

# Democratic Watchman

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## FARM NOTES.

—When peas or string beans have lost some of their first freshness, half of a very small onion with them seems to bring out the flavor and make them more savory. Some cream added to the other seasoning after the water is poured off, also improves them.

—Don't think it is a waste of time to rest a little while, now and then. Lie flat on the bed, or even on the floor; stretch out at full length, let go of everything and shut the eyes and rest. Most of us keep keyed up too tight; it wears us out more than the work we do.

—Do you watch for the loads of hay as they come into the barn and have a nice pitch of water ready for the men when the wagon is empty? The men folks appreciate that more than you know. And say, men folks, let the women know that you think them kind. Just a word will brighten a whole day.

—Clairborne says poultry manure is equal as a fertilizer to the best article of Peruvian guano, and if properly cared for under cover is worth as much as Pacific guano, which is usually worth from \$40 to \$50 per ton. Professor Norton says that 300 pounds of well-kept manure are equal in value to 14 or 18 two-horse loads of stable manure. Science in farming says 100 pounds of fresh hen manure contains 32.6 pounds of nitrogen, 30.8 pounds phosphoric acid and 17 pounds of potash.

The Government crop report recently published showed the condition of winter wheat worse than had been expected. The percentage on July 1 was 61.6, and it is feared that conditions have become worse since then. The combined condition of the winter wheat and the spring wheat crops was 73.5 per cent., which compares with 86.5 per cent. July 1, 1909, and 83.9 per cent. July 1, 1908. Corn bids fair, through increased acreage, to be a crop of about the same size as last year.

—The prudent expenditure of money at the right time yields good and full returns. It is false economy to make an extra outlay to secure a good crop that will be injured for want of being harvested at the proper time.

Using old and worn-out machinery, keeping cheap and worthless horses, allowing crops to waste from neglect to hire extra help, have been sources of failure. The enterprising farmer of to-day does not expect to raise crops with profit without the use of the best and most improved machinery.

The farmer must be up with the times; he must meet the difficulties of labor, markets, seasons and surroundings in a practical, business-like manner. Failure to do this will result in disappointment, discouragement and failure, where happiness, success and prosperity ought naturally be the reward of honest labor.

—One great source of failure is a neglect to preserve the fertility of the land. He who takes and never returns soon meets his Waterloo. Successive crops in time rob the soil of humus. We know that potash and phosphoric acid are needed plant foods, but the supply of these in an available form is limited. If the processes of nature for renewing these essentials are stopped, it will not be long before a fertile soil will become barren. The rotation of crops should have close attention. The farm should be well stocked with thrifty, profitable animals, and the number should be governed by the capacity of the land. In a rolling country loose soil subjected to periodical plowing, left without sod, exposed to storms, and flooded, very quickly wastes and deteriorates.

With a good turf to turn under, abundant crops may be expected, and a succession of abundant crops pretty certain to bring prosperity. The continued failure of grass has in many instances caused the ruin of many farmers. August is the harvest month of the garden. It is the time of realization and completeness. The flower garden is now at the height of maturity. The early plants have bloomed and done with; but the later plants—the plants grown from seed, the rich late flowers, the plants who have labored for and most wished to see in bloom—these are now in the perfection of maturity, and the garden is ablaze with color as it never was before, and as alas! it soon will not be again. It is therefore, the harvest month, the month when all the flower lovers' hopes are realized, and the harvest of labor is complete.

While the garden has long since been complete, and is now perfected from the flowering standpoint, there is still work to be done. It is a lucky gardener who has no weeds in August, and the person who does not, some August morning, discover some gigantic weed in full pride of blooming where only flowers should appear, is fortunate indeed. With the utmost care one is continually passing over weeds which have a habit of maturing in most unexpected places. Even in these late days the weeder has his occupation, although his work is slight compared to what it was earlier in the year.

—It is conceded that farm life is the most healthful and independent occupation of man. Washington says: "Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man." A farm free from mortgage, and with a wideawake, energetic man back of it, will yield an independence unknown in any other business. And yet men fail at farming. There must be a reason for it. But then men fail sometimes in all trades.

Nevertheless, a very much larger percentage succeed, and not a few grow rich. Taken as a class, there are less failures among farmers than there are among business men and merchants. Surely health, contentment and virtue are criterions of success, the farmer as a rule wins.

