Democratic Watchman.

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## FARM NOTES.

—Good, clean runs are a delight to the hens.

—Sometimes litter gets so filthy that it is worse than none.

—Turkey eggs set this month should give good salable carcasses for Christmas feasts.

—Leave it to the old hen to pick out the best nest to lay in. She can do it better than you can.

—Two sprinklings a week with kerosene oil should keep the house free from insect pests. But be thorough.

—Overfeeding must be avoided, as must also underfeeding. Either extreme will stunt the growth of the young stock.

—Get the screens over the windows now, so that intruders will not disturb your favorites while they are asleep at night.

—Are you troubled with crows about your chicken yards? Cover the pens with wire netting. That will fool the thieves.

—Can't expect to succeed with broody hens, incubators and little chicks, these days, unless we stay close at home to meet all emergencies.

—Feed very little soft feed and you will raise more chicks. If you must feed soft stuff don't throw it upon the ground. Feed it in small trough or on a clean board.

—In heavy-soil localities, gapes are apt to attack young chicks, especially when quartered on damp, heavy ground. In light, sandy soils this disease is practically unknown.

—Look suspiciously at eggs that have been laid in a stolen nest. They may be all right, but test them carefully, lest you lead some one who buys them to say things that will make your ears burn.—*Farm Journal.*

—A business man in Germany has written to an American consular officer that he is in the market for 1000 to 2000 barrels of apple peelings annually, barrels ranging in weight from 70 to 80 kilos (154 to 176 pounds.)

—Oats are a great feed for the calves. They are very nourishing and invigorating and the chewing process has a tendency to start the saliva, which, when mixed with the gastric juices of the stomach, makes digestion easier and more complete.

—Live stock men say that improved methods of feeding and marketing hogs, together with the public demand for more lean meat and less fat, in the pork line, explains the decrease in weight. The same is true about cattle. Beef steers are averaging much lighter than thirty years ago.

—All farm animals except sheep, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, have increased in value in the last year. Milch cows have increased $4.70 per head; horses, $3.48 per head. Sheep have lost in value 35 cents per head, and swine have increased only 21 cents per head.

—Professor Haecker, of the Minnesota Experiment Station, sows ensilage corn so thickly that no ears develop. He says that the corn plant takes up the nutriments that would otherwise go into the ears, and he can grow more ensilage to the acre planting thickly than planting at the usual distance for ears.

—A handy thing to use in tying up corn or fodder shocks: Bore a three-eighths-inch hole in a broomstick; pass through this a piece of clothesline six inches shorter than a hay baling wire. In the end of the line tie a three-inch ring. Go around the shock with the line and stick, place the stick through the ring and pull it through. Then you can tie the shock with baling wire.

—Liming alone is not likely to increase the yield of oats. On very sour soils, or when used in connection with the plowing under of green manure crops or stable manure, it may have a beneficial effect. Where lime was applied without manure, at the Pennsylvania station, it reduced the yield of oats, but where it was applied in connection with manure increased the beneficial effect of the manure.

—The peach borers are at work. They are white grubs tunneling beneath the bark of peach trees at the surface of the ground. Although they have done most of their work already, yet this is the best time to get them. They are nearly full grown or may even be found in the cocoon. They may be located in the tree by the presence of gum and sunken spots in the bark at the crown. They begin to hatch from the cocoon about June 15. From that time they will be beyond control until another spring.

—Says President Waters, of the Kansas Agricultural College: The reason the packing-house ham is so lacking in flavor is that it is cured rapidly and quickly sold. There are two methods of curing meat, the dry cure and the brine cure. Both are good. The meat-cutter should take the one he happens to fancy, but for production of the highest quality and richest flavor the dry cure is superior. Brine destroys a considerable quantity of the soluble protein in meat, and that is what gives the flavor. Any piece of meat soaked, or even wet, is never again as good as it was. There is no just right and no just wrong way in curing meats. It is largely a matter of taste and judgment.

