

# Democratic Watchman

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## FARM NOTES.

A farmer who works with poor tools, when he can afford to have good ones, adds very much to his own labor without accomplishing much, or doing his work well, as if he were supplied with the best implements the market affords.

Soiling stock permits of growing the food and bringing it to the stock, instead of allowing the stock to take up large fields. By the use of ensilage more stock can be kept than by giving up the fields to grass for pasturing. Three-fourths of the land will be saved and more manure made by soiling.

It is shown by experiment that animals affected by tuberculosis are in a condition to communicate the disease to other stock, and that when slaughtered and used as beef the health of those who consume the meat is endangered, some scientists claiming that consumption may be communicated in such manner.

Kerosene is of great assistance in the proper care of poultry. The nest boxes should be oiled with it, as a preventive of vermin. A few drops occasionally in the drinking water will hinder cold or roup, and when applied to soaly legs it effects a cure, while it is highly recommended as a remedy for gapes.

To produce the seeds of an apple the tree is exhausted more than to produce the much greater quantity of meat, because the seeds contain a much larger proportion of mineral elements. A small nest or pear can be grown on 600 fine large apple trees as upon 1000 small, inferior ones, but the production of seeds will be only half as great. Thus "thinning" not only adds to the value of the present crop, but economizes the energies of the tree for future ones.

When running to grass pigs will stand more corn or cornmeal without producing irritation or inflammation of the stomach. A pig or hog can never be fed entirely on corn or cornmeal without causing more or less inflammation of the stomach. The rank scent coming from their excrement proves this. As soon as they shall appear any signs of stomach disorder the pigs that are shut in pens should be put out upon the ground, and they will at once begin to root up the fresh earth and eat roots and grass.

The ashes from apple, pear and peach trees contain about 70 per cent. of lime, and the crops of fruit borne every year also contain lime. When orchards fall it is always profitable to apply lime, and it should be done at least once in five years. Wood ashes are preferable to lime for orchards, but the lime is much cheaper. Lime will also prove of benefit to grass that may be growing in an orchard, and it is destructive to certain grubs and other orchard enemies. It is best applied by plowing the orchard land and broad-casting the lime over the surface.

Grass or hay, fed to cows in milk, cannot return its full manurial value to the soil, as a part is used up in producing the milk. There is also a loss when fed to any growing or working animal, but the manure made from feeding a ton of hay, if worked into the soil, may be worth more for a crop than if the hay were left to rot on the surface. The manure, especially the liquid portions, would rot quickly, while the hay would decay slowly, and perhaps in part be blown away upon other fields or waste places.

The farmer should endeavor to accomplish the same results as are obtained on small plots used in private gardens. Mr. C. R. Harrison, of Devon, Pa., this year grew a large number of tomatoes of the Stone variety, one of which was 13 1/2 inches in circumference around the larger portion and 11 inches in the shorter direction, the weight being one pound. While the size has been exceeded, yet the quality of the specimen could not have been excelled. There is no reason why the farmer should not grow for market specimens fully equal to those produced in private gardens.

Those who out soiling crops for their stock must remember that it is better to have a succession of sowings to a given area than to put in the whole at a single sowing. Ten or twelve days is about the limit of profitable cutting from a single planting of any fodder. After that the crop becomes too hard and coarse for the best green food, and it should then be cut and dried for the winter feeding. Three small lots, planted 10 days apart, will plant a month's good feed, while the whole planted at one time would give two weeks of green food, with the rest of the crop good only for drying.

There are some peculiar things about measurements of a good dairy cow. The length of the cow from the top of the head to the rump bone, when the top of the head is in line with the spine, should be equal to four times the length of the head. The circumference of the cow in the center of the trunk, and when in full milk and not affected by the calf, should never be less than four times the length of the head. The length of the udder, measuring between the quarters, should be equal to the length and width of the head combined. The head of a 1250-pound cow should not be less than 21 inches in length. Such are the claims of an expert, but they are not infallible, as cows differ even when equal as milk producers.

Artichokes are frequently placed among the lists of garden plants, which is due to the fact that there are two species—the Globe, which is not tuberos root, growing only from the seed, the blossom only of which is used; the other, is improperly called the Jerusalem artichoke, is tuberos-rooted, and grown chiefly for its roots. There are two varieties of the latter—the white and red. Any land suitable for corn will produce artichokes. Cut the tubers and plant them in the same manner as for potatoes. They do not keep well if dug out of the ground. The usual method is not to disturb them, as freezing does them no harm. The hogs will root them out, but enough tubers will always be left for next season's seeding.

It should be kept constantly in mind that damaged grain, mouldy feed, sour swill or brewers' slops should never be given to pigs. The custom that is so prevalent among farmers of feeding garbage because it is cheap will surely cost too much in the end. Farmers have been known to lose many of their hogs when they were of a size to net them a handsome profit, whose death has been traced directly to the feeding of garbage. For young and growing swine nutritious foods, such as milk and waste products of the dairy, peas, oats and shorts are blood and muscle-forming food and should constitute the bulk of the ration.

## FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

There is perhaps nothing in the home that is a better criterion of the taste and culture of the occupants than the pictures that adorn or disgrace its walls and yet the subject of their selection, framing and hanging is usually the one to receive least consideration in furnishing a house. Many houses, otherwise well furnished, have pictures in such atrociously bad taste as to completely spoil the effect of the whole. Good copies, photographs or photogravures of the great masters can be bought for a small sum nowadays but in the majority of cases a poorly colored chromo or print in a gaudy and expensive frame is preferred, consequently the whole atmosphere of the house is cheapened and belittled. One good picture, correctly framed, will make a room while a heterogeneous collection of poor ones will just as surely advertise your ignorance of things pertinent. If you want yours to be a house evidencing good taste and culture do not allow a motley collection of all sorts of pictures in all sorts of frames, cheap oil paintings, poor crayons of the family in gaudy gilt frames, etc., to mar its walls. Banish them all, but if you are attached to the family photographs reserve them for the bedroom as that is their proper place. Few of us can afford a good oil portrait or painting by a master and a poor one is fit only for the rubbish heap.

The following article from the Ladies' Home Journal is well worth republishing and careful perusal. There will later be published in this column equally reliable advice on what pictures to buy and how to hang them:

**GOOD TASTE AND BAD TASTE IN PICTURE FRAMING.**  
A picture is added to or spoiled by its frame. There is one safe rule to go by in framing pictures: the moment the frame is noticeable there is something wrong about it. A frame should be a part of the picture; it should be of it, but never in evidence. Suppose you have a brown-colored picture or photograph; frame it in a plain wood frame of a brown tone to the brown in the picture—not a thin band of gilt next to the picture, as so many picture dealers will wrongly advise; that merely introduces a band which catches the eye. Bring your brown wood directly next to the picture so that you can scarcely see where the picture ends and the frame begins; then you have a harmonious whole. If your picture calls for a mat use a brown-colored one. But keep your wood simple; no carving; no filigree work. If your picture or photograph is gray in tone use a soft gray-finished wood. Try a piece of Japanese cedar tinted a soft gray, and you will have a harmony of color in picture and frame.

If a black frame is desired avoid the shiny kind; but take an ordinary pine frame and stain it with lamp-black. A frame finished in this way is very cheap, and yet some of the finest pictures in the world have been so framed. Where you feel you want a gilt frame take a piece of oak and have it bronzed or gilded in dull finish, not shiny. Subdue your gilt as Whistler did in his frames—and no artist understood framing better. If you would have an effect out of the ordinary take a common pine frame, cover it with Japanese grass-cloth and have it stained a dull gilt.

Where thousands go astray is in the use of the atrocious gilt frames. For years these gold picture-frames have been universally accepted as good, whereas, in reality, no kind of framing is in such unpardonably bad taste. Why? Because gilt frames never properly had a place in the home. They were first used to frame richly colored paintings placed in dim cathedrals; often as altar-pieces, where the gold of the frames repeated and emphasized the golden vessels used about the altar. In such surroundings anything less rich than gold would not have been in good taste. Then in large galleries of great paintings, where some method of framing must be adopted that will not let one picture jump out and "kill" its neighbor, gold was adopted as a compromise.

In a home a gilt frame never had a place, and never can have. In the confines of a small room a gilt frame immediately makes itself conspicuous—the very last thing that a frame should do. It is foolish to say that the plain wood frames are monotonous. First, the pictures themselves should give variety; as was said before, the frames should not be noticeable. Second, the infinite variety of tones in which wood frames can be bought nowadays prevents any danger of monotony.

Do not allow your daughters to lose their illusions, but be wary, lest they become dreamers. Ninety out of every hundred women bury their minds alive; they do not live—they merely exist. It is the men who seldom have anything to do with women who rail at them the hardest.

The kindnesses of men are often the outcome of their own satisfaction rather than their desire to please. We live in a rush from morning until night, and what do we get out of it? Certainly little more than existence.

Discrimination denotes maturity; it enables us to get the most out of life and to know just what we are getting. As we must rest perpetually in the next world, it seems a very good idea to be thoroughly tired out in this.

Modes are a luxury; they should go with a life wholly free from ordinary cares, so that one may enjoy an entire abandonment to their sway. The smartest linen coat suit is made with a short, pleated skirt and a box coat.

The newest lingerie that is a heavy linen sailor, the linen stretched over a straw foundation.

For short journeys nothing is better than heavy linen, blue, brown, dull pink, or even white.

## YELLOW FEVER SPREADING

Scourge Gaining Steadily Along the Gulf Coast. Jackson, Miss., Sept. 5.—Yellow fever is spreading steadily along the Gulf coast. Five new cases were reported from Gulfport and two from Mississippi City. The removal of all military guards around infected points has been ordered, owing to the prevalence of the disease among soldiers, six of whom have been infected. Vicksburg reports two new cases, making a total of seven under treatment.

Four New Cases at Pensacola. Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 5.—Four new cases of yellow fever developed here, all being in the original infected district, with the exception of one, which was found on board the United States dredge boat Canopus, which reached here recently from New York. The party on board that vessel spent several nights in the district now infected after the dredge had reached here.

New Orleans Report. New Orleans, Sept. 5.—Report of yellow fever up to last night: New cases, 58; total to date, 2082; deaths, 5; total, 292; new foci, 16; cases under treatment, 321; discharged, 1469.

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