

Hundreds of times I have heard farmers say: "There ain't no use keeping good butter cows, for their milk brings no more in the factory." So far, this has been generally true, but we are now awaking to the fact, that it has been the crying evil of the system, that it has depreciated the market value of rich milk—in fact, that it has been, virtually, offering a premium for quantity at the expense of quality.

But we are gradually working to our point, and soon every man will be paid according to the yield of his milk in butter cheese, and, still better, all milk not up to a certain standard will be rejected entirely.

Of the Travelling Dairy it is impossible to speak too highly.

We all know the value of illustrating what we say. It is a great point to see exactly how a thing is really done; it is just the whole difference between only hearing about it and actually seeing it with your own eyes.

Lastly, the idea of winter Dairying is one of the greatest scope and the highest importance, and is destined to work a revolution in farm life. Make the bulk of your butter in winter if you wish to average a larger quantity, a better price, and a higher profit, also better cows and more and better manure.

You will also secure a more even distribution of your labor, so it won't be all a feast or a famine. Sometimes, for half the winter, the teams are comparatively idle, and the men have time to sit around the village store.

Now, I like their having a little leisure and sitting around the store, and exchanging ideas, but do not carry it too far.

You can milk the cows and take the milk to the factory in winter, and still have time for reading, recreation, and social intercourse.

The cow that calves in September will yield well all winter; then, when grass comes, it will send her along again for a while, and when she does fail, it will be in July and August, just when you are heated and tired with haying and harvest, and don't want to be bothered with her—just when the cow is tired and hot, and worried with flies, and only wants to "stand in the shade and switch her tail," and just when butter brings the lowest price in the whole year.

I hold that the same cow is worth ten dollars more a year if she calves in September than if she calves in April.

I earnestly hope you will still further use my book, because it is worth