

Democratic Watchman

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FARM NOTES.

Now is the time to take an old, dull hoe and scrape off all the loose bark from the apple trees, killing the eggs from beneath.

If you find a new bug or worm feasting on any of your belongings, lose no time in finding out what it is and if it's harmful.

Once in the morning is often enough to water house plants, the water to be of the temperature of 80 degrees.

It is during snowstorms and cold winds entering the barn that young colts, pigs and calves are checked in growth.

Ventilation of the stables is important, but how to ventilate without creating draughts of air is really a problem to solve.

An excellent compost for pot plants or anything else can be made by skinning off pieces of sods, adding some fine stable manure and then allowing it to decompose.

Decide upon what is required in the garden and secure the seeds early. Beginners on a farm should set out fruit trees as soon as it can be done.

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From an economical point of view, it pays to get a dress of wool or one of its kindred, if you need something to tide you over the winter.

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It is not too soon to give some facts in regard to starting plants early. In Germany the seeds of peas, beans, cucumbers, etc., are started in a frame, and when they are a little grown they are lifted.

It is advocated that the removal of the comb of a bird, though somewhat painful at the time of operation, insures the bird against freezing of the comb in the winter season.

To take out spots of iron rust dip the spot in strong solution of tartaric acid and expose to sun, or wet article in strong soda.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Certainly in our little sphere each day it is not the most active people to whom we owe the most.

Empire hints expressed in raising and rounding the waists, just barely hinted at so far, have created violent opposition in those women with the tall, slim figure.

That tendency toward higher corsets is doing away with any fullness in the corset covers that come over from France.

It is a peasant industry—the Irish peasants most particularly—and the work is tedious and slow for the returns it brings.

Once it was a flourishing business, family after family doing that work in the long winter interval between the work of the fields, handing it down to the next generation as a matter of course.

As a result, it is dying out; and unless in a few years it can be revived, it will be a case of finding a satisfactory substitute.

Every woman who goes along the streets with her sables knows perfectly well how great an object of envy she is to every woman who lacks that richest of all furs.

And, by the way, did you ever notice how much good clothes have to do with a good carriage? Setting aside all questions of the immense differences that exist in cut and fit and finish, the very knowledge that you are wearing rich fare, with an appropriate setting in the way of a gown or suit.

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The earliest test I know of," she said, "and one that can always be tried with a sample, is to burn the threads."

"Imitations of velvets are now so cleverly made that it is sometimes hard to distinguish between the real and velveteen. When the two qualities are placed side by side there is an unmistakable difference.

There are so many different kinds of silk that it is hard to know what is pure, and the only way I know of distinguishing a good piece is by the elasticity and firmness which half cotton materials do not possess, for they are usually flimsy."

To take out machine oil spots rub with butter and cover with soda, then wash in warm borax water.

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We are so accustomed to standing upright as a natural attitude that few of us think what a special complex mechanism is required for this purpose.

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Another story which I heard my father tell relates to the bloody hand which appears in our coat of arms.

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