

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., May 6, 1910.

## FARM NOTES.

—George Washington was the first breeder of high-priced mules in this country.

—According to the Connecticut Experiment Station, "continual selection of large potatoes will not increase the size of the tubers."

—Investigations and experiments show that it does not make much difference whether a horse is watered before or after feeding, provided he is not allowed to drink his fill on an empty stomach while warm.

—The big horse-markets of the west report that the prices for first-class animals are higher than ever, and the demand is keener. More horses are required to operate farm machinery and not enough mares are being bred.

—When hens begin to lay soft-shelled eggs it is time to ask yourself, "Where am I failing to give them the food they need?" Don't be satisfied until you can answer that question. Almost always it is due to a lack of shell-making material.

—If your hogs are kept in close confinement and fed heavily on corn alone, they will most likely develop leg weakness as they require nitrogenous foods in which skim-milk should take a large part in order to grow good, solid bones.

—This is the month that gaps are more or less prevalent on heavy soils. Chicks should not be brooded on the same ground that was occupied by chickens infected with the disease last year. Place them on ground that was never before used by poultry.

—There is a vast difference in handling lambs intended for breeding and for the market. The first should be matured slowly in order to produce good bone and stability, but the latter should be forced to put on fat as quickly as possible, as weight is the only thing that counts.

—The way to get a good, fast walking team is not to overload and not to trim them. Two 1200-pound horses, on a 14 or 16-inch plow, are overloaded. They are loaded too heavily to walk three miles an hour. Three horses on the same plow will make the work lighter and reduce the cost of plowing.

—Hens that are thin in flesh will not make good egg records. Professor Rice, of Cornell Institute, had a lot of hens killed and their laying condition noted during his absence. He then examined their carcasses and was able to pick out the best layers by simply choosing those which showed the most fat.

—Ninety per cent. of the land is owned by the men who work it; and about 70 per cent. of it is farmed by the most intensive methods. The 30 per cent. in grass is not pastured. A seven-year rotation generally practiced is: Clover and grass two years; rye, wheat, roots, barley, oats. The land is well manured and produces heavy crops of grass.

—A subscriber of *The Record*, from Vineland, N. J., would like to know the reason for a cow losing her hair, especially around the head and neck. This is due to an itching sensation, the cow violently rubbing her head and neck against the manger, and should be treated at once by physicking. Where neglected, the trouble may reach something more serious.

—At the Maine Experiment Station they select good laying hens by picking up the pullets which soonest show red combs and begin to sing, as pullets do when getting ready to lay, and putting them in a flock by themselves. By picking out these early layers they get a flock which averaged 180 eggs during their first laying year and a flock of that kind is good enough for anyone.

—Forty years ago the Morgans were the favorite road horses. This strain traces to a single ancestor, Justin Morgan, foaled in Vermont in 1798, his blood being largely thoroughbred. From him descended the Black Hawk, Bashaw, Goldust, Ethan Allen, Ben Franklin and General Knox and Daniel Lambert families. The Morgan type is short of leg, thick and round barrel, intelligent and of great courage and endurance.

—A potato specialist gives this advice: Prefer clover sod manured. Plow about four inches deep, planting in every third furrow. Plant about last week in May. Don't plant when dew is on the clover, as it is apt to rot the potatoes. Run over the potato ground with disk just when potatoes are coming up, then harrow. Leave two eyes when cutting seed potatoes. Don't cut too long before planting. Use one pound Paris green to 100 pounds plaster and as a rule do not go over the potatoes more than once.

—The Indiana Agricultural Experiment Station has shown that dry fodder loses 25 to 85 per cent. of its nutrition as compared with corn silage in feeding. That ought to commend the silage method of saving the cornfodder to anyone. If one was losing that large a percentage in handling his wheat, corn or other cereals he would certainly change his methods to something better when shown to him. This is the plain truth about fodder and corn silage, and such facts ought to make anyone feeding live stock take note.

—The South Carolina Experiment Station cures scours in calves by putting 1/2 ounce of commercial formalin in 15 1/2 ounces of distilled water, and using two teaspoonfuls in each quart of milk. This dose is given both morning and evening. Professor Shaw, of Michigan Agricultural College, uses a mixture of equal parts of camphor, tincture of rhubarb and opiates in hot water, giving a teaspoonful at a dose. Not many cases should occur if calves are fed on fresh, unsoured milk, slightly warmed, and in buckets kept clean and sweet by washing every day.

