

HOW TO MAKE GOOD BUTTER.

The advent of grass will put every farmer's wife in mind of the fact that there is always something new coming up in a dairying. It may be all summed up, as we have time and again stated, in the following precepts:

Be sure the pasture is of the best, and that it contains a variety of the sweetest grasses. Do not change from winter feed to spring pasture too suddenly, and, particularly, do not turn out your cows early to shift for themselves.

Let the milking be done by quiet persons, whether men or women, at regular times morning and evening, knowing always that the milking is conducted as cleanly as it is quietly.

See that the milk is perfectly cooled to free it of animal odor. A thermometer is an absolute necessity in all well regulated dairies.

Be sure the room for setting milk is cool, and so it may be darkened at will. Thorough ventilation is one of the golden rules in dairying. The temperature of the dairy room should never be more than 60 degrees, nor less than 40 degrees.

Skim the milk as soon as the first indications of getting thick from lopper are shown. Turn the cream slowly in the jar, and stir thoroughly when more cream is added. Keep the receptacle for the cream cool, from 50 to 60 degrees, and cover with some fabric that will keep out minute insects and at the same time allow access of air.

Churn when the cream is ripe, that is when the cream is some weeks in the jar in spring and every day in summer. Do not allow the cream in the churn to rise much above 60 degrees. Do not churn too fast. There is nothing gained by seeking to bring the butter in a few minutes. From 20 to 30 minutes is about right.

Good grass will make nice colored butter. At such seasons, when the color of butter is pale, use coloring carefully. It is better that butter be rather light than a dark yellow.

When the butter comes in granules stop churning. Wash with cold water or cold brine; wash only enough to bring it to a firm uniform mass. Do not salt heavily; from three-quarters to one ounce of salt to a pound of butter is enough.

Pack in tight, clean, sweet packages; fill to within a half inch of the top, cover with a clean cloth, and add brine to fill until solid. Keep it in the coolest place you have, and there is no reason why you should not get the top price for your butter.—Frazier Farmer.

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HOW GAMES TRAVEL.

Travelers, observing the likeness of children's games in Europe and Asia, have sometimes explained it on this theory: That the human mind being alike everywhere, the same games are naturally found in different lands, children taking to hockey, tops, stiffs, kites, and so on, each at its proper season.

The origin of kite flying seems to lie somewhere in southeast Asia, where it is a sport even of grown-up men. In fact, their kites by making them cut one another's strings, and fly birds and monsters of the most fantastic shapes and colors, especially in China.

Within a century, Europe has become acquainted with South Sea Islanders, found them down to New Zealanders at flying kites, which they made of leaves of bark cloth, and called mero, or, flying them in seaman form with the accompaniment of traditional chants, which looks as if they traced Polynesian through the Malay region, thus belonging to the drift of Asiatic culture.

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ABOUT POISONS.

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