

left hand pulled out, throwing me backwards on the ground. I hung on to the lines and was dragged around by hand and foot till suddenly the stirrup strap broke and I was spared a horrible death. It took a long time to recapture the furious brute, which had to bear Mr. Reed for the remainder of our trip, who, young and lissome, fought her to finish.

As time was getting short, we could merely call on the ranches of Messrs. Skelton, Stuart and Chase. All betokened great neatness, and Messrs. Chase—father and son—set us up a meal that any woman might be proud of.

At 1:30 promptly the meeting convened and a pleasant time passed away. The interest was intense and in the orchard I believe it exceeded any previous one. The matter of organizing clubs was very well received.

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Snohomish was reached the same evening at 10:30. In the afternoon I visited Mr. D. F. Sexton's fine place. The arrangements for his stock were far superior to the average and his beautiful herd of high-grade Jerseys looked very comfortable and clean in their Bidwell stalls. A very convenient arrangement was made for weighing the milk and a daily record of each cow is kept. The cows were in the pink of condition. Out of eleven cows, he was milking, nine were heifers with first calf and the one which was quite fresh had to give her calf a feed of full milk, besides which the household were supplied and yet in four days 54 pounds of butter were produced, or 1 1/4 pounds for each individual cow per day. The calves were kept in a fine set of clean, roomy box stalls and looked as thrifty and well developed a lot as one but rarely sees. Two nice, sleek teams were further down. Peas and oats, ensilage 35 pounds, 4 and 6 pounds bran and Puget sound hay was the daily ration for the cows. This well balanced succulent ration cost but little and gave returns that would satisfy any man. The ensilage was not fed out but the pasture was getting so forward that Mr. Sexton thought he would cover it up and fill in on top of it for the third

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time as it was still in most excellent shape. The milk house, or farm dairy, was very complete; a box-stove furnished with coils heated a barrel of water placed behind it. A combined self-working churn and a No. 3 De Laval separator were amongst the most conspicuous appliances in the clean, tidy room. The product was of the highest quality and brought a fancy price. The pigs were also well taken care of. None of these buildings were modern, none were costly; but they gave evidence that the owner understood the requirements of a high-class dairy cow and set himself to work to obtain it.

I found Mr. E. M. Smith hoeing his potatoes. He is running quite a little market garden from which he gets pretty nice returns. "Over there," says he, "is a quarter of an acre of green and dry onions in equal parts which has brought me over \$200 in cash." I use some banyard manure, but I generally apply special fertilizer to each plant. There were a thousand cabbage plants looking nice and thrifty, from which the old gent cuts 3,000 heads. The first ones, ready about the middle of May, he cuts out and sells at 10 cents each. He then cuts all the suckers, but two, which make him two five-cent heads; but as there are potatoes between the rows he pulls them out entirely. All his waste he feeds to Belgian hares, which, cheap as they are, still pay for all they get. He plants his very earliest potatoes on top of the ground and then moulds them up, thus securing warmth. In spring he hoes the dirt away to give them light and warmth.

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