

Dairying's Past

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significance to displaying these items together, too.

The more ingenious and mechanical-minded dairy families of the past sometimes physically linked them together so that the motion of a rocker churned the butter or the churning activity also gently rocked the cradle.

The wooden barrel-type churns provide another type for display. While not as old or as primitive as the earlier

upright models, these barrel churns often have been converted into pieces of furniture. The smaller models form the base of end tables and larger sizes are transformed into beverage cabinets.

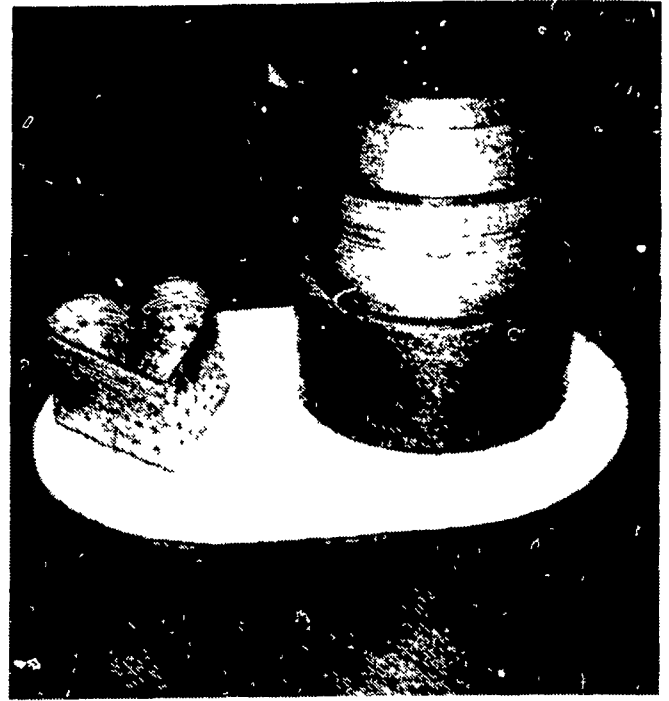
A third type of butter churn, most often found on display in country-style kitchens, is the jar churn with the paddle and crank assembly built into the lid.

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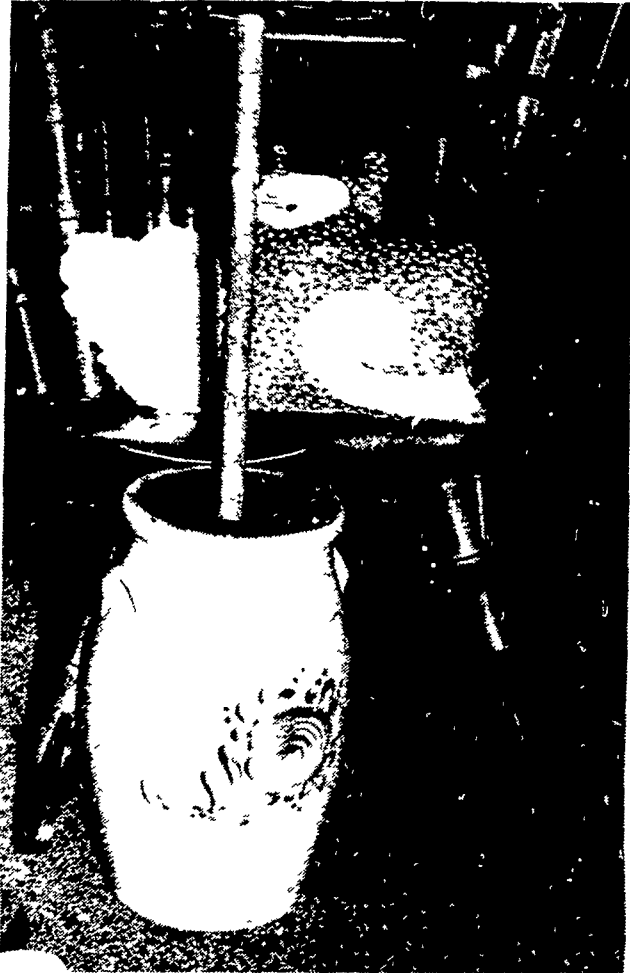
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Among the more unusual and rare upright butter churns is this tin version. It is fabricated entirely of tin, with the exception of the wood stick plunger.



These cheese artifacts, heart-shaped tin mold and nest of round boxes, come out of dairying's past when decorative cheese products were made right on the farm.



Another type of upright butter churn is this large crock from New York State. Blue decoration on front adds to collector's interest in crock churn.

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