

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

The Milkmen of Naples.

I must tell you about the Neopolitan milkmen, for they are funny fellows. The do not have a milk-wagon and horse as our milkmen have, or even a pail and dipper. They have only little three-legged stools tied to themselves (so that when they want to sit down they are all ready,) and they drive their cows and goats before them to the different houses, and milk them at the door in a bowl provided by each customer. No chance of watered milk there, you see.

That is not the queerest part of it, though. As I have said, Italian houses are very high—five, six, and seven stories often, with a different family living on each floor. Even the palazzos (palaces) of the rich are divided in this way. To the first floor (not the ground floor) there are sometimes from eighty to one hundred steps leading up. On this floor perhaps a duke may live; on the next above, some one lower in rank, till it would be possible that the noble duke's laundress might live in the seventh story of his palazzo. These uppermost families usually take goat's milk, because the goats can go upstairs, even to the very top floor, and be milked in full view of the customer.

Part of little Paolo's pleasure was in patting the goat that came up to his grandmother's door, rubbing its little nose, and giving it roasted chestnuts to eat. After it was milked, the goat would turn and skip down the stairs so briskly that the milkman could not begin to keep up with it.

Look To Your Stock.

A reasonable reminder, it is hoped, may induce those who have hitherto been careless about attending to their stock, at this busy season, to pay heed to the requirements of one of the most important branches of agricultural economy. Let us once more impress on all that have cows, to give the greatest amount of milk, should, during the hot weather, have an abundance of good clear water. On the importance, causes and consequences of this we have lately dwelt at length.

The hot sun of these days renders the grass less succulent as it matures, and dries up the natural supply of water, so that it will stand the farmer in pocket to pump a liberal supply for his stock, four, or even five times a day, whenever there is not an abundance of clean, fresh water supplied by natural means. The use of surface water from stagnant pools is at once injurious to the animals themselves and to the milk they yield.

Why They Often Fail.

Young men often fail to get on in this world because they neglect small opportunities. Not being faithful in little things, they are not promoted to the charge of greater things.

A young man who gets a subordinate situation sometimes think it is not necessary for him to give it much attention. He will wait till he gets a place of responsibility, and then he will show people what he can do. This is a very great mistake. Whatever his situation may be, he should master it in all its details, and perform all its duties faithfully.

The habit of doing his work thoroughly and conscientiously is what is most likely to enable a young man to make his way. With this habit, a person of only ordinary abilities would outstrip one of greater talents who is in the habit of slighting subordinate matters.

But, after all, the mere adoption by a young man, of this great essential rule of success, shows him to be possessed of superior abilities.

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