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THE ONLOOKER
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THE CONUNDRUM
MAN AGAIN

His brow was high, long was his hair, His eyes were deeply, darkly gleaming. He looked at you with such an air That half the time you thought him dreaming.

His long, lean fingers interlaced, He fixed us with his mystic glances; We rose to go with nervous haste, Determined we should take no chances, But with a gesture he restrained us, And for the moment he detained us.

"What is the difference," he said, "Between a man who is a sailor, Who pads his deck till it's a bed, Although, forsooth, he is a whaler—What is the difference between This man and one who has his fallings—Not wicked faults, nor traits all mean, But what you might call minor allings? So take the problem now, and guess it, Or if you can't, why, then confess it."

He leaned back with a patient smile, And called his frowning brow to service. We looked at him a little while, Our heart within us growing nervous. We told him: "Though the answer may Be something glad or something gloomy, With any one we might well say: 'The difference is nothing to me.'" He scowled, our subterfuge disclaiming: "Conundrums, though, are mental training."

We said: "A man who runs a ship May use his whims his deck to furnish, And who's guilty of a slip Need not fear we his faults will burlesque."

The man then rose up to his height, And solemnly cracked his knuckles, And told us, with a rare delight As manifested by his chuckles: "The captain has his deck of pillows, The other has his peccadilloes."

Had Him There. "Sir," said the deferential book agent, "I am selling the works of Ink-on-de-Finger, the great romancer. The set is bound in full morocco and will be delivered to you upon the payment of—"

"One moment, please," interrupts the man addressed. "I am Ink-on-de-Finger."

"Then for goodness' sake give me an order. I've got a cold turn down from everybody else, and if you hadn't written the books I'd never have been roped into trying to sell them."

And That Ended It. "Come on, my brave girls!" exclaimed the lady commander of the insurgent forces. "We will accept no quarter!"

"No quarter!" shouted her forces, rushing to the attack

Here the general of the opposing force gallantly stepped forward and offered: "Madam, for this day we will mark it down to 24 cents."

Since he put it on such grounds, the lady insurgents could do nothing else than capitulate

A Variation. When the devil was poor he vowed, vowed he That naught but a socialist he would be. When the devil grew rich 'twas plain to see The devil a socialist then was he!

Her First Social Function. The infant that is being christened sets up a terrific wailing.

"Whose child is that?" asks some one in a-back pew.

"It's the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mittles," answers her neighbor, in a whisper. "This is her first appearance in public, and naturally she is a bit frightened."

"Ah!" murmurs the other person. "Making her debut-hoo?"

Same Old Horse. "They have been saying for a long time that the horse must go," observed Mr. Meddergrass, "but just yesterday one of these firstshippers came a tumble about four miles the other side of my place and hired a fellow in an auto to tow him home, and the auto broke down in front of my house—and I had to hitch the bay team to it and pull the whole contraption to town."

Igloored for Life. "And we will always stick together," sighs the happy Esquimau bride.

"Forever!" rapturously exclaims the happy Esquimau bridegroom. "For ever we shall live, side by side, in our own igloo."

Meber D. Nesbit.



THE DAIRY

IN AND OUT OF THE DAIRY.

Have plenty of pure air in the dairy barn.

A clean-minded man always produces clean milk.

Milk and cream are the first foods of this world and should be the purest and most sanitary product which we consume.

Do not allow any foul air around the cow stables or places where milk and cream are kept.

It is hard to believe that there are dangers lurking in milk. Its very whiteness bespeaks its purity, yet this very quality may conceal the growth of countless germs, and its sweetness may lure the drinker into an unwarranted sense of security.

Milk from a cow which has tuberculosis does not produce immediate harm, but many seeds of the great white plague, consumption, are sown during infancy in milk.

Don't turn the cattle on the pasture too early. Wait until you are sure the grass is sufficiently large to turn them on, then wait a week or ten days longer.

KEEP GOOD COWS IN DAIRY

Study the Herd to the End That Producers Are Known, Then Reject the Unprofitable Ones.