Inattention to details springs a leak that results in farm disaster. Hard work is needed, but it must be spent in the proper direction. The farmer may not be economical. It is not wise to be stingy, and it is certainly unwise to be reckless in money matters. No matter how well he may regard the general principles, if he is ignorant of details and neglects them, his work will not be effective.

Practical success in life calls for executive ability. Combined with talent it is a wonder-worker. No matter how industrious a farmer may be, or how well booked he is in matters pertaining to the farm, if he lacks the executive ability to have wishes carried out properly he will need with poor success. Those who are in charge of men should know how to manage and control them so that the best results will be obtained.

## Captain Bartlett's Three Cheers.

A series of Revolutionary scenes were given in a London theater some months after the close of that memorable war. On the one side was the English army in full red coated uniform, with every button in its exact place. Opposite them was the American army, composed, as the theater bill stated, of "artisans, cobblers and tinkers," arrayed in their working dress, with buttons of every size and hue. The curtain dropped. Captain Bartlett of Plymouth, Mass., the captain of a ship then in port, stood up in his seat in the pit and in a voice as if given from a quarterdeck in a squall, called, "Three cheers for the artisans, cobblers and tinkers who were too much for King George and his red coats," and, with a wave of his hat, he gave these with a will. For a short time there was silence in the theater, followed by an enthusiastic John Bull appreciative cheer for the pluck and assurance of the Yankee captain, who became the lion of the city, receiving invitations to clubs and free tickets to theatrical and other entertainments while he remained in port.

## Just a Little Too Smart.

A scrubwoman in a Paris theater found a magnificent diamond stonemason in a box in sweeping up. The honest old soul determined to restore the stonemason to its owner, and the owner, of course, wasn't long in turning up, a young woman splendidly dressed and on the verge of hysteria. "Oh, have you found my stonemason?" she cried. "It is a chef d'oeuvre of Lalique of the Place Vendome." "Calm yourself, madame," said the scrubwoman. "Here is your stonemason." And she produced it from her pocket. The other took out a fifty dollar bill, pressed it on the honest scrubwoman and departed with her stonemason hurriedly. But an hour later another lady called. "Have you found my stonemason?" she asked, smiling. "I think I left it in my box." "Why, yes, madame, but if it was your stonemason," said the scrubwoman, "a thief has got it. She got it this morning. She gave me \$50 reward." "Why, the stonemason was imitation," the lady said. "It only cost \$5. Your thief is \$45 out."

## Mr. Gladstone's Catch.

"How many members of this house," asked Mr. Gladstone once in the course of a debate on electoral qualifications, "can divide £1,330 17s. 6d. by £2 13s. 8d.?"

"Six hundred and fifty-eight," shouted one member.

"The thing cannot be done," exclaimed another.

A roar of laughter greeted this last remark. But it was true nevertheless. You cannot multiply or divide money by money. You may repeat a smaller sum of money as many times as it is contained in a larger sum of money, but that is a very different thing. If you repeat 5 shillings as often as there are hairs in a horse's tail you do not multiply 5 shillings by a horse's tail. Perhaps you did not know this before. Never mind; you need not be ashamed of your ignorance, for it was shared, as has been demonstrated, by the entire house of commons (bar one member), including the then chancellor of the exchequer.

## Hunter and Hunted.

A nearsighted sportsman strolled into a little hotel on the shores of Loch Carron and complainingly said, "Just seen a seal, shot at it three times and missed it each time."

At dinner an hour later he sat next to a tourist who had a bandage round his head.

"Had an accident?" asked the sportsman.

"Accident?" growled the other. "Attempted murder, you mean. I was having a bath about an hour ago when some lunatic with a gun fired at me three times from the shore and shot part of my ear off. I don't know why such animals are allowed out without a license."

Then silence reigned supreme.—London Telegraph.

## Lavishness.

"In days of old luxurious people had cloth of gold placed beneath their feet."

"Yes," replied Mr. Chuggins. "But those times were comparatively economical. Now we want nothing less expensive than rubber tires between us and the earth."—Washington Star.

## There Was No Music.

"What is the greatest bit that ever impressed itself on your experience, Snapper?"

"Well, by all odds, the worst one I ever heard was that your quartet performed last night when they came round to the house and sang 'There's Music In the Air.'"