—Poisonous plants are almost as much of a nuisance as the insect pests, and ought to be attacked through a kind of legislation. Poison ivy increases very fast along old stone walls and fences, and becomes a nuisance anywhere near gardens or orchards. For the inflammation that follows poison of this kind a professor in the Harvard Medical School recommends applying alcohol, soap and water, which will offset the poisonous oil that causes the trouble. The plant itself is best checked by repeated cutting back. The young growth is easily killed with a spray of kerosene and water.

## An Experience on a Train Between Metz and Paris.

"For scrupulous care and trouble taken to return change I have never heard of anything that equaled an experience of mine on the railroad between Metz and Paris," said a national guardsman the other day. "I had been studying the battlefields about Metz, and when I decided to get back to Paris I converted most of the money I had left into francs.

"It was a hot day in August, and the second class compartments were so crowded that I decided as we stopped at a town near the French border to change to a first class coach. There was a supplement to pay, and the only German money I had was in twenty mark pieces. The official who made the transfer did not have the proper change, and while I was waiting for him to come back with the 12 marks and some pfennigs that belonged to me the train moved off, and I gave my money up for gone.

"About 11 o'clock that night the train stopped at a town about halfway to Paris. There was only one other occupant of my compartment, a man who had got on at some station in France. Soon after we stopped the door of the compartment was opened and a man inquired which of us had given a twenty mark piece to be changed at the station in Germany. I replied that I was the individual.

"Come with me, monsieur," he said. So I alighted and followed him into the station office.

"There I found that my change had been telegraphed on, and he had the sum due me already counted out. There were a lot of receipts and things to sign, and the train was held up almost fifteen minutes on my account, but I got my money and a lot of satisfaction."—New York Sun.

## Hard to Kill.

The Hawaiian Islands have always been famed for their freedom from snakes. People and animals could wander with impunity through valleys and over hills and mountains. An importation arrived on the steamship Alameda from California that might have put an end to such delightful serenity. This was the arrival of three daisy boxes containing fourteen large living snakes, five of them rattlers. Under a rule such animals arriving in the territory of Hawaii are ordered to be immediately destroyed or deported.

"In the destruction of these snakes," says the narrator, "we had a surprising experience. I placed the boxes in one of our fumigating chambers and applied a charge of double density of hydrocyanic acid gas. The snakes were still alive at the end of fifteen minutes, whereas if they had been warm blooded animals they would have succumbed in a less number of seconds. They were again shut up, and a quadruple charge of the same deadly gas was administered. At the end of one hour and a half the fumigator was opened, and several of the snakes still showed signs of life. We then immersed them in 95 per cent alcohol. That soon put an end to their venomous existence."—Youth's Companion.

## Well Placed Generosity.

In 1835 Liszt went on a tour in the French provinces. He arrived at the little town of L. to give a concert, as announced. But the inhabitants appeared to take but little interest in musical matters, for when the musician appeared on the platform he found himself face to face with an audience numbering exactly seven persons. Liszt stepped very calmly to the front, and, bowing respectfully to the array of empty benches, he delivered himself as follows:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I feel extremely flattered by your presence here this evening, but this room is not at all suitable; the air is literally stifling. Will you be good enough to accompany me to my hotel, where I will have the piano conveyed? We shall be quite comfortable there, and I will go through the whole of my program."

The offer was unanimously accepted, and Liszt treated his guests not only to a splendid concert, but an excellent supper into the bargain. Next day when the illustrious virtuoso appeared to give his second concert the hall was not large enough to contain the crowd which claimed admittance.

## Game in Germany.

Germany is a country of Nimrods. There are, we learn, 600,000 sportsmen, which means one gun for every hundred people. Each year fall to the gun on an average 400,000 hares, 4,000,000 partridges, 2,000,000 thrushes, 500,000 rabbits, 100,000 deer, 145,000 woodcocks, 40,000 wild ducks, 25,000 pheasants, 22,500 deer, 15,000 quails, 13,500 bucks, 1,400 wild boars and 1,300 bustards. In weight this "bag" represents 25,000,000 kilograms, a kilogram being two and one-fifth pounds. The monetary value is about \$6,500,000. The sum received for licenses to shoot is about \$1,500,000.

Stung!  
"I overheard my husband talking in his sleep last night," remarked Mrs. Trigger to her closest friend.  
"Oh, how interesting!" exclaimed the friend. "Did he mention some strange woman's name?"  
"No," snapped Mrs. Trigger; "he was dreaming about a baseball game."  
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## The Other Side.

