

### The Farm.

#### THE FAMILY COW.

"Which breed will make the best family cow?" is a question often asked. A good family cow must be a good butter cow, and therefore will also be a good dairy cow where butter is made for commercial purposes. We do not care so much about the quantity of milk; it is the cream that we are after. This question of best breed is not only of great interest to the farmer, but also to a great many who have just a small homestead or occupy just a little place in country or on the outskirts of a city or village where there is a chance to keep a cow to supply the family with milk and butter. That great crowds of people daily visit the dairy barn on the Pan-American grounds, where a comparative test of breeds has been carried on since along in May, is therefore not to be wondered at. I myself have been through this building, examining the cows—five of each breed—and their records with a good deal of curiosity.

For my part I am glad that the breeders of "high grade" did not interfere with the test of breeds. We cannot afford to buy cows for family purposes that are worth (or at least rated) thousands of dollars each. The test that is here being made is a fair one. The cows selected from each breed are animals rather above the medium in quality and worth from \$100 close up to \$1,000 each. Undoubtedly there are many cows on our farms and kept as family cows that can show, and under the same conditions as found in the dairy barn would show, just as good a record as the cows under test now show. It would not have been easy to find a man better fitted to superintend such a test than friend Van Alstyne, who is usually to be found about the building or in the office. He considers the test a fair one, and of greater value for the general public than if cows of high fancy value were picked out for it.—(Fred Grundy in Farm and Fire side.

#### CONTROLLING OLEO VENDERS.

Pure dairy interests have won another substantial victory in Pennsylvania through confirmation by the Circuit Court of Appeals of the decision of a lower court, had convicted persons of violating the oleomargarine laws in the matter of packages. Through this decision of the Federal court the provisions of Section 6, act of August 2, 1886, are within the constitutional powers of Congress. This provides, in brief, that all oleomargarine shall be packed by the manufacturers in tubs or other wooden packages not before used for that purpose, each containing not less than ten pounds and properly marked and

#### MUSCULAR PASTOR.

Muscles Built up by Common Sense Habits. "For years I have not been able to drink coffee, as it made me very nervous and gave me a headache. No one loved coffee more than I and it was a severe trial to abandon its use. