

Democratic Watchman

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FARM NOTES.

—Wheat bran and oats make strong bones in the colt.

—Go slow the first days of plowing; it will make a gain in the end.

—You had better scour the feeding pail than lose a calf from scours.

—There is no economy in cutting down the feed at the freshening period.

—Promptly gather up and burn all brush and rubbish in the orchard.

—If the feed gets short before the pasture is ready, it is better to buy more.

—During the first days of plowing the collar should be raised often to cool the shoulders.

—A lazy man should never breed colts, for he must be alert and on the job if he wishes to succeed.

—When the colt is dropped it should receive nourishment from the dam within the first half hour.

—Sow a good acreage of oats and peas. All that is not eaten green can be harvested as oats-pea hay.

—Start the milk with the thumb and finger if the colt is not very strong, or if the udder is at all hard.

—When spraying do not work with bare hands. They'll be sore if you do. Put on a pair of rubber gloves.

—Take the chill off the water for the mare and feed her carefully and keep her quiet for a number of days.

—An attendant should be on hand at the time of birth, for a little timely help has saved many a valuable colt.

—Grow as much feed as is possible. Get the soiling crops in as early as the land will permit. Do not lose a day.

—When the brooder chicks seem very thirsty, wild for water, let them drink and feed very lightly while so feverish.

—Remember when you plow in the orchard that the roots are very near the surface. Three inches is plenty deep enough.

—Some fruit growers say that it is not a good plan to plow an orchard when the trees are in blossom—better do it before or after.

—When you hurry about milking, the cow feels uncomfortable and shortens up on you a little. That hurts you and hurts the cow as well.

—How long will our orchards bear the neglect seen on every hand? We need less of extensive farming and more of intensive and sensible operations.

—Many a setting of eggs has been spoiled by making the nest on the floor where the wind can come up through the cracks under the old mother hen.

—April is a good month to hatch goose eggs. It is also an excellent time for getting out ducklings. Stock hatched now will be best for next year's breeding.

—Wet, cold feet do not do your hens any good. Chills them and keeps them back from doing their level best, and that is the only thing that will satisfy you and me.

—Don't be in a hurry to remove the hen and her brood from the nest. The tender little chicks need warmth more than they do feed for the first twenty-four hours.

—Some folks get to be pretty good guessers in determining the temperature of cream, but nobody ever came within gunshot of the thermometer in this respect.

—A packer declares that the cost of picking a barrel of apples on very large, high trees is 20 cents per barrel, while on low-headed trees the cost does not exceed 7 cents.

—The root cutter is almost an indispensable machine on the farm. The life of many a valuable cow would have been saved if the apples and potatoes fed had been run through a root cutter.

—When the leaves begin to grow, the canker-worm may commence to move up on the trunks of fruit and other trees. Bands of tar or printer's ink, if put on the tree trunks in time, will catch many of the pests.

—Now, don't wait till the last moment before ordering the berry plants. Give the folks who grow them a chance to fill the order in good shape without being hurried. Better for them and surely better for you.

—As soon as the leaves start on currant or gooseberry bushes, cut out all sickly-looking or non-starting canes and promptly burn the cuttings. Borers are probably within, and in this way they can be kept in check.

—Does that old hen lay? Try this if she does not: Feed her all the chopped clover she will eat, with an ounce of lean meat every day. If there is any lay in her that will bring it out.—From April Farm Journal.

—A sour manger is the abomination of a really good horse. The man who forces a horse to eat from such a vile place is sure to be the loser, and will sometimes lose the horse with intestinal disorders, including colic.

—Get ready to fight the codling-moth which causes wormy apples. Next month we'll tell you how. In the meantime, fruit growers should prepare themselves for the campaign by ordering a first-class spray pump and the necessary attachments.

—To produce any crop it requires from 300 to 500 pounds of water to make a pound of dry matter. It is important that soils have a great deal of moisture, and that it is not lost by evaporation. Deep plowing makes soils hold more moisture and frequent cultivations prevent its loss by evaporation.