Husband (mildly)—You should remember, my dear, that the most patient person that ever lived was a man. Wife (impatiently)—Oh, don't talk to me about the patience of that man Job! Just think of the patience poor Mrs. Job must have had to endure her to put up with such a man.

## LOVE'S REVOLUTION.

They lived beside a river. There had been a love match, and love matches are not often made on any other principles than love. They had been brought up in affluence and kept house on little or nothing illustrating the saying, "When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out through the window."

No; this is not true. They loved each other deeply—more deeply than when they were married. But they were overstrained. Moreover, they fell into the habit of giving vent to their feelings, and the more they gave way in this respect the more they were egged on by tired nerves to do so. Their quarrels grew more frequent and more violent. He would growl at the table that there was nothing on it fit to eat, and she would tell him that he was responsible for the quality of the food or the lack of it. From that it would be crimination and recrimination till they would both be trembling with anger.

One night they quarreled till he felt that if he did not go away from her he should do so or say that which would be irreparable. He opened the door and went out into the front yard. The air was balmy, and the full moon shone down from a clear sky. He went out to the gate, through it, and as it swung back the latch caught with a click.

She heard it and said to herself: "He is gone. I shall never see him again. My dream has vanished. I do not care to survive it."

He went across the road and looked down at the river. At first he did not see it. His brain was whirling and could take nothing in through his eyes. But presently he saw the water peacefully flowing, reflecting the silent heavens from its bosom. An irrepressible desire overcame him to put an oblivion to his troubles by sinking himself and them in this place of rest. He turned and walked a short distance down the stream to where there was a bridge. Going on to the bridge, he stood, looking over to the rail. The bark of a dog came faintly from a distance.

There was a sound above as though some one had thrown something into the river. He listened, but heard nothing more. Then, mounting the rail, he let himself down on the projecting planks beyond and stood there, listening to two voices. The one said: "Go back to her. Soothe her. Say to her, 'Let the past be passed; we will begin anew; we will bring back the love we felt before we were married.'" The other voice said: "She will not listen, or if she does the reconciliation will not last. At the first annoyance she will lose her self control. I will lose mine, and we will rush again into a whirlwind of passion."

He listened to the last voice and made up his mind. Just as he was about to turn the final plunge he saw something on the surface of the water floating with the current toward him. What was it about this undefined something that awoke a new tempest within him—a tempest of a reverse of that under which he had been wrecked? The floating object looked like a piece of cloth buoyed dome shaped over the water. There was a human being under that dome.

In another moment it was nearly beneath him. Dropping from the bridge, he caught it as it passed. He and it floated with the current under the bridge. He knew that he held the body of a woman and was raising the head. As they floated out into the moonlight he recognized in the colorless face the woman whom not long before he had led to the altar.

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been more fully conscious that he had murdered her. It was the nonresistance of that pale face that changed him. But one overwhelming impulse possessed him. He must save her. If he failed the world would indeed be the horror he had a few moments before conceived it to be. Life might still throb faintly within her, and if he could get her ashore before it ceased he might atone for all he now conceived himself to be responsible.

Like lightning, power ran down through his nerves to his muscles and made them iron. With one arm about her, holding her chin above the surface, he struck out with the other, and a few strokes brought him and her up to the shore. Once there he took her in both arms, climbed the bank and ran with her to his house.

On bringing her back to life depended whether that house should be home or whether he should be an outcast and a wreck.

He was successful. When she opened her eyes and saw him and where she was a look of infinite pain passed across her face.

"Live, dear heart," he moaned; "live that I may atone for the wrong I have done you."

"You. It was I. I should have suffered in silence."

"No matter. I know a way to prevent trouble between us in future. For the causes of disagreement look first with in yourself." Hereafter I shall blame myself and not you. And, blaming myself, you will not move me to anger."

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## A Sensational Prophet.

One of the most sensational of prophets was a Kosa negro named Umhlabasi, who did his prophesying in British Kaffraria, Africa, in 1856-7. His niece had met some mysterious strangers near a stream, and Umhlabasi, having gone to see them, reported that they were the spirits of his dead brother and others. They communicated a prophecy which rapidly grew. On an appointed day in 1857 two blood red suns were to rise, the sky would fall and crush the Kings and the whites, herds of splendid cattle would issue from the ground, great fields of ripe millet would spring up, the Kosa dead would rise and live with their descendants, and trouble and sickness should be no more. Unhappily there was a condition—the Kosas must slaughter all their existing cattle. And so 200,000 cattle, the wealth and sustenance of the people, were killed, and probably 50,000 credulous natives starved themselves to death.

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