too much good sense in the American people not to correct an evil when they see it. The only question is will they see it in time to save the body politic and society. It was the overdoing process that paved the way for Rome's downfall.

—Considerable interest centres on the fast runs being made on American and British railways. Some record breaking speed is being made. A New York Central train recently ran from New York to Buffalo, a distance of 436½ miles, in 414½ minutes. The London and Northwestern Railway ran a train from Euston station, London to Aberdeen, Scotland, a distance of 540 miles, in 510 minutes. The Empire State express from New York to Buffalo recently made a run on a schedule of 8 hours and 40 minutes. The London and Northwestern railway runs a train daily from London to Perth, 450 miles, on the same time schedule as the Empire State express. The Great Northern railway runs a train from London to Dundee, 452 miles, on a schedule of 8 hours, 47 minutes. These three trains are the fastest regular passenger trains in the world.

—Another short cranberry harvest is the wail from the swamps of New Jersey and it will be unfortunate if true. A good crop covers about a million bushels, but last year only 410,000 bushels reached the market and 640,000 is the estimate for this year. Of this aggregate the Cape Cod country furnishes two-thirds. The Western sections where cranberry bogs prevail generally meet the home demand and do not draw on the East. There is money in cranberry bogs when prices run at \$2 and \$3 a bushel, as they did last year, winding up as high as \$4 and \$5 when the fruit became scarce. But figures will not run that high this year.

—A letter to the Chicago Record from Shanghai, China, dated August 27, says that 400 deaths a day from cholera are reported in the native city of Shanghai, and since August 1 eighteen foreigners have died of the disease. We have already published some intelligence from Japan concerning the ravages of the same disease among those islands.

—Sandstone—Weren't you dancing with Miss Callo way last night? Fiddleback—Yes. How did you know? "I saw her going into a chiroprapist's this morning."

Denver Under Its September Snow.

Hardly any comparison would be too wild to use in describing the foliage littered city as it looked yesterday morning. Not a street where trees grew but was strewn with green sprays torn branches, and in many instances half grown trees, snapped off almost at their base. On Capitol Hill, Highlands and the other wooded districts the damage to shade trees is comparatively irreparable, for it will be years before some of the ruined trees can be replaced in the stature and beauty it held before the lead-like cope of snow bore them to the ground or totally disfigured them.

Where the trees were tall and the tops had snapped off, a very fantastic effect was produced. Glancing along one of the streets or avenues where this had occurred, the dismantled trees looked like a double row of over polite courtiers caught in the act of bowing to each other. Nearly always the foliage drooped outward, with the branches that had been topmost before the snow weighted them down touching the mud or snow on the ground.

Evergreens and cottonwoods pulled through the night in better shape than all others, although plenty of tough cottonwoods were shorn of their gnarled wiry boughs, and in some cases big trees were riven into two or more sections as though lightning had blasted them. In private grounds the most costly and beautiful shade trees were the first to go down. There was no wind to speak of at the trees simply split and splintered under the weight of their snowy coats.—Denver Times.

A Jealous Girl's Shot.

WASHINGTON, C. H., O., Sept. 29.—Lida Hargrave, of this place, shot and badly wounded Daisy Redman, of Columbus, here late last night. Miss Redman and Miss Hargrave attended a festival last evening. A young man, who had been paying attentions to Miss Hargrave, started to accompany Miss Redman home. This aroused the jealousy of Miss Hargrave. She procured a revolver, followed the couple, and shot Miss Redman in the shoulder. The girl was arrested late at night at her home.

Christian Barbarism.

The offering of prizes of agricultural fairs for the yokes of oxen drawing the heaviest loads, with the accompanying whipping, yelling and strain on the unfortunate animals, is almost as barbarous as the Spanish and Mexican bullfights, and ought to be denounced by every humane man, whether he claims to be a Christian or not.—Our Dumb Animals.

Explorer Peary Safe.

Brought to St. John's by the Relief Steamer, Kite.—Expedition Was Partly a Failure.—Party Had Been 39 Hours Without Food When the Kite Arrived.

ST. JOHN'S, Sept. 22.—The Peary relief steamer, Kite, arrived here yesterday afternoon, bringing Peary, Lee and Henson safe home. When the Kite reached Whale sound on August, Peary, Hugh J. Lee and their colored servant, Matt Henson, were waiting for it. The party had only ten days previously returned from their great overland expedition, which had proved a comparative failure, as there were not enough men in the party to accomplish any bold venture. They were further deterred from any great undertakings by the insufficiency of food supply. In this respect this year's work was but a repetition of last year's failure, although the weather experienced was much more favorable this year than last. The party had been without food for 36 hours when the Kite arrived.

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The Tallest Structures.

A Water Works Tower in Cleveland Taller Than the Washington Monument.

The tallest chimney was built at Port Dundas, Glasgow, Scotland, 1857 to 1859, for F. Townsend. It is the highest chimney in the world (454 feet), and one of the loftiest masonry structures in existence. It is, independent of its size, one of the best specimens of substantial, well-made brick work in existence. In Europe there are only two church steeples that exceed this structure in height—namely, that of the Cologne Cathedral (510 feet), and that of the Strasburg Cathedral (468 feet). The great Pyramid of Gizeh was originally 480 feet, although not so high at present. The United States outtops them all with its Washington Monument, 550 feet high, and the tower of the Philadelphia Public Buildings, which is 537 feet high.

The Eiffel Tower, at Paris, France, surpasses all other terrestrial metal structures with its altitude of nearly one thousand feet. The "Great Tower" for London, England, in course of construction from designs of Mr. Henry Darcy, C. E., will outtop all metal structures, being built of steel, and its extreme height will be 1250 feet when finished.

The highest and most remarkable metal chimney in the world is erected at the imperial foundry at Halsbrucke, near Freiberg, in Saxony. The height of structure is 452.6 feet, and 15.74 feet in internal diameter, and is situated on the right bank of Mulde, at an elevation of 219 feet above that of the foundry works so that its total height above the sea is no less than 711.75 feet. The works are situated on the left bank of the river, and the furnace gasses are conveyed across the river to the chimney on a bridge through a pipe 3227½ feet in length.

The highest artificial structure in America is the water works tower at Eden Park, Cincinnati, O. The floor of the tower, reached by elevators, is 525 feet above the Ohio River. The base is 404 feet above the stream. If the height of the elevator shaft be added to the observation floor the grand total height is 580 feet.

The highest office building in the world is the Manhattan Life Insurance Company of New York city; its height above the sidewalk is 347 feet, and its foundations go down 53 feet below the same being 20 feet below the tidewater level, making a total of 400 feet. The foundations consist of fifteen masonry piers, and are carried by the same number of steel caissons. The latter were sunk to bedrock by the pneumatic process. The cantilever system was used for the foundations.—From Machinery.

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