

# Democratic Whipman

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## FARM NOTES.

**Cottonseed Oil is a wholesome food for men and animals. Mixed with grain mash it is a remedy for certain bowel difficulties of stock. It is largely used by the people of this country as an adulterant of lard, and it is really a much better food than lard. Prejudice against it as an "oil" has prevented many from purchasing it, yet the people pay more for it as lard than they would have to expend if they bought it under its correct name. If the prejudice against cottonseed "oil" could be overcome the price of lard would decline.**

Where wheat has been sown down late this year, in order to avoid the fly, and it has not made desirable growth, there may be favorable weather between now and the severely cold period. Should the ground be covered with snow it will afford protection against cold. But, whether wheat starts off well or not, there is one special fertilizer that will give the plants almost new life in the spring, which is nitrate of soda. An application of 100 pounds per acre, after danger of frost is over in spring, will give a deep green color to the plants, and they will grow rapidly. The cost of the nitrate will be returned in the increased yield of the crop, as well as save a sickly lot of plants from destruction. Some farmers go over their fields in the spring with a smoothing harrow, and if necessary the field is rolled. When applying nitrate it will be an advantage to harrow before so doing. The drought is not so damaging to wheat if the preparations for the winter were thorough at the time of drilling the seed, nor are the plants thrown out of the ground if the land is well drained. A good wheat crop pays as well now as formerly, even with lower prices, as labor-saving machinery reduces the expense, but where farmers have principal mistake is in not applying fertilizers more liberally, as well as using manure, for, according to statistical reports, the use of fertilizers is not general, considering the number of farms.

As the insect remains in the stubble the duty of every farmer after he has harvested his field is to plow the land, or burn it over, if possible. The land should be plowed with a heavy roller after plowing. All chaff and screenings should be burnt. Wet weather favors the development of the insects. There are parasites which prey upon the pest, and they cannot escape destruction unless the burning of the field is done somewhat late. The best mode of preventing damage is to sow or drill the seed as late as possible. Such advice may not be applicable just now, but it is not out of place to keep that fact in view. Farmers should examine their fields and notice if there are any indications of them under the impression when the Hessian fly appears that it comes suddenly, when in fact it begins on wheat in the fall and remains until ready for work. The burning of the stubble field after harvest, or plowing and rolling should never be neglected. Co-operative effort in a community will rid a farming community of the pest if the work is done systematically. It is the careless one, here and there, who propagates the insects and turns them loose upon the community. A single seaman's work upon the extermination of the Hessian fly would clear the state of the nuisance, and it is not at all difficult to get rid of it if all farmers will unite in the matter.

Cattle on pasture secure a variety, as they then have some liberty and can select for themselves, in addition to the regular foods given at the barn, but in winter they must subsist on dry rations, the sameness of diet being such as sometimes cause loss of appetite; in fact, in many cases of live stock being "off their feed," as it is termed, the cause is due to lack of succulent food or a change from the regular routine. With a supply of ensilage this difficulty is not so frequently met, but many farmers will not build silos, preferring to adhere closer to old methods. A few acres of beets, carrots or turnips would be of valuable assistance, not because such articles are nutritious, which is not the case unless they are given in large quantities, which they contain about 90 per cent. of water, but they serve as a change of diet—from dry food to something more palatable—and increase the flow of milk because they stimulate the appetite, promote digestion and induce the animals to eat more. Invention has also lessened the cost of preparing root foods, as cutters and slicers rapidly reduce carrots and other roots to a condition in which they can be fed to all animals without danger of choking them. The corn fodder supply, if it is well cut and was cut down in the field at the proper time, will also be more highly relished if cut fine. Farmers depend upon hay, but they use too much hay because they either waste valuable foods or do not prepare them for stock. If a bushel of carrots can be sliced almost as fast as they can be fed into the hopper, as may be done, the labor of cutting them is very inexpensive.

