ARMERS' COLUMN.

FARM NOTES.

(From the American Agriculturist for June.)

Keeping One Cow.

HOW MORE FAMILIES SHOULD KEEP ONE—HOW IT PAYS—AN EXAMPLE.

A business man in New York, on being troubled to get good milk for young children in his family, took our advice the latter part of the winter, and, so to speak, went into the dairy business on his own account. The result will be instructive to tens of thousands of families in cities and villages. He had no pasture grounds, the only convenience being a roomy stall in a carriage barn, with opportunity for a cow to sun herself and to take limited exercise in a small area, say 15 by 20 feet, at the side of the barn, and this was seldom used. The stall was kept clean and neat, with fresh straw litter, and the cow has remained in excellent health and vigor. Chewing her cud and manufacturing milk seem to give all the exercise needed.

Her feed has been baled hay, cut in a small hay cutter and mixed wet with corn meal, bran and shorts, with some uncooked potato parings, cabbage leaves, left over rice, meat, etc., from the kitchen.

A laborer is paid one dollar a week to milk and feed and brush her night and morning, and take care of the stable, and he is allowed the excess of the milk she gives over twelve quarts a day. He prepares a mess for her in feed, which is given by one of the boys on his way to school when he comes home to lunch. The cow is a grade, probably three-fourths Jersey and one-fourth common blood. Her milk is rich, yields abundant cream, and, as the owner's family say, "is worth fully double any milk we ever got from the best milk dealers." A neighboring family gladly takes six quarts a day at seven cents a quart, and it would willingly pay much more if it were asked, and other families would be happy to get some of it at ten cents a quart. The six quarts are kept for home use, and it is valued far above seven cents a quart, and worth more than that amount in the saving of butter in cooking, making cake, puddings, etc. So it is a very low estimate to call the whole milk worth seven cents a quart. No one could deprive our business friend or his family of their good, home produced milk, at cost ten or twelve cents a quart. An accurate account is kept of the feed; the man in charge orders at the feed store anything he desires for the cow, and it is all put down in a "pass book." Here are the figures for 300 days past:

THE COW'S DEBIT AND CREDIT FOR 100 DAYS.

	Dr.
250 lbs. baled hay, at $22 per ton	$ 2 75
600 lbs. corn meal, at $1 35 per cwt	13 50
600 lbs. bran, at $1 30 per cwt	5 20
600 lbs. fine feed, 'shorts,' $1 55 per cwt.	3 10
200 bundles of bedding straw, at 10 cts.	2 00
Paid for care and milking, $1 week.	14 30
Total expense for 100 days	$47 45
	Cr.
600 qts. best milk, (12 qts. per day)	$84 00
Money profit in 100 days	$36 55

Or, to put it another way, the 600 quarts sold actually brought in $42 cash, and the entire 600 quarts used at home cost $3 45. The cow cost, say $65. The entire care, which was not paid in the surplus of milk above twelve quarts per day, is charged in the expenses above. The manure produced, sold, would more than meet interest on cost of cow, and any depreciation in value by increasing age. Allow the above average to be kept up only 200 days in a year, and at the end of that time suppose the cow sold for half price ($32.50), and a fresh one substituted, there would still be a gain of $40.60 for 200 days, or for a year a profit of $74.10.

With good feed the $65 cow will keep up a full supply of milk at least 26 weeks, and then be worth $40 for continued milking and breeding. Sell her then and buy another fresh cow for $65—a loss of $50 a year. The above liberal allowance of $47.45 for feed and care 100 days, amounts to $173.19 a year. Adding the loss of $50 for purchasing two fresh cows, makes the total annual expense $223.17. This would make the total supply of milk, 12 quarts a day (4,380 quarts), cost about 5 cents per quart, or not quite 51 cents for 10 quarts. This is not an exaggerated estimate for a $65.00 cow, reared every 26 weeks. The feed and care may be very much less than the above $47.45 per 100 days, by saving all waste foods suitable for a cow, and by securing pasturage 7 or 8 months, and especially when a cow can be cared for by members of a family, thus saving $52.00 a year. Taking the country as a whole, probably $50 will ordinarily buy a cow that will, on fair feed, average 10 to 12 quarts per day for the first six months after calving.

LET VILLAGE RESIDENTS KEEP COWS.

Every family on a farm of four acres keeps one or more cows, but we claim that the dwellers in villages, and very many in cities can, and should, each keep a cow. Good milk is the best of all food for young children, and it goes a great ways in saving butter bills, and in the preparation of palatable nourishing food of many varieties. The above actual results show the economy of keeping one's own cow. Two to five families, according to size and numbers, can readily unite in having one cow kept, dividing the milk and expenses, and thus always have good, pure, rich milk at very moderate cost. The suitable refuse from the kitchens of three or four families would go a good way towards reducing the cost of purchased food. In rural villages summer pasture can be obtained near at hand, which, with a daily feed of good meal will furnish a large supply of rich milk at a low cost. A boy can be secured at a small price to drive the cow to the pasture in the morning, and return her at night to the stable. A stable or stall can always be obtained at a trifling rent, and be kept clean. There are always plenty of gardeners or farmers who will gladly take the manure away as frequently as to prevent it being a nuisance, or disagreeable.