—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley intimated at a pure food hearing at Washington that the American hen is in league with the boosters of the cost of living by laying eggs which are too small. But the chief of the Bureau of Chemistry declared it is not the hen's fault, because she was being bred for commercial purposes to lay smaller eggs and more of them. A hen's egg-producing capacity was limited, the doctor said, and she could produce only so much egg, though it may be in large or small installments.

Absentminded.

Modjeska used to tell a story about her honeymoon that is somewhat amusing. When the Countess and Count of Bozenta were on their wedding trip it happened one morning that she had just got up when the count, who had been out for an hour or two taking a morning walk, came back and called her excitedly: "Helen! Helen! Come here."

"What is it?"

"Come here quick. I've brought you some lovely fruit, the first of the market."

"All right; I'm dressing. I'll come as soon as I have finished getting ready."

She dressed leisurely and entered the sitting room. The count was sitting reading, deeply interested in his book. She looked round. No fruit was to be seen. She looked all over the place. The count looked up. "Where's that fruit?"

"The count looked on the table. It was not there."

"Good gracious!" he said. "I'll be hanged if I haven't eaten it!"

The Wicked Multiplication Table.

A minister was hearing his Sunday school repeat the catechism one Sunday preceding confirmation when a boy from the class of small children ventured to ask a question of the minister.

Turning to the clergyman, the boy inquired in an anxious tone, "Why does the multiplication table make people wicked?"

The minister thought at first that the child had taken occasion to propound a conundrum at a most unseemly time and was about to reprove him when the earnestness of the expression in the upturned face assured him that the question was asked in good faith and required a reply.

"Why do you ask such a question, John? I never knew it to do so," he said.

John turned to his catechism and read from it with a mystified air the question, "Did man grow worse as he began to multiply?" and the accompanying answer, "He did."

Two Convincing Reasons.

Lord Peterborough, who lived in the reign of Queen Anne, was very frolicsome, and one day, seeing from his carriage a dancing master with pearl colored stockings lightly stepping over the broad stones and picking his way in extremely dirty weather, he alighted and ran after him with drawn sword in order to drive him into the mud, but into which he of course followed himself. This nobleman was once taken for the Duke of Marlborough and was mobbed in consequence. The duke was then in disgrace with the people, and Lord Peterborough was about to be roughly handled. Turning to them, he said:

"Gentlemen, I can convince you by two reasons that I am not the Duke of Marlborough. In the first place, I have only 5 guineas in my pocket, and, in the second, they are heartily at your service."

Patroness of Music.

The origin of music is lost in antiquity. Among civilized people it is probably to be traced to the ancient Egyptian priests, who employed this art in their religious rites and ceremonies. From the Egyptians the Greeks and the Romans derived their knowledge of music. The ancient Hebrews probably took with them into Palestine some of the songs they had learned in Egypt. The hymns used in the temple formed the basis of the melodies of the early Christian church, and from these hymns was formulated the first authoritative musical system. St. Cecilia is termed the patroness of music.—Exchange.

The Spit Snake.

There is a snake belonging to the small family caudae, inhabiting America, that is said to have the power of ejecting its venom to a short distance. This snake is called by the Dutch Boers "spuw slang," or spit snake. When this snake erects its teeth the pressure of the maxillary bone on the gland causes the venom to flow in drops, and it may be quite possible that by discharging air from its mouth the poison may be blown some distance.

The Gypsies.

The origin of the people known as gypsies remains largely a mystery. Egypt, India, Persia and Arabia have in turn been pointed out as their original country, but there is little definite knowledge on the subject. The weight of evidence is in favor of their having originated in India. They first appeared in Europe about 1400 and from the Danube region spread all over the continent, appearing in England about 1520.

Effective.

"The climax to his wooing was very romantic. He proposed to her on the verge of a mountain gorge."

"What did she do?"

"She threw him over."—Baltimore American.

Retort Photographic.

The photographer was drying his plates in the warm sunlight.

"What are you doing there?" asked a friend.