Drought and the Hessian fly did considerable damage to the wheat grown in Pennsylvania and neighboring states this year, and also in 1899. The fly pest is one that demands consideration at the meetings of all farmers' organizations, as individual effort can accomplish but little unless supported by co-operation. The Hessian fly is an old pest that is so well known and has done so much harm that farmers should have organized years ago for its extermination. The adult insect is about the size of a mosquito, and in this section the females deposit their eggs upon the fall wheat. It will also attack rye and the barley. The eggs are deposited upon the under surface of the leaves and hatch in about four or five days, the maggots then working their way down between the sheaths to points of the stalks near the ground, where the "parturium," or "flax seeds" are formed. The larvae remain inactive on the stubble during the winter, but issue as adults in the spring. They then lay eggs for the summer brood, which form the familiar "flax seeds," before harvesting time, remaining on the stubble during the summer and producing adults in the fall. Their work weakens the stalks and causes the wheat to lodge. The swelling on the young wheat near the base of the stalks indicates their presence. Some fields seem to escape the fly, while others are attacked, and the amount of moisture is a factor. The destruction caused by this enemy of wheat is enormous in some sections. Pennsylvania farmers having their yields of wheat so greatly reduced this year as to cause them a loss. But this reduction not only affects the farmers, but also reduces the wheat supply of the country, as the fly is known over a large area, and any danger to the wheat supply is a matter of concern to all classes.

## FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The latest street glove is of heavy skin, fastened with one large pearl stud. Sometimes gold studs are used.

"Aiglon" styles are all the rage, and as in many other instances the name alone stamps the popularity of a new coat or hat. The Aiglon collar is a very high, straight affair, and you put yourself in the most martyrdom when you are so unfortunate as to have a very short neck and want to wear the latest thing. This collar of which I speak fastens on the left side with a clasp or a single button, and is finished with pointed or rounded ends which fold over each other. The inside of the collar is generally lined with some bright contrasting material, so that it may be worn unfastened where a stock of chiffon or fluff lace makes a soft effect. This collar is on most of the new coats and wraps, and waists of all descriptions.

Some one says, "I can't sing, never sang in my life." Well, you can laugh. Go to your room, at every morning and laugh for five minutes and then go again after dinner and laugh a little longer. Now, we do not mean a feeble, little laugh with no heart in it, but a good, hearty, jolly laugh which brings every muscle into play, causes the warm blood to circulate freely and good-natured feeling to wrap you as in a warm mantle. A laugh which makes you feel the world is full of good men and women. A laugh which leaves your circulation in perfect order and your digestive powers ready for anything. "But," says the gloomy woman, "I haven't a thing to laugh about." That makes no difference. Laugh about nothing, and then laugh the harder because you have nothing to laugh about. Why the first time a friend tried this new cure the entire family came in a frightened procession and gazed upon the laughing patient with faces so full of awe and consternation that a forced laugh was quite unnecessary and with hearty peals of genuine mirth, the patient at last convinced the family that she had not lost her reason.

Hats and toques are alike flat, somewhat broad, and in general tone inclined to be picturesque. A draped effect round crown and brim is apparent on most, the flat, plate-shaped toques being little more than artistically disposed pieces of material. Feathers and plumage are used, but the hats without such adornments are quite as numerous. Huge buckles are employed to lift the hat off the head at the side, to gather up the material in the centre of the crown, or to clasp feathery together; some are thrust right through a slit in the brim, and others are laid across the upturned brim at the back, resting on the hair. Such flat headgear necessitates a very neat and careful coiffure. The hair is worn a good deal dressed low, simply coiled at the back of the head with a richly wrought comb or dagger stuck through. But although the flat has gone forth in favor of low and broad hats and toques, they are not imperative, and the best modistes are suiting their styles rather to their customers' features.

The stylish girl is the one whose clothes seem made for her and her alone. She will take the commonplace hat from her modish head, give it a pat or two which will transform it until her neighbors will swear it is imported. Her gowns may be plain and simple, but they are worn with an indefinable air, which makes them better looking than the satins and velvets which the other woman wears with an ill grace. Everything belonging to her pertains to her individuality, until even the everyday sailor or rough straw is distinguished as it hangs on the hall rack, and the fuzzy brown cape which she dons in wet weather looks more perky and self-satisfied than its neighbor, the seal skin, which does not belong to the stylish girl. It is some vague power within her which enables her to select out of the thousand and one hats at the millinery opening the very bit of headgear which will make her the cynosure of all eyes.

A bride should never carry anything but white flowers. And it is better for her to carry these than a prayer-book, no matter what her costume. The groom sends her the flowers. They should be in a shower bouquet, tied with asparagus vine, with long ends. White roses and ferns and sometimes lilies of the valley mixed in are proper. The groom and ushers may wear any white flower they choose. A wax garland is the most stylish season. A great deal of latitude is allowed a bride in returning her calls. Six weeks is considered entirely correct. There is no reason why the visiting cards of a man and wife should be in the same lettering; it looks better to have them so, however. It is exceedingly bad taste for a bride, or any young woman, to wear a dressing bag, no matter if it is "pretty but modest," when receiving callers, unless they are chosen girl friends, and she is in her own room. A dressing sack is never allowed out of a woman's bedroom.