(BY SAMUEL E. BARNES.) The owner of a dairy should know how much profit each and every cow is producing.

Why should he feed and milk a cow that does not produce an ample profit? Why should he keep 20 cows instead of ten when the profit is the same?

The only reason for a man's doing this is that he does not know which cows are the poor ones and which are profitable.

Some dairymen have been induced to keep careful records of their herds for the last six months and as a practical illustration a few of their figures are given below.

One man who has kept a record of his herd of 14 cows during the last six months has increased his net profits from \$47.30 to \$122.82 per month—an increase of over 100 per cent.

This was done by cutting out the poor milkers and feeding according to the amount of milk produced.

Before the records began he fed all the cows the same, consequently some cows consumed more food than they paid for.

Two other men are keeping the same number of cows (20), feeding the same kinds of food and selling milk in the same city. There is quite a difference in the results:

One of the herds produced during a six months' test an average per month for the 20 cows of 5,926 pounds of milk, or 296 pounds of milk for each cow per month. The average of butter for the 20 cows per month was 283½ pounds, or 14.01 pounds per cow each month.

The other herd produced during the same time an average per month of 10,679 pounds for the 20 cows—534 pounds of milk for each cow per month. The average of butter fat for the 20 cows was 548 pounds per month—27.4 pounds per cow each month.

The first man has an annual net income of \$756.36; the second man clears \$1,746.60.

Does it pay to keep records? The individuality of the cow must be considered if a success is made in the dairy business.

BEATS THE WORLD'S RECORD

Great Accomplishment of Guernsey Cow, 3 1/2 Years Old, in Producing Butter and Cream.

The Guernsey cow pictured here is Dolly Dimple, 19,144. She is owned by Langwater farms of Massachusetts. Under the advanced register test at two years of age she produced 14,009 pounds milk and 703 pounds butter fat. This is the record for all breeds at this age and is considered the



Dolly Dimple.

most remarkable record ever made by a dairy animal. This cow has within a short time completed her official record as a 3½-year-old, making the highest record for the breed of 18,458.8 pounds. She also makes the highest butter fat record for the breed of 906.8 pounds an equivalent of 1,058 pounds of butter. This makes Dolly Dimple excel all other cows of like age in the world.

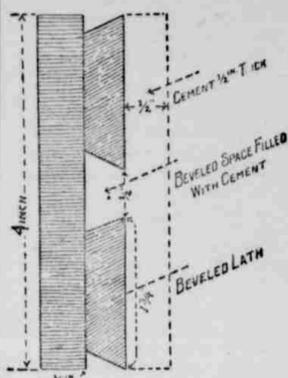
Last Milk is Richest.

The last milk drawn from a cow is richer than the first. Always milk the very last drop, not only because it is richer, but because it helps to maintain the milk flow and prolong the lactation period.

HOW TO CONSTRUCT A SILO

Several Kinds of Material Can Be Used in Building Feed Tank—Cement is Aid.

There are several kinds of material which can be used in making a silo, namely, wood, cement and stone. The stave silo is very good and gives splendid satisfaction. The cement silo is of newer origin, but is coming into use and those that have them are well pleased with the results. The Gurler silo is a combination of cement and wood which we think would make a very good silo, says Hoard's Dairyman. While a satisfactory silo can be made as described by using several thicknesses of lumber and paper, yet we believe it is better as a rule, to saw the lumber into strips and make a stave silo of them, using iron hoops to bind them together.



Cross Section of Silo.

The Gurler silo is made by standing 2x4's on circular foundation and nailing half-inch lumber on the inside of them, thus making a large band. The 2x4's should be set vertical and about 16 inches apart. To the inside sheeting nail beveled lath. These are nailed horizontally the same as the half-inch sheeting, thus making a double band.