"Oh," was the reply, "just airing my views."

Strict Obedience.

Salesman—Shirt, sir? Will you have a negligee or a stiff bosom? Customer—Negligee, I guess. The doctor said I must avoid starched things.—Exchange.

The measure of a man's sin is the difference between what he is and what he might be.—Jordan.

A Great Asset in Business as Well as in Society.

There have been great advocates at the bar whose charming manner, like the presence in court of some of the world's famous beauties, would sway the jury and the judge as to danger and sometimes actually divert justice, says Orison Sweet Marden in Success Magazine. A gracious, genial presence, a charming personality, a refined, fascinating manner, are well where mere wealth is turned away. They will make a better impression than the best education or the highest attainments. An attractive personality, even without great ability, often advances one when great talent and special training will not.

There is always a premium upon a charming presence. Every business man likes to be surrounded by people of pleasing personality and winning manners. They are regarded as splendid assets.

What is it that often enables one person to walk right into a position and achieve without difficulty that which another, with perhaps greater ability, struggles in vain to accomplish? Everywhere a magnetic personality wins its way.

Young men and young women are constantly being surprised by offers of excellent positions which come to them because of qualities and characteristics which perhaps they have never thought much about—a fine manner, courtesy, cheerfulness and kindly, obliging, helpful dispositions.

Outcome of a Curious Wager Made in England in 1806.

A wager was made in 1806 in the castle yard, York, England, between Thomas Hodgson and Samuel Whitehead as to which should succeed in assuming the most singular character. Umpires were selected whose duty it was to decide upon the comparative absurdity of the costumes in which the two men were to appear. On the appointed day Hodgson came before the umpires decorated with banknotes of various values, his coat and vest being entirely covered with them. Besides these he had a row of five guinea pieces down his back, a netted purse of gold around his head and a placard on his back bearing the legend, "John Bull."

Whitehead came on the scene dressed like a woman on one side, one half of his face painted and a silk stocking and slipper on one foot and leg. The other half of his face was blackened so as to resemble a negro. On the corresponding side of his body he wore a gaudy long tailed linen coat, his leg on that side being incased in half a pair of leather breeches and a boot with a spur. He wore a wig of sky blue braided down his back and tied with yellow, red and orange colored ribbons.

One would naturally fancy that he presented the most singular and ludicrous appearance, but the umpires must have thought differently, as they awarded the stakes, some £20, to Hodgson—London Tatler.

A Multiplication Trick.

Here is a little trick in multiplication that may amuse you. Ask a friend to write down the numbers 12345679, omitting the number 8. Then tell him to select any one figure from the list, multiply it by 9 and with the answer to this sum multiply the whole list—thus, assuming that he selects either the figure 4 or 9:

12345679	12345679
36	94
7407073	49382716
47617051	61782856
44444444	699999996

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Consider, for instance, man's sprinting or running powers. His best speed for a mile is some four minutes twelve and three-quarter seconds, which gives a total of about fourteen miles an hour. The gray wolf lopes along at an easy twenty, and thinks nothing of doing fifty, miles in a night. The hunted fox has been timed to run two miles at a speed of twenty-six miles an hour. A race-horse at full speed travels at thirty-two miles, while a grey-hound, which is, so far as is known, the swiftest of all four-legged creatures, runs at thirty-four miles.

Man also falls behind in jumping. Roughly speaking, six feet in height and twenty-three in width are the limits of man's achievements in this line. A red deer has been known to clear a wall ten feet high, the chamois can do at least a foot better, while the springbok of South Africa will shoot ten feet up in the air just for the fun of the thing.

Some of the beasts of prey are even more wonderful in their athletic achievements. The black jaguar, for example, can reach a branch fourteen feet from the ground. The greatest jumper in the world is the kangaroo. The sort known as the "old man" has been seen to clear dead-wood fences ten to twelve feet high, while it can leap with ease a width of fifty to sixty feet. The record width cleared by a horse is about thirty-seven feet, while the ostrich in running clears twenty-five feet at a stride.

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