No matter how plainly a woman may fashion her gown, nor how severe her winter shirt waist, she has little of the true woman about her if she doesn't like pretty neckwear. Every woman delights in something pretty and bright at her throat, and dainty neckwear will give even the plainest gown a dressy effect.

Every gown that goes out from a dressmaker's establishment this fall has several changes of collars, for the modiste maintains that fresh throat decorations from time to time will do much to freshen a gown.

A pretty choker had the upper half of gold tissue and the lower of soft silk encased around in careless folds and fastened without ends under a buckle a little to the left.

One stock of soft blue Liberty silk was dotted here and there with French knots in gold, and a handsome turnover piece of narrow Russian lace finished the top. Wherever lace is used it takes little time to pick it out with gold or silver spangles, and thus the fashionable note of the season is added at little cost.

Every belt is brought down so far over the hips that the wonder grows how they get there.

The fact that they must be put below the waist is giving rise to the fashion of wearing all waists on the outside, then putting the girle on the end of them.

This is the best way to obtain the effect, for it is very difficult to keep heavy skirts up on the waist at the back and down in front.

## Ascent of Mount Ararat.

Resting Place of Noah's Ark is Very Difficult to Reach.

The Ararat mountains in Armenia comprise two peaks situated seven miles apart. They are known as Great Little Ararat and are respectively 17,360 and 14,320 feet above the plain, says the *Scientific American*. They partially belong to the three countries—Russia, Turkey and Persia. The mountains are covered on the tops with perpetual snow, ice and glaciers. The summit of Great Ararat was reached in 1820 by Prof. Parrot, and on Sept. 2nd, 1890, a member of the Russian Geographical society named Peoggenpohl ascended the peak with a considerable party. The difficulties of the ascent are very great and his successful expedition will be welcome news in geographical circles. Ascents are rare, having been made in 1834, 1843, 1845, 1850 and 1856.

Little Ararat is even more difficult to climb, as its declivities are greater and steeper, its form being almost conical. It is believed to be the spot where the ark rested, but there is a tradition that Mount Judi, in Southern Armenia, was the spot. The mountain is of volcanic origin and was in eruption in 1755, and in 1840 there was a vast discharge of sulphurous vapors from its sides and a tremendous earthquake shook the surrounding country. There is considerable literature devoted to the mountains.

## Accused of Theft, a Girl Kills Herself.

Bertha Mills, living with the family of Thomas Parker, of Crawfordsville, Ind., was accused of taking sugar to bed with her to eat. It is the first time in her life the sixteen-year-old girl had been accused of a fault. An hour later Bertha put the muzzle of a rifle against her heart and pulled the trigger with one of her toes. Her heart was broken for sure. It was shot to pieces.

## Pension System for Pennsylvania Lines.

Official notices have been posted of the inauguration of a pension system for the employees of the Pennsylvania lines. The new system will go into effect January 1st, 1901. Employees aged 70 years or more will be given the option of retiring from service on half pay. Another provision also stipulates that if an employee has been crippled in the service of the road he can retire at the age of 65 years. The system has been in vogue on the Pennsylvania railroad for some time, and as it has met with the approval of the employees, it has been decided to extend it over the entire Pennsylvania system.

## Killed By Son's Waywardness.

Mrs. Charles Gunther, of Phoenixville, died on Friday with a broken heart, caused by the evil doings of her son, Wilmer H. Harrington, who was taken to the Northampton jail Friday morning. Some days ago young Harrington is alleged, robbed his mother of the small sum of money she had saved. The deed so preyed on her mind that she attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum. When she heard that her son had been arrested in Potstown for the alleged robbery of a fellow boarder, she became prosaically wise. She was on his way to jail, expired, asking God to have mercy on her wayward son.

## Sneezed to Death.

While churning for her mother the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross, residing about ten miles west of Callaway, Neb., was seized with a fit of sneezing. Her parents paid but little attention to it until it became so serious that she could hardly get her breath between the attacks, when they became alarmed and summoned a doctor. It was in vain that he tried to check it until just before she expired, when she became unconscious and passed away, just thirteen hours after she was seized with it.

## Winter Excursion Tickets on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On November 1st the Pennsylvania railroad company will place on sale at its principal ticket offices excursion tickets to all prominent winter resorts in New Jersey, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Cuba, and Central America. The tickets will be sold at the usual low rates, with the usual liberal return limits.

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