—Another benefit is derivid from the fact that live stock compels rotation. Grasses and clovers must be grown, and these put the land in the proper condition for growing other crops. As an example, there will be a better yield of corn after a crop of clover or grass than there would be when these legumes are not grown.

There is more economy in maintaining fertility through keeping live stock and purchasing food to supplement what is grown than it is to buy commercial fertilizers in large quantities and to apply them in order to maintain fertility. But then that is a question of conditions. There may be cases where, in order to grow certain high-priced crops, it would be necessary to purchase commercial fertilizers, but the aim should be, as far as possible, to maintain fertility, if it must be purchased, by buying it in the form of food rather than in the form of fertilizer.

## FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

### DAILY THOUGHT.

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good, without the world being the better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.—Philips Brooks.

Now-a-days it is found convenient to change the style of hair dressing in order that it may agree with this hat or that dress. There are some toilettes that would be bereft of their effect, and even be made to look absurd, if the hair were not arranged in keeping.

The curled fringe, called the "bang," has been revived.

One reason for the justifiable revival of the lightly-curled lovelocks that stray about the forehead is the immense popularity of the short centre parting, which is just a little trying without their softening influence; and another is the reinstatement of the heavy plait or the twisted drapery of hair which is used to frame the chignon. When the plait weights the hair over the forehead the counteracting effect of a few gossamer-like tendrills of hair below is requisite for the sake of elegance.

One of the coiffures of the moment illustrates the conical dressing that is becoming to the girl with a small face and mignon features. It is built up by means of a twisted drapery of hair which resembles a plait, and below it is a thick coil held in place by tortoise-shell prongs. The hair is carelessly ondule beneath, so that the ears are hidden, and there are a few stray lovelocks on the forehead.

A lucky accident led to the invention of khaki, that olive-colored cloth that is worn by soldiers.

For years the British troops in India wore a cotten cloth of a greenish brown, but it always faded when washed with soap. While discussing this defect with some British officers a business man from England carelessly observed that the manufacturer first to discover the means whereby a cotton drill could be made that would not fade would certainly make his fortune. One of the officers, a young man, took the hint. When he got home he employed a skillfull dyer, and the two begad a systematic search for an olive dye that when used on cotton cloth would not yield to soap or soda. They spent years in experiments along this line, but to no avail. The thing seemed hopeless.

One day, however, they found among numerous scraps of dyed cloth one that retained its color under the most severe tests. The puzzling part of it all was that this scrap had been derived from a piece of cloth that had been subjected to the same processes. For a long time the experimenters tried to solve this riddle. The one bit of cloth of khaki mentioned was the only piece that kept its color against all attacks.

Finally by the merest chance, says the Scientific American, they hit upon the secret. The dye in which this scrap had been dipped had remained for a time in a metal dish of a peculiar kind. This metal, in combination with the chemicals of the dye, had furnished the very thing needed. They made the experiment with other pieces; the dye held, and their fortunes were made.

Etamine is to be much worn. A few tailor costumes have been already offered to us made of this material and lined with pongee or mousseline de soie. But this light tissue is not very suitable for tailor costumes. It is much preferable to reserve it for the new dresses, which are to be slightly gathered and drawn.

Do these gatherings predict a return to more amplitude? It is too soon to affirm it as yet. Be that as it may, we may note the fact that in some of our light dresses, skirts with foundations have made their appearance. But, for etamine, this foundation is absolutely necessary. Some times it is of a different shade to the dress, and the other accessories of the toilette harmonize with it—the hat, the parasol and the shoes. I saw one of the etamine robes in brouillard lined with fuchia, which gave a very delicate effect. Following on these lines, black etamines lined with emerald, violet, etc., are also very practical. Nery new and striking changes could be so combined.

Just now it seems as if the coutiers were trying to outvie each other in cold coloring. It is the triumph of color. Here, for instance, is another pretty spring costume in coarse navy woolen etamine lined with ruby. It had a removable hood and revers in ruby charmeuse, striped with coarse black braid. Altogether a very chic little costume for the first fine days of spring.