The accompanying illustration shows end of a cross section of a half-inch strip nailed to the 2x4's and the dovetailed lath. The laths are covered with cement to the extent of one-half inch. This makes a cement lined silo and protects the wood from silage. The outside of the 2x4's may be covered by half-inch lumber and painted. This will make a very strong and durable silo, and when the cement shows wear, caused by the effect of the acid, it is very easy, when the silo is being filled, to wash it with cement. The hemlock could be sawed, and used for making this style of silo.

A silo 16 feet in diameter and 35 feet high will furnish silage for 35 animals 250 days.

SIMPLE REMEDY FOR GARGET

Irritation Produced by Injury, Such as Kick or Being Stepped on, is Easily Relieved.

Garget comes from irritation produced by an injury, such as a kick or being stepped on by another animal. Sometimes garget is caused by allowing the cow to go too long without milking, and a frequent cause is germs entering the udder. A good remedy is to physic the cow with one pound of epsom salts dissolved in about a quart of moderately warm water. Then give a teaspoonful of pokeroot twice a day. Make a solution of one tablespoon of pokeroot and about a pint of witch hazel or alcohol and bathe the udder frequently. Keep the cow in a dry, cool place.

Bathe the udder with hot water and manipulate it gently for 15 or 20 minutes at a time. This generally facilitates a cure. If the udder is very large suspend it in a strip of canvas fastened over the cow's back, with holes for the teats to protrude. This will relieve the strain upon the muscles of the udder.

To Cure Hard Milkers.

This is due to an unnatural condition of the sphincter muscles at the end of the teat and often what might be a valuable cow on this account is one that everybody wishes to avoid.

The proper method of overcoming hard milking is to wash the teats off with an antiseptic solution, dip a teat plug into healing ointment and insert same into the point of the teat, permitting teat plugs to remain in the teats from one milking to another.

A few treatments of this kind will overcome hard milking in any cow, without danger of infecting the teats or udder, but even this treatment should be handled with cleanliness.

Feeding Silage.

In feeding silage to dairy cows the mangers should be clean and no silage allowed to accumulate. Feed no musty or moldy silage; feed it only after milking and keep the cows' stable well ventilated for the escape of moisture and unpleasant odors. If you have never fed any silage before, give only a very small amount at first to each animal, and increase the amount of feed only as you learn the effects.

When Cows Are Nervous.

If any of your cows are nervous or troublesome in any way at milking time, try feeding them just before you begin to milk. The giving down of the milk is governed by the nerves, and the more the cow's mind is taken from the milking process the less action the nerves will have on the milk secreting glands. Feed will make the cow more contented, which in turn will result in larger yields.

IN THE "SUN-KISSED" WEST

More or Less Authentic Tais That Duly Impressed the Man from the East.

I was talking with a Dakotan the other day, said an eastern man. "Speaking of farms," he said, "we have some sizable farms out in Dakota. Yes, sir, I've seen a man on one of our big farms start out in the spring and plow a straight furrow till fall. Then he turned around and harvested back."

"Wonderful!" said I.

"On our Dakota farms," he went on, "it's the usual thing to send young married couples out to milk the cows. Their children bring back the milk."

"Wonderful!" I repeated.

"Once," he said, "I saw a Dakota farmer's family prostrated with grief. The women were weeping, the dogs were barking, the children were squalling, and the tears ran down the farmer's cheeks as he hitched up his 20-mule team and drove off."

"Where was he going?" said I.

"He was going half-way across the farm to feed the pigs."

"Did he ever get back?" I asked.

"It isn't time for him yet," was the reply.—The Housekeeper.

The Red Man's Mental Status.

In mental equipment the Indians rank easily above the average negroes. In their new estate they have produced every variety of active manhood from statesmen, teachers, doctors and preachers down to good-for-nothings—even as the whites. We can accept their numerical influence as the physical evidence of a racial progress succeeding the old processes of decay under abuse.—New York World.

Tax Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at Almena Center, Fridays; Paw Paw, Saturdays and at my home Mondays for the collection of taxes for the township of Almena.

ARTHUR HERRON, Treasurer, Almena Township.

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