

The Irish Farmer's Gazette has the following, which at least goes to show that a day for some time after calves are taken from them, if they are allowed to suckle till they are weaned:

"Regularly in the milking of cows is of as much importance as regularity in the feeding of them. In a state of nature the cow is relieved of its milk a great many times each day. A calf allowed to remain with its mother will help itself to the lactal fluid seven or eight times a day. Under such circumstances the udder of the cow will remain small; and if allowed to retain the milk secreted during twelve hours, feverish symptoms are likely to be produced. That practice in the twenty-four hours causes the capacity of the udder to be greatly increased, and, probably, helps in maintaining the lactal secretion long after pregnancy has taken place."

"When however, by an artificial system the cow has been enabled to retain its milk without inconvenience for twelve hours or so, it ought to be milked regularly every day at the same hour. When time for milking arrives the udder usually becomes distended to its utmost capacity, and if the fluid is not speedily removed, the animal suffers considerable pain. Cases of fever, the result of allowing animals to retain too long un milked, are, indeed, by no means of unfrequent occurrence. It is especially necessary to attend to this point for some days after the animal has brought forth its young, for during that period very little irritation of the internal organs is likely to bring on that fatal malady, puerperal fever. If the milking be too long delayed, nature will try to help the poor animal. An absorption of milk into the blood will to some extent take place, and that which remains in the udder will become deteriorated. When neglect to milk a cow at the regular time is repeated several times, the secretion of the fluid is permanently checked; and there are many cases where by such neglect an animal has become 'dry' in less than a month."

In these countries and in North America, cows are milked only twice a day, except in some cases, when for some time after calving the operation is repeated three times daily. In most Continental States it is however, the general practice to milk dairy cows three times a day, at regular intervals of eight hours. Now, would it not be worth while determining the question whether an interval of eight or twelve hours between milking is the best? This point could be easily decided at some such institution as the Glasgow Farm or the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. It is incline to the opinion that a cow would yield more fluid if milked three times than if milked twice daily; but the former number would involve great trouble to the work people. In Germany and Holland the cows are milked at 4 o'clock, A. M., noon, and 8 o'clock P. M. We fear the dairy-maids would consider these hours too long for a day's work."

Increase the Manure Heap.

A prize essay of the Illinois Agricultural Society for 1870, by R. Giddings, details the cheapest and most practical plan of increasing the farm manure pile and saving its elements from waste, and which should be adopted by every farmer. His plan is simply to save every particle of the animal excrement, liquid and solid, with all its fertilizing elements in fact, from being wasted by washing, evaporation, or fire-fung. To do this, he fills a tub, or large bin, in his stable, during dry weather, with pulverized clay, road-scrapings, or common soil. With this he covers the floor of each stall three inches deep, and then places the litter for the animal's bedding on it, by which all the urine will be absorbed, and its wealth of nitrogenous matter, which is the absorbing power of dried earth, that one three-inch flooring will not be so thoroughly saturated in a long time as to require replacing. He says his experiment required but one large bin of pulverized earth to absorb a urine of ten or twelve cattle during the stable season; and that two men with a team filled the bin in one day. Dried粪 was applied as the pig-man and hen-roost, with the exception of manure-saving results; and if applied to the privy or earth closet, which is now being adopted, a great manure as well as sanitary result would follow.

The inducements for the use of dry earth are: 1st: That it requires no apparatus or cash outlay. 2nd: That the liquid manure of cattle is worth more than the solid, and is usually lost, but under this system, all is retained. 3rd: The dry earth retains within it all the value, of which usually one-half or one-third is lost by fermentation, leaching, or evaporation. 4th: It gives much larger bulk of manure, each load of which is of double the value of ordinary farm-yard manure. 5th: That one ton of saturated earth is of more value than the same weight of even fresh sawdust. 6th: That the aggregate amount of plant food thus saved from the stalls is fully double, and in much better condition for use.

Foot-rot in Cattle.

I have had an experience of nearly thirty years in Canada with this disease, and have tried all the remedies recommended by different writers, nearly all of which failed. I was led to try experiments and finally succeeded in finding the origin or cause of beginning of this disease. In its first appearance, if you observe closely, you will see the animal shake its hind foot as if something were between the cloven parts of the hoof and the same ankle will soon become a little swollen. You may then look out for the foot-rot. And now for the remedy:—It is necessary to take up the foot and cut with any sharp knife a semi-circle through the sole of the foot, as near the centre as possible, and if fresh blood appears, shut it back and try the other hoof (there will be no danger of laming the animal); but if it is better, proceed to cut the piece out entire, about the size of a Canada shilling piece.

That will be all that is necessary for the cure in its first stage. It will go no farther, but if it should break out at the top of the hoof before discovery, you will want to cut the sole of the foot as above described, and apply a salve made of tar and mutton tallow, and the top of the hoof or the place breaking out.

The cause of its breaking out at the top of the hoof is for want of vent; it cannot find its way through the shell of the foot. The tree in cultivated soil at the end of five years, was four times as large as the one in grass; and a standard pear tree, under similar treatment, was eighteen times as large as the other standard not cultivated. We have frequently met with similar cases, with results not greatly different from these.

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