

AGRICULTURE.

THE QUALITIES OF A GOOD COW.—A doctor of some note gives the following rhythmical enumeration of the qualities of a good cow:—

"She's long in her face, she's fine in her horn,
She'll quickly get fat without cake or corn;
She's clear in her jaws, she's full in her chine,
She's heavy in flank, and wide in her loin;
She's broad in her ribs and long in her rump,
A straight and flat back, with never a hump;
She's wide in her hips, and calm in her eye,
She's firm in her shoulders and thin in her thigh;
She's light in her neck, and small in her tail,
She's wide in her breast, and good at the pail;
She's fine in her bone, and silky of skin,
She's a grazer's without, and a butcher's within.

If more of the farm-houses of the country had their libraries, and more of those who cultivate the soil were giving attention to those themes which interest the scholar and the literary man, farm-life would much less often be the mere drudgery it is apt to become, and the literature of the period might come to own more of its choicest contributions to men who make the plough their servant and the reaper their chariot.

STOCKING WITH SHEEP FOR THE WINTER.—The season of autumnal drouths and short pasturage always brings lots of sheep upon the market, which their owners conclude not to winter, and that may often be very profitably bought. Sheep of good constitution, with good teeth, and healthy, may be safely bought, if one has feed for them which he wishes to convert into manure in the easiest and cheapest way. For instance, a large oat-grower has straw which will carry quite a flock through the season. If he buys ewes that have had lambs this year, and has them served early, by a long-wool or Down ram, though thin now, they will rapidly pick up and probably give him one hundred and twenty-five per cent. of lambs. Of course such ewes will need some grain; all the more if wheat-straw instead of oats their principal fodder. We have known lambs to bring in the spring double and triple what was paid for the ewes, while the ewes were worth fully as much as their cost, and the manure as much more. This is hardly the usual experience, but under advantageous circumstances, the experiment is well worth trying, recollecting that October service brings February lambs, which, if well pushed forward, may be in market by the first to the middle of May. Earlier service will, of course, bring earlier lambs and greater profit.

CONCERNING CREAM.—D. B. Wooster, of Vermont, says in the New York Tribune: If the dairyman raises cream in the old way (open setting) taking twenty-four to thirty-six hours, all the yeast born with the milk and what it gets from the air unite readily and makes the cream ready to churn as soon as it is taken from the milk. In deep or cold setting the case is different. The yeast native to the milk is quieted or made inoperative for a time by cold, and is only, if at all, brought into action by warmth. This will make but little difference if the dairyman subjects cream to the action of the air. It makes some difference what kind of deep setting is used about the acidity necessary for churning, and the flavor of butter. If milk is submerged in water the milk, so to speak, breathes a damp atmosphere which apparently toughens the envelopes that hold the cream. Sweet milk can be churned, but experience has fully proved that the butter is not so good flavored and the keeping quality is lacking—hence the necessity for souring cream, which makes the envelopes which hold the cream more easily broken. In cold setting, where free ventilation of the milk is given, acidity is necessary. In my daily arrangement I raise the cream in two hours; I then set it in a warm place, being careful not too warm, above sixty-five degrees. I stir in the cool cream added morning and evening, and when I have sufficient quantity to churn, the whole mass is about the thickness of paste.

AROUND THE HOUSE.—Little wonder that many farmers' wives wear out, grow prematurely old, or die young. There is absolutely nothing attractive for them to look at about the premises. The yard has never yet been properly graded, and if mowed at all, it is but once a year; generally the horses are turned in to graze it down. Sprouts have come up from the old fruit trees, branches broken down by the weight of fruit or winds of former years are hanging with their tops resting on the ground and burdock and other hardy weeds grow up through the dead branches. A dismal picture, but too often true to life.

Two things alone will make a yard beautiful, if well arranged and cared for; trees and grass; but the trees must not be in stiff, unnatural rows, nor crowded close to the house, and the yard must be well graded, and the grass kept closely cut.

Flowers will usually give a better effect and be much easier to care for, if planted in small beds. The garden can be kept clean much easier, as the grass will be continually encroaching on the small beds. A single square rod will enable you to grow quite a variety of flowers, but several rods ought to be spared for this purpose. Locate the flower garden where the wife can see it when about her daily work, and it will prove a means of grace to her. A very little work done at the right time, will keep it in order, and if weeds are never allowed to go to seed in it, the labor of caring for it will be less each year. I cannot think of any other way in which so small an expenditure of time and money will bring so much pleasure to the wife and education to the children. Try it, and see how much genuine happiness can be had from a flower garden.

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