

Soiling Milch Cows.

Dr. L. L. Wright, of Whitesborough, made an interesting experiment, last year, by adopting, in part, the system of green soiling for thirty cows. Twenty acres were employed for the purpose of producing food for these cows, and were divided up in the following manner: pasture; fifteen acres; clover, three acres; rye, half an acre; oats, half an acre; sown corn, one acre. The rye is put in the previous season, by the last of August or first of September, and is, therefore, ready to be cut early in the season following. By the time this is used up the clover will be large enough to be used, and after that the oats, which are sown early in April. The corn follows last, and different parts of this acre of land are sown with the corn, so as to have succession in food, the earlier corn being put in by the first of May. In this way the twenty acres were amply sufficient to keep the cows in feed until sometime in October, when they were turned into the after grass.—Dr. Wright is of the opinion that the cows do as well, if not better, both as to health and yield of milk, than they would at pasture, and that when land is valuable and arable, or adapted to this system, it can be employed with profit. The cows were generally fed by six o'clock in the morning, and remained at their feed about three hours, when they were turned into the pasture, and at three o'clock they were brought up and received their afternoon's meal. To cut the feed and take charge of the cows, it takes one man about half his time.

It may be observed here that it usually takes from two to three acres of land to pasture a cow, while by the system adopted as described above two-thirds only of an acre suffice.—The system of green soiling is not generally understood, nor are its advantages appreciated by the dairy farmer. All experiments of this kind are valuable, and it is well worthy of thought and investigation whether the smaller farms, under this system, may not be enabled to keep quite as much stock, realizing more profit annually than farms of double and treble their size under the ordinary methods of culture.

Dr. Wright grows mangolds to some extent for stock feeding, and prefers them to other roots, taking the cost of cultivation and the relative nutritive value into account. We looked over a field which appeared to be forward for the season, though considered by the doctor as very ordinary crop, their growth having been checked by the dry weather. The cows on the farm are grade cattle, being a cross of Durham and Devon, and were yielding on an average twenty-seven pounds of milk per day.

Preserving Green Corn.

There are three ways recommended for preserving green corn for winter use. The first and simplest is packing the husked ears, picked white in the milk, in barrels, and filling them up with good clear strong brine (best made by first dissolving the salt, then scalding, skimming and cooling.)

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"Why," said the gallant but impudent clerk, lost in gazing upon her sparkling eyes and ruby lips, "you shall have them for a kiss."

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"Agreed," said the young lady, pocketing the mitts, while her eyes spoke daggers, "and as I see you give credit her, charge it on your books, and collect it the best way you can!" So saying she hastily tripped out.

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Gov. Trumbull of Connecticut, on the occasion of a grand riot, ascended a block and attempted, by a speech, to quiet the people, when a missile hitting him on the head, fell him to the ground. He was badly hurt, and his friends were carrying him home, his wife met him at the door, and exclaimed:

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"Why my husband, they have knocked my brains out!"

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"No, they haven't" said the Governor; If I had had any brains I shouldn't have gone there."

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A celebrated quack, while holding forth on a stage at Chelmsford, in order to promote the sale of his medicine, told the people that he came there for their good, and not for want, and then addressed his merry Andrew:

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"Andrew," said he, "do we come here for want?"

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"No, faith, sir," replied Andrew, "we have enough of that at home."

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Gen. Lee, in his letter accepting the Presidency of Washington College, goes in strong for subordination to authority. What a pity that he did not take this view of men's duty in the spring of 1861.

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A New Society.

Old men and young men, women and children are admitted as members, if they possess the following qualifications:

1 They must devote their whole attention to other people's business, and entirely neglect their own.

2 When they hear a scandalous report about a neighbor or a friend, they must not eat, drink or sleep until the chief officers of the society are informed of the same.

3 No person shall become a member unless he or she is a person of leisure, and can loaf about town, or make about seventeen calls a week, and watch the actions of the people generally, and be ready to report at headquarters the slightest intimation of report.

The following are some of the by-laws, and regulations of the society:

Art. 1. This society shall be known as the Tattle and gossiping Society. The principal and ruling officers shall be as follows:—One great liar and two lessers, one three tattlers and four gossips, any one of which will constitute a quorum and shall have power to transact business at any time.

Art. 2. If any member of this society shall be found guilty of knowing more about his own business than that of his neighbor, he shall be expelled forthwith.

Art. 3. Any person belonging to this society, who makes a practice of telling the truth two or three times, shall be expelled without a hearing.

4 Any member who does not report regularly what his neighbors, residing within three doors of him, have for dinner every Sunday, and for tea every time they have company, shall be at once cut off from the rights and privileges of this society.

Art. 5. If any member of this society shall see, hear tell of, or even suspect that a young man has waited on a lady twice, he must report them already married, or to be married shortly, or he shall be fined to the full extent of the law, for such a misdemeanor.

Art. 6. Any man or woman who shall neglect their own business to take the trouble to circulate around town scandalous reports which they know to be false, should be deemed by all respectable citizens as Commander-in-chief of said society, and be looked upon as such by all its members.

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