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Gibraltar, Pa.
May 18-48

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Dr. Shoemaker,
Dear Sir,

We have read your article on
corn planting & were amused.
Subby said, it was an
old story he had heard yrs. ago.
Here are a few planting signs
which have been amusing
& some old, some just sayings.

1. Always plant pickles on the
longest day to acquire large,
long ones.
2. Watermelons should be planted
in the Spring. That's why they

Are 98% water.

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3. Plant potatoes in the "down" sign to be sure of a good root crop.

4. Plant lima beans in the "up" sign so they will go up the poles.

Your whistling gill story reminded me of these old sayings.

1. Don't sing before seven or you will cry before eleven.

2. Do not be too merry on Friday or you will have a bad wk. end.

3. When a rooster crows directly toward the house, it is supposed to mean company.

4. Also when a house cat is continually washing, visitors

5. When spilling salt, always throw some over the left shoulder to avoid a fight.

6. What is a one letter word that Berks farmers have for breakfast? X (or eggs)

7. Give a beggar a horse & he will ride to the devil.

8. When matrimonially inclined, don't pick the first apple that falls, nor the second & be careful of the 3rd.

9. Three times a bridesmaid, never a bride thyself.

3. Have you found any further information concerning Blue Rocks, for which I have asked? Enjoyed radio programs very much + lots of us are going to miss them also the column. Do hope you have a lovely + interesting trip + we all will be looking forward to your column again.

Yours truly

Violet + Harvey Rothenberger

Libraetas, Pa.

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