We have no doubt that all residents of villages, manufacturing towns, etc., can, by the arrangements like the above, secure an abundant supply of pure, rich, fresh, healthful milk at less than three cents per quart, and at the same time add greatly to their home comforts, and save the health if not the lives of their little ones.

THE ONE COW PRIZE ESSAY.

Our recent offer of Prizes for essays had in mind helping families, especially villagers, in the way of keeping their own cows. The proposals, as it happened, did not quite state what we really intended, and the Judges, in awarding the prizes, very properly decided in accordance with the terms of the offer. The first prize essay is given on page 220. One or more of the others will probably be given as we can find space for them. Indeed, it will perhaps be best to incorporate several of the Essays in a small Manual, for the instruction of those who can and ought to keep a cow. The Essay (page 220) will be found usefully suggestive on this point, not only to village residents, but to many farmers also.

In California there are about 500,000 cattle and 8,000,000 sheep.

The Jersey Verona Blas, 19 months old, dropped a calf May 18, and is giving a large flow of milk.

In feeding bran to stock we obtain a return almost equal to its costs in the active quality of the manure.

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A bullock when slaughtered yields about fifty pounds of blood, which for fertilizing purposes is worth 25 cents.

Experience has demonstrated that the best soil on which to raise the early amber cane is a sandy loam well fertilized.

Mr. Joseph Mayall, of South Easton, Mass., has a Rouen duck that lately laid an egg that weighed five and one-half ounces.

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THIS AND THAT.

—A lady of taste—The cook.

—The prisons of Russia contain 63,000 people.

—Sweet are the uses of advertisements.

—The streets of Philadelphia are to be swept by convicts.

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From the Hub.

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—The thirty-one colleges possessed by the Jesuites of France are said to contain 15,000 scholars.

—It is estimated the St. Gothard tunnel will augment trade between Germany and Italy tenfold.

—A St. Louis police officer killed a young man who refused to tell where he was going late at night.

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—Seventy-four streets were added to London last year.

—Pork packing ranks as the third American industry.

—The only law in Alaska is the United States revenue law.

—Tilton's son Carroll is preparing for the ministry. He lives with his mother.

—The negro physicians of Tennessee have organized a State medical association.

—A Boston inventor has made a machine which makes thirty seamless paper boxes a minute.

—Jefferson Davis expects to gather about 1,000 bales of cotton from his plantation in Mississippi this year.

—Edison has a salary of $25,000 a year from the company he serves, besides royalty from all sorts of patents.

—If we could see others as we see ourselves, there would be more good-looking people in the world.

—Alexander H. Stephens weighed only seventy-one pounds at the end of the war. At present he weighs ninety-three.

—During the past year it cost the Canadian government over $1,000,000 to provide for the wants of its Indian population.

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—Eight hundred and forty-three railroad accidents occurred in the United States during the year ending September 30, 1879, by which 182 persons were killed and 752 hurt.

—The czar's body-guard is on duty day and night. Any baby entering the bed-room or the library of the sovereign would have to pass 200 Cossacks. Two soldiers sleep at the foot of his bed every night.

—If, as we have been taught, gray hairs are a sign of wisdom, we know of some men who will live to be one hundred and forty-nine years old, and still carry about with them a head as black as the raven's wing.

—Did you ever consider the despotism of kissing? The men kiss the women without caring whether it is agreeable or otherwise, and the women kiss the defenceless babies remorselessly.

—The sleigh in which Mr. Robert Morris accompanied his guests, General and Mrs. Washington, General and Mrs. Lee and others, on pleasant winter rides, is now owned and still used by Mr. Fox, of Foxburg, Pa.

—A St. Petersburg correspondent says that a number of the Tcherny Peredel, the Nihilist journal lately found at the secret printing press contained a minute account of the emperor's doings, which could only have been written by a person in the very closest attendance on him.

—An excellent lady, whose excellent daughter is the happy wife of a promising young advocate, remarks: "I am and ought to be the happiest woman in the world, for I have a daughter that is never talked about, and a son-in-law that every one is speaking of."

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18	63	38	80	52	1 49
19	64	39	82	53	1 60
20	65	40	84	54	1 71
21	66	41	85	55	1 80
22	67	42	87	56	1 92
23	68	43	89	57	2 04
24	69	44	91	58	2 16
25	70	45	93	59	2 28
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27	72	47	97	61	2 45
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