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SEVENTH ARTICLE—THE DAIRY HERD.

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The pursuit of dairy farming depends for its success upon certain fundamental conditions. First, the owner of the business himself, or otherwise the agent or manager who has the immediate control and personal direction of the work, must have a natural fondness for animals, prompting to generous and kind treatment, as well as good judgment in selection, breeding and care. It is not sufficient that he should be a horseman or fond of cattle in general. For best results he should have a special liking for the dairy cow over and above all other animals. Second, the cattle must be good of their kind and of a variety suited to the work. Third, the farm should be specially adapted to the branch of husbandry in view. A good dairy farm is pretty certain to be good for general farming, but many good farms in general are not suited to dairying. The dairy farm should be carefully selected, all the requirements of the business being well considered. Yet many disadvantages so far as the farm is concerned may be successfully overcome by the skillful dairyman, and dairying in some form is profitably conducted without any farm, so that this condition, important as it is, cannot be regarded as essential. Fourth, it is well to study the character of the accessible markets and the means of communication. Location and the line



Photo by Tennessee experiment station.

JERSEY CALVES.

of dairying to be followed may be largely controlled by the markets. In some cases the markets form an essential condition, but modern facilities for transportation make the location of the dairy farm with relation to its markets comparatively unimportant. Like almost all other occupations at the present day, dairying has become divided into several distinct and special lines. These differ mainly as to the form of product and the manner of disposing of it. Milk or cream may be produced for delivery to consumers, and this delivery may be direct or indirect. The same products may be delivered to a factory for manufacture into butter or cheese, or the milk product of the herd may be worked up at home and then converted into butter or cheese. The prudent dairyman should first consider which line of business he will pursue. In so doing he must have regard for all his circumstances—the location, markets, farm, buildings, water and ice supply, the labor at his command—and his own preference and prospects for profit.

Some dairymen prefer a "general purpose cow," which is a member of a specially developed milk producing family from one of the beef grades or grades of such stock. An animal of this character which has a large frame, is easily kept in good flesh and fattens soon when not milking heavily. Such a cow also has large calves, profitable for veal or for growing as steers. Even if such animals are not so productive while in the dairy their meat making proclivities may make up for it. There are two or three of the established breeds of cattle which claim to possess combined qualities for meat and milk. On the other hand, many dairymen (including the writer) prefer cattle of the distinct class or type especially adapted to dairy purposes alone. This class includes various families and breeds, all having the marked characteristics which distinguish the milk-producer. Owners of such cows expect them to be so profitable as milkers that their beef producing qualities and the final disposition of their carcasses may be entirely ignored, and the calves, except so far as wanted to

SCHOOL NOTES

Breezy Items of Our School by the Normal Instructor

This week ends our efforts for this year to make better teachers for the schools of Morgan county. We have been working hard to prepare the young men and women in our department for their chosen profession, and unless we very greatly miss our guess there will be a very large number of first-class certificates issued to our department, notwithstanding we expect the examination this year to be somewhat more difficult than it was last year. Mr. Ireland, one of the State examiners and the one who wrote most of the questions, told our county superintendent, Mr. Barker, that he had made the questions more difficult than they were last year. But despite all this we are not at all uneasy about those of our boys and girls who have worked hard in their preparation for certificates.

From this department will go out teachers this year that are well prepared to cope with the difficulties of the teachers' problem, and we cheerfully recommend them to the various county boards of trustees both in this and any or all of the mountain counties.

Last week we gave a rigid examination in the Normal Department using a list of county questions that had been left over from last year and never been opened and we are sure the pupils had no chance whatever to "be prepared" in them, and we were agreeably surprised at some of the excellent grades made by the pupils. We made an average of all the grades in our department and found it to be 89. Now, don't you call that an excellent average for a whole department? We here give you the three highest grades made on this examination: Mrs. W. B. Allen, 98 5-11; Miss Myrtle Ferguson, 96 4-11; H. E. Ferguson, 96 3-11.

