

lightly skimmed will do, and after ten days more the skimming may be gradually made close, until at the end of a month or soon after, a skim-milk diet is reached. No rule can be given for quantity in feeding calves; they differ so much in size and food requirements. Judgment must be used, the feeding effects observed, and the calf given enough to thrive and be active, but not too much.

More calves suffer from overfeeding than from scant diet. Keep the calf a little hungry for more rather than fill it to dullness. The endeavor should be to prevent the beginning of indigestion, which leads to scouring and perhaps fatal diarrhoea. Nothing causes indigestion sooner than overfeeding or irregularity in the quantity, time and temperature of the milk, especially while the calf is young; and absolute cleanliness about the feeding vessels is essential, with frequent scalding. If it can with certainty be kept equally clean some feeding device which compels the calf to suck its milk instead of swallowing rapidly is preferable to the open pail.

If gritting the teeth or other symptoms of indigestion appear, a little limewater in the milk or a little baking soda will usually prove a correction. Keep the calf dry and clean, fairly warm, but in pure air, and allow it to exercise. Young calves like company, but if kept together are likely to learn bad sucking habits. Every calf had better have its own box until a month or two old, and then be tied up out of reach of neighbors; but several may exercise together if not turned out until an hour after taking milk.

FRUIT JAR FAMINE.

There is not a fruit jar to be had in the City of Seattle. The dealers are unable to secure new shipments from any point on the Pacific Coast, and there is not time enough to secure them from the East.

The principal merchants were all called on, just as we went to press, and they all say that it will not be possible to get in a supply this fall. Mr. Cooper of the well-known firm of Cooper & Levy said:

"There has been an unprecedented demand this year for jars and although we had an unusually large supply on hand they are all gone now. Every season heretofore we have found that there were left on our hands a car or more to winter over on we have tried to gauge the supply this year to more nearly fill the demand. This spring we had a car and a half. As the season opened up pretty well we ordered two cars more and thought we had sufficient to supply all demands. But there has been an extraordinary call for them, due partly to better times and also to the very much larger yield of fruit of all kinds. As our stock commenced to run low we telegraphed to Tacoma, Portland, Spokane and San Francisco dealers, but to our surprise they, too, were short. Now, the fresh fruit season will soon be drawing to a close and we could not get a shipment here in time to do any good, even if the factories could supply our orders, which they cannot, as they are closed and will not be in operation until next January."

"But, Mr. Cooper, what are the thousands of families who are expecting to put up a winter store of fruit going to do?"

"Well, sir, they will have to return to the tin can as of old. It is true that there are many of them prejudiced against the use of tin, but where properly put up—and it's a very simple operation—the fruit can will have to answer as a substitute for the glass receptacle."

So the people who have not engaged their jars early in the season when they were easy to obtain at very reasonable prices, will have to take Mr. Cooper's advice, if they

want to have fresh fruit next winter, and buy fruit cans. It makes the can manufacturers smile, and no wonder, for it means a big rush of business.

J. W. Godwin & Co. have another car of Concord grapes en route to Seattle from the East.

James Gillison, Balfour, Guthrie & Co.'s local representative, informs us that wheat shipments have commenced to come in to Seattle freely and water shipments will commence within a few days.

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