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The Centre Democrat.

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THE TEST OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE IS THE INTELLIGENCE AND PROSPERITY OF THE FARMER.

Every farmer in his annual experience discovers something of value. Write it and send it to the 'Agricultural Editor of the DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, Penn'a.,' that other farmers may have the benefit of it. Let communications be timely, and be sure that they are brief and well pointed.

Look Ahead.

One of the principal duties of a careful husbandman is to make frequent forecasts. 'What work, what feed, what marketable produce have I before me? The future is certainly mysterious and hidden, but on the other hand I know there is a winter to provide for, a succession of crops to prepare for, and a large family of live stock to care for. Like the bees and the ants, we must reckon on certain events that come with each year, are to be met as certainly as sunset and sunrise, or, shall we say? as our annual bills at Christmas time.

Stewing Tomatoes.

In our early married life we stewed tomatoes as we had always eaten them at our mother's table—that was, stewing until fairly done (cooking about 30 minutes) and seasoning liberally with butter, pepper and salt.

The Major kindly interrogated us as to whether we liked tomatoes so 'watery,' and were they cooked enough, etc. To all such question we answered with a smiling 'yes,' actually pitying a palate that preferred the strong, burnt taste of long-cooked tomatoes.

Soon the request came that we would please cook tomatoes for him until the pieces were stewed to a pulp and the juice sufficiently evaporated to make a thick sauce—in fact, to cook them gently for three or four hours. We have grown now to like them so cooked, and when seasoned with plenty of butter and salt with a dash of pepper, we think they cannot be beaten.

Be Sure the Land is in Good Condition.

'I don't advocate thin seeding as the general rule,' says a writer in the Husbandman, 'because I know that not one field in ten is well fitted. Get that condition and anything beyond three pecks is thrown away. I want it understood that when I recommend thin seeding it comes after thorough fitting. Get that fact well in mind—attend to the fitting—and there is no earthly use of distributing seed that won't have room to grow. But it's of no use to talk about it, for nine farmers out of ten think they know better. They will go on sowing two bushels of wheat, or three of oats because they can't persuade themselves that any less will bring a full crop. I have seen wheat this year as thick as I want to see it, and only three pecks of seed were used to the acre. But, mind you, the land was in good order.

Go to the Fair?

From the American Agriculturist.

The term 'Fair' may not always be the most appropriate one for the autumn Shows. Exhibition is a better word, but far less frequently used.

Not only should the farmer go to the Fair, but he ought to take his family with him. The going simply, is not enough. All members of the household should make it a point to take something to exhibit. One of the boys may take a fine colt, and if it is his own, there will be all the more pride in obtaining a prize. Another son may have a yoke of steers that he has trained for the exhibition. As for the girls, there are a thousand different things that can be made with the needle that will grace the walls of the 'Woman's Pavilion,' or the rooms of the Household Department.

Even so common a thing as bread will attract much attention. Then there are the garden vegetables, potatoes—a new kind, perhaps—pumpkins, squashes, etc., and the products of the farm and orchard. It is not wise to leave all these things at home, and then criticise the Exhibition because you can say, 'We have better things at home.' To go and take things to the Fair is not enough.

One of my neighbors thinks that dried sweet corn is a poor dish in comparison with salted corn. She cuts her corn from the cob and packs it in jars, a layer of salt on the bottom, on the top, and all the way through. When cooked first soak the salt out of the corn. She also finds tomatoes very delicious, indeed, to fry them in slices in beef suet, pack them in jars and fill up with hot suet. In Winter take out and warm up—ripe tomatoes, of course.

Out of about 7,000 children carefully taught kindness to animals in one English school, not one has ever been charged with a criminal offense in any court.

Wisconsin is complaining of early frosts.

Milking.

X. A. Willard, in Rural New Yorker.

The first point to be observed by milkers is extreme kindness to dairy stock—no loud talking or rough treatment of any kind should be allowed while milking. The animal should become well acquainted with its milker; should be made to feel a perfect trust and confidence in this person's good intention, so as to be kept as quiet and free from excitement as possible. This is best effected by petting the cow, handling her gently and speaking in low, kind, cheery tones. Cows that are frightened, that are kicked and beaten for every misstep they make while being milked, not only fall off greatly in their yield of milk, but their milk is rendered unwholesome and often so much so as to cause disease and death to persons partaking of it. The changes which milk undergoes under such circumstances have not been fully explained, though as a physiological fact the unwholesomeness of such milk has been long observed, and made record of, by the medical profession. It should be borne in mind, therefore, that anything which frets, disturbs, torments, or renders the cow uneasy, lessens the quantity and vitiates the quality of her milk.

The quality of milk that a cow gives depends much upon the mode, time and regularity of milking. Cows do best that have one regular milker, and the time of milking should be carefully attended to and not be subjected to variations from day to day. The bag should be brushed of any loose hairs, and in case of any dirt on the udder it should be cleansed by washing with a cloth and fresh water. For if the cow has been driven through any muddy places and thus become smeared, any dirt accidentally falling in the pail will communicate its taint to the milk. The practice of wetting the hands and teats with milk before milking is a very vicious practice. This should always be avoided, both for the comfort of the animal and the cleanliness of the milk. The milker should have short finger nails, for long nails will be sure to hurt the teat and cause irritation to the cow. There are two methods of milking—the one may be called stripping, or catching the teat between the finger and thumb and stripping down the whole length of the teat. This plan is not to be recommended. The better way is to grasp the teats, one in each hand, diagonally across the bag, and press out the milk—fingers doing the main work, while the upper portion of the hand and first finger prevent the milk from returning to the udder; the milk should be drawn rapidly, and the udder completely emptied of its contents. In the flush of the season, or when cows are yielding the most milk, from 11 to 12 cows per hour will be about the rate for a competent hand. A slow, dilatory milker makes a great loss in the yield of milk and if possible ought never be allowed to milk, except, perhaps, when cows are going dry at the end of the season. As the last drawn milk is the richest in butter, great care should be taken that all the milk in the udder be drawn, and this is important, not only on account of the value of such milk, but because the habit of leaving a part of the milk undrawn has a tendency to dry up the cow and weaken her capacity for yielding a full flow of milk another season.

To be a good milker is an accomplishment which some persons can never attain. It requires a muscular hand, honesty, or conscientious integrity in the discharge of duties, good nature, or complete control of temper, at least while milking, and a scrupulous regard to cleanliness.

Unless perfectly trusty hands can be employed in milking the dairyman should give personal attention to the milking, and if he does not milk himself he should see to it that those in his employ perform the work properly in every particular; for it is upon the manner in which this work is performed that his profits from the dairy will be in a great measure regulated—one blow on the spine with a milking stool in the hands of a passionate, ill-tempered man, or a kick on the udder, may ruin a cow forever.

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