

Democratic Watchman

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FARM NOTES.

Because some plants are partial to moisture it does not indicate that such plants must be grown in a wet soil.

Early flower plants may be started in the house window, in small starch boxes or flower pots.

Coal ashes make light soils heavier, serving the same purpose as clay, but they contain but a trace of plant food.

On the same diet an animal at rest will fatten more readily than one that takes exercise.

Sheep are tender and but for their dense covering of wool could not endure our severe winters.

Fencing is an item of cost that all farmers must shoulder in order to pasture live stock.

It does not pay to use old strawberry beds if a new one can be started every year.

It is not the fat (cream) in the milk that causes an increase in cost for food.

If your trees are infested with borers they can be found by tracing the bark.

Garden seeds should be ordered now, in order to avoid delay in the spring.

A great many farmers defer pruning until the trees are in leaf in order to prevent "bleeding."

When clover is made a special crop on the farm it will seldom be the case that nitrogen will be lacking.

The seed catalogues contain many specialties for 1906, and tomatoes are largely in the foreground.

There are thousands of acres of hillside land that are not utilized, yet a hillside is an excellent location for an orchard.

The raspberry and blackberry fields now require a cutting out before spring unless such work has been done.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The most manifest sign of wisdom is a constant cheerfulness.—Montaigne.

Culture has been recommended as a cure for gossip, and now work is prescribed for the woman who thinks she is worn to a frazzle.

A nerve-worn woman went to consult a big physician not long ago. She couldn't sleep. She couldn't think. She couldn't sit still.

The big man is not the gentlest of mortals. As he sees too much of real misery he has much patience with hysteria.

"Steady my dear madam," he said tersely. "Steady what?" "Anything but yourself and your absolutely unimportant feelings and sensations.

The woman's tears dried on her flushed cheeks. She paid her fee and rushed home indignantly, but took his advice—and found that life is not such a sad affair after all.

For the housewife harassed by care of children and servants a complete change of work would do a world of good, but this is often an impossibility.

In such cases physical effort will give some relief. If specific sports cannot be indulged in, much benefit may be derived by sharing the play life of the children.

There are, however, some stricken ones who, not being adepts with the needle, can use their mental gifts for the benefit of the struggling boys and girls.

HOW TO LIVE ONE HUNDRED YEARS. Eight hours' sleep. Sleep on your right side.

Have a mat to your bed room door. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.

Do not tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of your body.

Have a change of occupation. Take frequent and short holidays.

Feather boas will be a very strong feature of spring styles. Ostrich boas will, as usual, be the sort the modish woman's heart will yearn for.

A late Paris "wrinkle" is a large rose of gold gauze or of velvet and crepe placed in the bos where it crosses the bust.

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