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About Harm.

She is only a girl down on Passaway uand more girls on our fairles;
And her voice is as glad as the song of a bird,
And as sweet as the breath of the morning; her swift-speaking eyes bid the

She is only a girl down on Passaway Creek, Like a thousand more girls the land over;
And she learns every day that life is not all play.
With a way through wide pastures of clover; But wherever she goes, down on Pass-

away Creek,

She brings cheer and good-will to her neighbors; And no man, and no lad, in the fields, As they watch her, and pause in their labors.

She is only a girl down on Passaway

Creek,
And all Passaway Creek is her debtor,
For her swift-speaking eyes have made
many fools wise,
And made many a good man a better;
But some day she will meet with the
prince of her dreams,
And look up at his beauty and splendor.

And her swift-speaking eyes shall be mute as the skies, And as deep, and unspeakably tender.

In the Dairy.

Carelessness and sour milk go hand in

Greasy, soiled clothing marks a poor Every year is a good butter season

for some. Why is it not so for all? Feed and care are just as essential in getting milk yields as the cow her-

Many an ugly cow gives a beautiful lot of milk. "Handsome is as handsome

The money from the dairy cow comes regularly and does not stop in bad seasons. That's what pays the store bills.

The section of the country where dairying is the principal occupation is usually a section of good farms, good

Two errors in running the hand separator are often responsible for loss of butter fat. We should not run a machine over its capacity or run it too slowly. If your separator is not doing satisfactory work better look up the catalogue which gives full instructions and learn how to run it all over again. Nearly all separators made will do satisfactory work if run properly.

Some of the high class dairy cows in the various breeds are making wonderful butter records. The Guernsey cow Dolly Bloom has just completed a three years test with an average annually of 638 pounds of butter fat for each of the three years. The average yield of all our dairy cows in the country would probably run under 200 pounds of butter fat per year so that Dolly Bloom is giving more than three ordinary cows. Good feed, good care and careful handling would make more of our dairy cows "b.oom" out into good performers.

According to the results of an experiment conducted at the Storrs Experiment Station in Connecticut it pays to clean the cow's udder before milking. The experiment conducted showed that the bacteria in milk from a cow with unwiped udder numbered 7,058 per cubic centimeter. When the udder and the under part of the body and flank was cleaned the bacteria numbered only 716 per cubic centimeter. By this simple work we improve the cleanliness and quality of the milk immensely. A good brush or cloth in a box in the stable will do the work.

Buying a Milch Cow.

There are certain rules which, if observed, would be of great help to us in selecting cows for the dairy. Here is what one Ontario dairyman says about it. "The ideal cow should be above the average size, but not large enough to be coarse, should have fine head, fine horns, long, slim neck, large barrel, straight back, large, long, crooked veins, large udder, extending well forward and running high up behind, and the cow should be broad on the rump and wedge-shaped in form, with rich, mellow skin."

The Old Feather Bed.

What has become of the old-fashioned feather bed? We mean the kind go high it required the service of a step-ladder to climb into it? Did you ever climb into them when you were a kid and sink down, down, down till you gasped and wondered when you would touch bottom and if you didn't need a life preserver? And do you remember how good it felt upon a cold morning when you poked your head from under the covers and saw the street. the covers and saw the window panes frost covered? And do you remember how you used to climb out of its billows, half dress yourself, shivering, teeth chattering, run downstairs and steal behind the kitchen stoye, half your clothes in your arms? And how your clothes in your arms? And how good those griddle cakes and sausages smelled! Feathers may not be healthy to sleep on, as claimed by doctors. who probably never slep, on them, but they seemed mighty good to the kid. Why doesn't somebody write a song about "The Old Feather Bed?"

Poultry Reeping for Parmers' Wives.

Poultry is kept on a majority of farms and it is no exaggeration, probably, to say that three-quarters of all the farm fowls that receive care worthy of the name are cared for by women. In such cases, if records are kept, the fowls are found to pay, and pay well. Instances of a farmer's wife paying the grocery bill, or cothing the children, from the profits of the farm flock, are by no means rare.

The farmer's wife whose inclination turns that way has an opportunity to add to her stock of pin money, and to her stock of health at the same time, by adopting the farm flock and providing it with the food and care that will make the fowls comfortable and well nourished. We do not intend to advise that all the work should be done by the farmer's wife. An hour per week of the hired man's time will do the heavy work connected with the care of fifty hens, leaving the feeding, etc., to the principal caretaker.

Drainage for the Dairy Barn.

In locating a dairy barn, care should be taken to have a gentle slope from the barn in at least one direction, affording good, natural drainage for both barn and yard. If the barn is already built and poorly located, draining and grading will do much to remedy the evil. In most cases it would take but a small amount of labor and plow and scraper, when the ground is in suitable condition to handle, to give the surface of the yard a slope from the barn sufficient to carry off the surface water. Even if dirt has to be hauled in from outside the yard to accomplish this it will not be expensive. The drainage alone under a yard is not sufficient as the tramping of the cattle soon puddles the surface, preventing the water from passing down to the tile.

Produce what the Consumer Wants.

The aim of every producer should be to put upon the market an article that will please and satisfy the purchaser of that article. His preferences should always be kept in mind. The purchaser or consumer of dairy products is always looking for fine flavor and purity. The greater his confidence in a certain brand or line of these products the better price he is willing to pay and the greater will be the consumption of

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