

Rules for Making Gilt-Edged Butter.

These rules were recently printed in the "Rural New Yorker," and are so excellent and concise that we re-print for the benefit of our readers:

FEEDING. Select your cows with reference to the quantity and richness of the milk produced. The best cows are the cheapest for butter, so get the best you can of whatever breed you select.

IMPLEMENTS. Have the best implements, and keep them scrupulously clean, well-oiled, and often exposed to the sweetening influences of the sun.

MILKING. The milking should be done quietly and at regular times, and the utmost cleanliness observed. Nothing is tainted quicker than milk by foul odors, and surely at times with nearly all cows there is enough animal odor to it, without adding any more.

SETTING. Strain the milk slowly into the pans, four to six inches deep. It is an excellent plan to strain the milk into a large can set in cold water, and cool down to 60 degrees before putting into the small pans.

SKIMMING. Skim as soon as the milk begins to turn sour. Do not neglect this rule, as it is impossible to make good butter from cream that has become old and sour.

CHURNING. Churn often, as there is nothing gained by long keeping. Bring the temperature of the cream in the churn to 58°, and not allow it to rise above 64°.

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Winnowing the Wheat.

There is a solemn text which often comes into our mind when we look on the faces of the boys and girls in a Sabbath school: "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matt. iii. 12.)

And remember, this is to do the sifting or separating "thoroughly" thoroughly. You have sometimes, perhaps, lifted a handful of chaff in a barn, and found a particle of wheat among it; but that was by mistake.

Do not be deceived! In that day if there be one grain of chaff, one unconverted soul in a godly family, that soul will be found out, and separated from father and mother, from brother and sister, forever; while the precious wheat, the dear children of God, shall be taken to eternal joy, to inherit the kingdom prepared for them before the foundation of the world.

"Go Because it Rains." "I suppose that you won't go to the Sabbath school to-day, Lucy?" said a mother one stormy Sabbath morning, settling herself to read.

"Please let me go to day, mamma; I want to go because it rains." "Why, Lucy, that is my excuse for staying at home. How can you make it a reason for going?"

"Our teacher always goes, mamma, in all weather, although she lives so far away. She told the class that one Sabbath, when she went through the storm, and did not find even one scholar, she was so discouraged that she could not help crying.

"Well, I am willing, my dear, if you wear your school suit. Go and get ready. But the mother no longer took any interest in her book, but said to her husband (a lawyer), who came in from the library, "Lucy is going to Sabbath school because it rains, so that her teacher may be encouraged by the presence of at least one pupil. Suppose we go to the chapel for the same reason, if not a better."

"Agreed. I never could plead a cause to an empty court, and the minister must find it hard work to preach to empty pews."—English Paper.

There comes a time to us when we hardly know which way to turn or in which direction to look for aid. No man or woman lives to middle life without going through some hard places. Bitter experience comes to the heart. Dear ones we take away. Riches are dissipated. The trusted prove unworthy of confidence, and the soul is like a ship beaten of the wind and tossed. But there is always a way to look. Look up. There, far above the black clouds, shines the blue. There, somewhere out of sight, but inexpressibly near to the frail one who seeks his help, is the friend who is ever waiting to be gracious. "What a friend we have in Jesus," as the song says. "Is there trouble anywhere? Take to the Lord in prayer."

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