We take this last opportunity to remind the friends of the school that on next Friday night the Normal Department will give a play in the college chapel entitled "Smyth against Smyth," a "moot" court, and if you want to laugh the most you ever did come and see the "court."

Admission, 15 and 10 cents.

The New Jackson.

On Saturday and Sunday last a representative of the COURIER visited Jackson. The effect of the recent move for law and order was immediately apparent. The visitor, especially one who knew the place before, is at once conscious of the new and better conditions that prevail. I had had fears that the reform wave would be temporary, but on Sunday afternoon I attended a meeting of the Civil Betterment League and saw the spirit and determination that guided its acts, and I decided that a bright future was to be Jackson's. The League is extending its organization to the county districts and I saw that it was putting the "fear of the Lord" in the hearts of county officers who have been lax in the performance of their duties.

The good citizens of Jackson are making a brave fight and are winning, and they should have the moral support of every good citizen in the State.

New Passenger Coaches.

On last Sunday the Ohio & Kentucky Railroad put on new and up-to-date passenger coaches on that road. These coaches will give to the patrons of the road all the comforts and convenience of modern travel, and show that the management of the road are anxious to afford the traveling public the best service possible and to extend to their patrons every possible courtesy.

Some Other Good Thing.

A girl was ambitious to become a teacher. The second year she was in the high school she became deaf—so deaf that it was almost impossible to make her hear. Of course she had to give up her school—and her plans.

It was a terrible blow to her suddenly cut off from the pleasant sound of human voices, from the world of music and laughter. But this girl was optimistic, she was of that fine sort who immediately and smilingly began at once to look for some other good thing to do.

She discovered she had some talent for drawing. She began lessons at once under an art teacher. She knew she was not a genius; her teacher did not deceive her by saying she would be a great artist.

But she did not weary herself about her limitations, about the things she could never be able to do. She was too busy in learning to do the things she could do. She worked hard and learned to draw well, and paint fairly well. She got a great deal of pleasure from the work and loved to originate new designs. Directly she turned her attention to decorating, to painting china, to ornamenting menus and gift cards.

She opened a studio. Now she has more than she can do. She rejoices in it and has two helpers whom she is teaching. Her earnings are larger than they would have been had she become a teacher; and looking into her bright eyes and face vivid with personality one easily sees that bodily affliction had not seriously handicapped her mind nor embittered her soul.

Goes to Hospital.

Mrs. W. M. Kendall, better known as "Aunt Paulina," left Monday for St. Joseph Hospital, Louisville, for a few weeks rest. It will be remembered that Aunt Paulina had a very severe illness last winter from which she has not fully recovered. It is hoped by her friends, who are legion, that a few weeks treatment by Dr. Weidner, supplemented by the restful influences of St. Joseph will bring her around all right. Her husband, Mr. W. M. Kendall, whose business interests are more varied than any other man in West Liberty and possibly in Morgan county, has laid aside every other consideration and is devoting his entire time to nursing Aunt Paulina back to health. Her friends in West Liberty join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Pension Law Upheld.

In a recent decision in the Franklin Circuit Court, Judge Stout upheld the constitutionality of the Confederate Pension Act. The State authorities refused to obey the mandates of the act, contending that it was unconstitutional, and took the matter to the courts. An appeal from Judge Stout's decision to the Court of Appeals has been taken. Whether the State authorities wanted the opinion of the court of the last resort before acting, or that they just did not have the money, has not been made clear.

A Peculiar Egg.

Dr. S. R. Collier showed us a peculiar freak in the way of an egg Sunday. The egg was laid by an ordinary Leghorn hen belonging to Mrs. John David Wells, and was about the size of a goose egg. The egg was broken in dropping and disclosed the fact that the egg was an egg within an egg. In the outer shell were yolks and whites, and in the center was a perfectly formed egg of the usual size,

GOOD RESULTS FROM WEBB LAW

Anti-Saloon League Members of Kentucky to See That It Is Enforced

DRY TERRITORY TO BE DRY

Efforts To Be Made To Have Enacted in All States Laws Similar to the Kentucky Statute, Which Prohibits Express Companies From Carrying Liquor From Wet To Dry Territory.

