

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

How Lard Cheese is Made.

The thriving country town of Gouverneur, situated in the midst of the dairy section of the Empire State, and intersected by the waters of the Oswegatchie River, finds its source among the mirrored lakes of the famous Adirondack region, was visited recently by a *Grocer* reporter, who, when strolling among the hills and valleys in this favored section discovered four of Assemblyman Crapser's lard cheese factories.

The old "Hall" factory, which for years has enjoyed the reputation of turning out a very superior quality of cheese was first visited by the reporter, at six o'clock in the morning. One by one the patrons drove up to the receiving window, and the milk which they brought in large tin cans was weighed and then drawn off into tall tin buckets, which, when filled, were set into a large vat of ice water. Nine thousand pounds of milk, which is the product of 500 cows, is daily received at the factory. The milk is allowed to remain in these buckets twenty-four hours, when the cream, which during this time has risen to the surface, is removed, and, after being soured, the application of heat is placed into a large barrel churn, and is soon transformed into 300 pounds of creamery butter.

While one man is attending to the butter, another, the cheese maker, looks after the milk from which the cream has just been taken. This skimmed-milk is poured into a large cheese vat and thoroughly mixed with the butter-milk which has just been drained from the butter. Three hundred pounds of fresh milk is then poured into a large tin bucket, beside which is another tin bucket of the same size, containing one hundred pounds of snow white lard that has undergone a steam refining process which removes its natural odor and renders it hard and tasteless. The lard and the milk in these two receptacles are heated to a temperature of 135 deg. F, and then by means of a faucet at the bottom of each bucket these liquids are drawn off into a common funnel and together enter a small opening in what is known as the "mixing machine." The principal part of this machine consists of an iron case fifteen inches in length and seven inches in diameter, within which a closely fitting iron cylinder, cut round with screw threads and 50,000 teeth, revolves at the rapidity of 4,000 revolutions per minute. The heated milk and lard enters the machine at the bottom and flows out of an aperture in the top—a perfect emulsion. This mixture, which is two parts milk and one part lard, is then added to the butter-milk and skim-milk which were previously stirred together in the cheese vat. This composition is then heated to a temperature of about 100 deg. F, the rennet added, and the whole allowed to stand about 40 minutes, when it coagulates. The curd is then chopped, salted, drained and pressed so as to consolidate the caseine which is mingled with the lard, and expel the whey or serum of the milk. The pressure to which the cheese are subjected is very great. About thirty days is occupied in curing these cheese, during which time they are turned over every twenty-four hours. Mr. Hall says the lard is put in for the purpose of improving it. "When we send the old fashioned, skimmed-milk cheese to market, we find that it sells for barely enough to pay the cost of manufacture; but when we improve this kind of cheese by adding to the milk two per cent, of steam refined lard, which costs more than full cream cheese ever brings, we find that instead of a dry leathery skimmed-milk cheese we have a soft, rich and meaty article, which is not only healthful and wholesome, but palatable, and brings a good price in the market."

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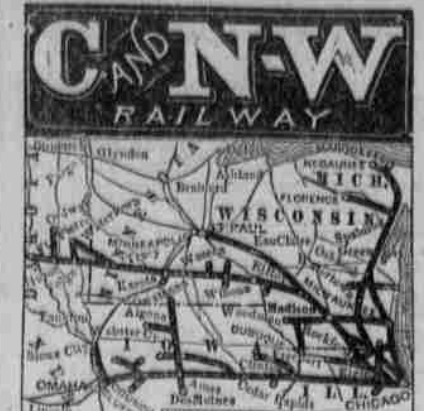
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