

or quality ; yet they all look healthy and in good condition, and many were born and bred on the farm. In fattening them, it is of course necessary to supplement their ordinary food with cake, as in all other cases.

The mean death-rate of the neighborhood immediately surrounding the farm for four years has been 13 6325 per 1,000, and this may be fairly considered as the normal rate. What, however, may be taken as a most critical test is, that the health of the children in the Infant Orphan Asylum, which abuts on and overlooks the farm, is remarkably good.

As long as sewage exists, of course there must be some unpleasant smells, which will, under any system of defecation, make themselves apparent ; but, as far as it is possible to be, there is an almost entire absence of any offensiveness in the Beddington Farm. In any case, it is only the smell of fresh sewage, which, if unpleasant, is certainly free from the deleterious qualities of stale sewage.

Of the luncheon, which was entirely produced on the farm, we can, in common with all the other guests, speak in terms of the highest praise. The beef was succulent, tender, and fat, such as *Front de Bœuf* or Milo himself would have delighted in ; and the same standard of excellence applied to the bread, pastry, salads, and other, edibles.

We should have been glad to have had a reliable set of figures, in order to see properly the actual profit or loss on the farm, and the amount of capital invested in laying it out. From a rough dissection of Dr. Carpenter's figures, we should estimate that the receipts were about equal to the expenses, but it appears that capital charges have been paid out of current expenses, so that the year's deficit is not really a deficit in the proper sense of the term. In a corporation also their is not the same amount of personal responsibility, management, economy practiced as on a private farm. Colonel Jones, of Hafyd, and Mr. Morgan of the Lodge Farm, Barking, both show a profit on their sewage-farms ; and we cannot believe but that the same result should be attained at Croydon, notwithstanding the exorbitant rental which they have to pay of £10 per acre ; the value of the land being, before the local board took the farm, twenty-two shillings per acre. Mr. Maclagan has, however, stated that he knew of lands whose value has been raised by sewage-farms from thirty shillings to £48 per acre.

These facts point conclusively to the inference that, where practicable, a sewage-farm is the proper solution of the sewage