

GIRLS RAISED IN LUXURY ARE DOING FARM WORK IN ENGLAND

English girl practicing on a dummy cow to learn how to milk real one.



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London, April 19.—The cow has fallen on pleasant ways in England. No longer the thick-fisted hired man urges her to "hist" and "gee over," but softly-bred girls in the cunningest of peasant smocks and gaiters have brought new interest into her life.

Twenty miles from London girls are caring for the largest Jersey herd in the kingdom and other herds are being handed over to girls as fast as the national service training system can turn out graduates.

The girls come from good homes. Many, until the war upset their system of living, had never so much as dressed themselves unaided by a maid.

Other branches of agricultural work are being taken over by women.

Ploughing, harrowing, drilling, bedding down and cleaning stables of work horses; getting seed from town to farms and produce from farms to towns; training other girls — everything that can be done to release fit men, formerly "indispensables" for the army.