## The Terms of Exchange.

"We wish to arrange for an exchange of prisoners," announced the South American dictator.

"On what basis?" inquired the leader of the other side.

"The usual basis—eight generals for a good, husky private."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Quick Sprint.

Sandy Pikes—Dat rich guy in de bungalow took quite a fancy to me. He took me around to de stable, showed me de \$5,000 bulldog he had just bought and asked me if I could beat it. Gritty George—And what did you say? Sandy Pikes—Nuttin'. I just beat it.—Chicago News.

## Was Willing.

Smith—You and Jones don't seem to be as friendly as you were. Does he owe you money? Brown—No, not exactly, but he wanted to.

## "Black Bart," Road Agent.

Charles E. Bolles, known to fame as "Black Bart," was incomparably the most conspicuous character in the history of western stage robbers. From 1875 to 1883 "Black Bart" is known to have committed twenty-seven stage robberies single handed. Northern California stage drivers stood in constant fear of this unique desperado. On various occasions the drivers were able to give a good description of his figure, hair, feet and hands, yet no clew to his actual identity was gained during the eight years of his stage robbing career. He was finally betrayed by a laundry mark on a cuff which had dropped from his wrist when opening a treasure box which he had taken from a Wells Fargo stage in San Joaquin valley. When he was finally captured in San Francisco the detectives were amazed to find the famous "Black Bart" a slight, quiet mannered man of fifty-five, familiar in face to all the San Francisco detectives. He had for years frequented a little restaurant near police headquarters where many of the detectives dined.—W. C. Jenkins in National Magazine.

## Looking For "the Crazy Ones."

A woman got off a Darby car at Thirty-fourth street and Woodland avenue the other day, entered the university campus and started toward College hall, walking with brisk determination, yet looking wonderingly about her the while.

In front of the library a university youth met her, and she accosted him quickly.

"Young man," she said, "will you please tell me where they keep the crazy ones?"

"Wh-what?" stammered the college man.

She repeated her question in somewhat different form.

"I want the insane department," she said. "I have a friend who is a nurse there. I thought I'd make her a little visit. Isn't this the Philadelphia hospital?"—Philadelphia Times.

## The New Page.

"Look here, Wilkins," said a doctor to his boy in button, whom he had occasion to reprimand. "I can't stand any more of this nonsense. You'll have to turn over a fresh leaf."

"All right, sir," was the witty response; "you shan't complain of me again, sir. I'll be an entirely new page."—London Opinion.

## All on One Side.

"I am told your bride is very pretty," said Miss Peppery.

"Yes, indeed!" replied Mr. Con Seat.

"Several of the guests at the ceremony were pleased to call it a 'wedding of beauty and brains.'"

"Well, well! She must be a remarkable woman! That's an unusual combination in one person."

## In the Stilly Night.

"What is it?" the druggist sleepily inquired from his bedroom window.

"This ish drug store, ain't it?" asked the man who had rung the night bell.

"Yes. What do you want?"

"Want to look in your city directory minute an' see where I live."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Expanding.

The Old Friend—I understand that your practice is getting bigger. The Young Doctor—That's true. My patient has gained nearly two pounds in the last month.

## Wanted Help.

Wife (crying in a troubled dream)—Help! Help! Hub—Poor dear! Worrying about the servant problem even in her sleep.—Boston Transcript.

## The secret of success is constancy to purpose.—Beaconsfield.

## Medical.

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## Thinning Line of Pensioners.

The pension rolls now contain nearly 600,000 names, which is less than 25 per cent of those who fought for the union, the rest of the old soldiers having obeyed the call of the great commander.

The files of the pension office show that 90 soldiers are dropped from the rolls each day through death, which is about 2,700 a month, or 32,000 annually. That is very close to the actual rate of loss for the last few years, the figures being 32,831 last year, 34,333 in 1906 and 31,200 in 1907. The figures may be raised as time goes on, but the loss is constant. The average present age of the old soldier is estimated to be 68.

Based on the experience of the pension department in caring for soldiers who fought in the Revolution and in the War of 1812, the time when the last Civil War veteran will have passed from the scene is still far distant. The last survivor of the Revolution died in 1869 and the last survivor of the war of 1812 died in 1905. From these statistics it can be figured that the last Civil War veteran will be living as late as 1956. That is considerably more than a generation hence.—Boston Globe.

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