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Farm Notes

-As butter partakes of the flavor of the cream, the cream should not be allowed to become too sour.

-Keep the milk-giving breed for the dairy. It is throwing away feed to try to make a dairy cow out of a beet cow.

-A horseman claims that feeding an idle horse much corn in winter is as hard on them as overworking them in summer.

-The recent fat stock show at Birmingham, England, adopted the rule followed at Chicago of cutting out of the list beeves of 3 years old.

-The horseman who said "there are two quarts of oats in the curry comb and four in the brush," evidently believed in grooming the Lorse.

-In pruning large neglected trees to bring them into vigor and fruitfulness, they should not be headed back in such manner as to divest them of all bearing wood.

-Good butter is one of the things that is always in demand. This is not true of all articles. Therefore, the question of making first-class butter is of the highest importance.

-If your customer wants pretty dry butter, work it once, then let it lie in a cool place for two or three hours, then rework and pack, and you will have no mottled or streaked butter.

Pools of water in the pasture do not supply the cows with cool, fresh water. If no stream runs through the pasture, put up a wind mill and have water supplied to troughs with pipes.

Grass will grow anywhere that a good crop of weeds will thrive, and it land is liable to be over run with weeds, a crop of Hungarian grass will crowd out the weeds and destroy them.

-Ointment for caked udder: Take a cup of vaseline and thoroughly stir in equal parts of spirits of turpentine and spirits of camphor, or saturated camphor, as called by some; beat up thoroughly and rub udder, or apply to any wound.

-A garden 60 or 80 feet square, se curely fenced against rabbits and chickens, will yield an abundance of vegetables for the largest family, and an orchard of one-half acre, judiciously planted and cultivated, will give plenty of fruit for the same.

Worn-out land requires at least two or three years for restoration, and it will cost something to bring it back to fertility. When land has been cropped for years, until it is no longer capable of producing a crop, the plant food cannot be replaced in a single

Iowa has passed a law compelling her farmers to eradicate the Russian thistle. Laws for the destruction of all kinds of weeds would aid the farmers. The farmer who allows weeds to grow and mature seed is a menace to the community, and entails expense on all

who adjoin him. Habit has much to do with success on the farm. Some farmers are Bourbons, who learn nothing, but adhere to old methods, forgetting that the world has progressed, and agriculture revolutionized, while they have followed the same course marked for them by their fathers in the decades gone by.

Analysis of soils proves nothing, as no two square feet of ground will give the same results. A shovel full of manure, placed on a spot five years ago may cause that portion of the field to give different results than a portion a few teet away. The best way to test land is by observation of the effects of manures or fertilizers on different crops.

Many an innocent farmer has seeded down a good crop of weeds when sowing clover seed. Buying cheap seed is not economical. It requires labor to keep the clover field clear of weeds and to clean the seed. No one can put clean clover seed on the market and sell it cheap, as the cost of the labor must be secured. Farmers should examine seed carefully before using.

Brushing the hide of a cow should be the rule, but the filth that gets on her side is due to not keeping the stalls clean with fresh bedding and plenty of it. When the bedding is put out in the sun to dry, in order that it may be used the next night, it is economy that does not add to the health of the animals or the comfort of the stalls.

-There are two lines of work possible for the farmer to follow which bring cash returns every once or twice a week. These are dairying and egg production. In this respect they lay over every other feature of farm life. Ready money is something to be highly prized and the dairyman and the egg man know its value. Good butter and fresh eggs will always be wanted.

-The maple grove makes a good sheep pasture in summer, but no sheep should be allowed in it while sap is be ing collected. They are inordinately fond of it, and for some reason it is very hurtful to them. This is especially true of breeding ewes, and many years ago we knew losses of lambs from this cause. The sap is strongly diuretic in its effects, and it may be in this way that it is injurious.

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