When lace curtains are torn during the laundering they may be mended by applying a piece of net of the same mesh as the curtains with some thick boiled starch and then ironing with a moderately hot iron. The pieces scarcely show on inspection, and when they are in the folds of the draping will be unnoticed. If the tear appears in a pattern a few stitches are taken, imitating the work.

Sleeplessness, says a physician, is becoming increasingly common both among men and women, with the result that large numbers of people are never at their potential best, either for the work or enjoyment of life. A good night's sleep should satisfy two conditions—it should be tranquil and should last long enough to repair completely the nerve and muscle wear and tear of the day.

As to length, a child of seven years requires 12 hours; a boy or girl of 16 years must have at least 9 hours; while the average adult should sleep 7 hours or a little more. Some can do with less, but for the majority of people 7 hours is the minimum. And this must be 7 hours of sound and peaceful sleep if it is to do its restoring work effectively.

Unfortunately, dwellers in cities have to endure such a multitude of noises that tranquil sleep is seldom obtainable. But we can do much to approach the ideal, if we cannot quite reach it.

The residence should be as far as possible from main roads, railway stations and other centres of noise, and in a street free from noisy milkmen, icemen and other early traders.

The bedroom should be in the quietest part of the house, and as both darkness and fresh air favor sleep the windows must be provided with Venetian blinds.

There should be a rule in every house against the banging of doors, loud talking and other noises of inconsiderate early risers.

When light falls even on the closed eyes it stimulates the brain to activity. Therefore, the bed must not face the window, but be placed with the head toward it.

## Announcements.

*The following are the prices charged for announcements in this column: Sheriff $8.00, Prothonotary $8.00, Treasurer $8.00, Register $6.00, Recorder $6.00. All other offices $5.00. Announcement will not be made for any candidate unwilling to pledge himself to abide by the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the Primaries.*

### SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce that D. J. Gingerich, of Huston township, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held Saturday. Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are requested to announce A. B. Lee, of Potter township, as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911. *

### TREASURER.

We are requested to announce that J. Mitchell Cunningham, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the general primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911. *

We are authorized to announce that John D. Miller, of Walker township, will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the general primaries to be held Saturday. Sept. 30, 1911.*

We are authorized to announce the name of James Schofield, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the general primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce that Frank W. Grebe, of Philipsburg, will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primaries Sept. 30th, 1911.

### PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce that D. R. Foreman, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Prothonotary of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the general primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911. *

### FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

We are requested to announce that D. Paul Fortney of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the general primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911. *

We are requested to announce that J. Kennedy Johnston Esq., will be a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are requested to announce that John M. Keichline, Esq., of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911. *

### COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce that John R. Lemon, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911. *

We are requested to announce that John L. Dunlap will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce John H. Runkle, of Potter township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the primaries Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce that William H. Noll Jr., of Spring township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held on Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911. *

We are requested to announce that William A. Stover, of Penn township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters, as expressed at the primaries Sept. 30th, 1911. *

We are authorized to announce D. A. Grove, of College township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as shown at the primaries Sept. 30th, 1911. *

### RECORDER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Recorder, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911. EDWARD C. MCKINLLY, of Boggs township.*

We are authorized to announce that W. Francis Speer, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for the nomination for Recorder by the Democratic party; subject to the primaries on Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce that D. A. Dietrich, of Walker township, will be a candidate for Recorder of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the general primaries to be held Saturday. Sept. 30th, 1911. *

### REGISTER.

We are requested to announce that J. Frank Smith, of Centre Hall, will be a candidate for Register subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the polls at the primaries to be held on the 30th day of Sept. 1911. *

### AUDITOR.

We are authorized to announce that W. A. Colins, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters, as expressed at the primaries, Sept. 30th, 1911. *

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