Special.—The triumphant exultation of the leaders of the Anti-Saloon League over the enactment of the Webb law is manifest in many directions. An active worker and prominent Kentucky member of the league, when recently asked concerning the effect of the law, made the following statement: "We hope for great and good results from the Webb law, and we intend to see that it is enforced."

"It is not so much the bootlegger and blind-tiger peddler that we were after when we asked congress to pass the Webb law. The local state authorities can always get after them, but what we want is some means of stopping shipments for personal use. "What is the use of our going to the effort and expense of voting a county or a state dry if every man in such territory can order and get liquor shipped to him for his own use and the use of his friends and family? It is this practice which we intend to break up."

"Where a territory is voted dry, we intend that it shall be really dry. "We demanded of congress and secured the passage of the Webb law after years of effort, and we have no intention of letting a stream of whisky flow into dry territory protected by the excuse of a right to get the stuff for personal use. "It is this very personal use traffic which we intend to stop. "If the country is to be taught temperance by our efforts, this shipping of liquor to the homes must be stopped. This is the logical attitude of the Anti Saloon League. "Having, as we claim, the right to secure the regulation of the people in their personal habits, so far as the use of liquor is concerned—not only in public, but in their homes—we will seek to use the strong arm of the law in enforcing our plans. "To this end efforts are being made to have enacted in all the states laws similar to the Kentucky statute which prohibits express and railroad companies from carrying liquor from a 'wet' county to a 'dry' county for personal use. "There will be real prohibition when a man can not get a quart of liquor shipped to him for his household use, but it is surely coming, and the people of Kentucky and the rest of the country may as well prepare to welcome the day."

A Dog Newsboy.

A Shepherd collie delivering newspapers with clockwork regularity and performing many other business like acts, is a familiar sight upon the streets of Rockville Center, Long Island.

"Spot," in company of his young master, covers a large territory, and so accurate, courteous and dependable is this pair of news dealers that patronage may be said to increase by leaps and bounds. Early every morning the boy and the dog start out with a bundle of papers. Sometimes the rides on bicycle, but generally the rounds are made by foot. The dog takes the papers as they are handed to him, and knows where each is to go. Trotting through gates and often jumping fences to make short cuts he deposits the papers carefully upon the doorstep and hurries back for more work. He has also learned to meet the train that brings the papers and to pick out the packages addressed to his master and carry them to the store a block and a half away. Spot thoroughly understands the business and so capable has he become that it would now be impossible for his master to do all the work without his assistance.

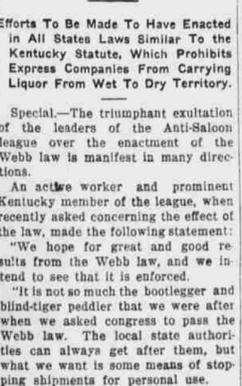
In the afternoon Spot mingles with the boys and especially enjoys the game of baseball. He chases fouls, guards the boys' coats and in many ways insists on fair play.—Ex.

USE THE COLUMNS OF THE COURIER TO TELL THE PEOPLE WHAT YOU HAVE TO SELL.

Neuralgia causes great suffering. Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills give great relief.

Lykins, the Grocer,

Keeps in stock a complete line of the best quality of Fresh Staple and Fancy Groceries and provisions at lowest prices. Ice Cream and Soft Drinks. DENNY M. LYKINS.



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LOOKING toward the hills of Marin county through the entrance of the great Court of Sun and Stars upon the harbor. In the center is seen a colossal column whose spiral represents man's climb towards fame. At the summit of the column the huge symbolical figure is designed to convey the spirit of success.

"The Salt of The Earth."

"The country woman is, from her environment, the possessor of a resource at once so intelligent and capable that it behooves those who observe it to admire. She can hitch the horse to the buggy, and drive him, too; she can round up the cows that have broken thru the pasture fence, and mend the fence; she can put out the fire in the chimney when the men-folks are far afield; she can administer first-aid treatment of the very best to bad burns or cuts or broken arms; as well as such minor ills as hornet stings, chilblains and stone bruises; she is apt to be a pretty shrewd judge of cattle; she can make and mend her own and her children's clothes; she knows how to cure meat, to shoot a mauling hawk, to prune a rose-bush, to make soap, to beat a carpet, to scale a fish—and she looks on none of these things as an 'adventure' or a unique experience, but simply as part of the day's work.

"Because she lives with the actualities of life, she is not likely to put undue emphasis upon its non-essentials. Comfort, cleanliness, above style, are desired in her home. Her table is supplied with palatable and wholesome food, neatly served. She does not worry about the lack of lace centerpieces, or monogrammed linen, or the position of the knives and forks, that if she is comfortably dressed in neat, clean clothes befitting the occupation in hand and suitable to the weather she is truly a well-dressed woman. She asks, 'Will it wear well?' when she goes to buy, and she is a very astute purchasing agent, keen at a bargain, knowing exactly what she wants and what she wants to pay for it. "There is just one phrase that fits her—'salt of the earth'. Let us by all means put her in a class apart and yield her the respect due her."—Woman's Home Companion.

An Omission.

S. S. Oldfield, of Index, handed us a local notice in regard to his candidacy for County Court Clerk, for publication in last week's Courier, which, by some accident, was mislaid. We regret the omission very much but there is no print shop so well regulated that these things will not occur sometimes. We take this means of apologizing to Mr. Oldfield and of assuring him that the omission was unintentional.

Suspects Arrested.

Five men, suspected of being the slayers of the two revenue officers who were killed near Pikeville a few weeks ago have been arrested and are now in jail awaiting preliminary trial.

Local and Personal.

C. D. Arnett is at Cincinnati on business this week. W. F. May, of Henry, was here on business Monday. R. M. Smith, of Jephth, attended County Court Monday. D. M. Murphy, of Maytown, was here on business Monday. B. J. Egan, of Salversville, was in town Tuesday on business. W. A. Yung, of Morehead, was here on legal business last week. A. J. London, of Hasko, was in town on business, first of the week. P. H. Kigore, of Casey, was in town on business, first of the week. L. B. Rose, of Murphy, was in the city on business, first of the week. Sam Amyx, of Grass Creek, was here Monday attending County court. T. T. Hovanian, one of the Courier crew, visited in Jackson Saturday and Sunday. S. D. Goodwin, of Ezel, was here Monday in the interest of his candidacy for Assessor. W. A. Duncan, cashier of the Commercial Bank, made a business trip to Tennessee last week. Prof. Arnold Webb, who has been teaching at Deseront the past winter, arrived home Tuesday. S. D. Hamilton, Jno. W. Coffee and F. D. Franklin of Logville, attended Quarterly Court Tuesday. D. M. Caskey and little son, Dean, of Lenox, were pleasant visitors at the Courier office last week. Eld. H. M. Eastes, of Morehead, preached here Sunday and Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience. D. M. Rowland, of Dingus, was in town Tuesday and while here called and had his name enrolled on the Courier list. G. M. Haney who has a position in the Eastern Kentucky Asylum for the insane at Lexington, is visiting his uncle J. P. Haney. Jacob Henry, of Bonny, was in town Monday and while here ordered the Courier sent to his daughter Miss Lula Henry, of Bonny. C. W. Womack, who has been in poor health for some months, left yesterday for Louisville where he will be treated by Dr. Wickers.

Misses Viccie Lewis, Lillian Cisco and Carrie Blair and Messrs. Willie Sebastian, Bernard Whitt and Kelly Wheeler were visitors at this office last week. F. M. Peyton, of Ycau was a pleasant guest of the Courier crew for a short time Monday and while here had his name enrolled on our subscription book. Ed Arnold, of Prestonsburg, representing Peters Shoe Company, was here last week calling on our merchants and greeting his old friends. Ed has a host of friends here who are always glad to see the time for his regular trips come around.

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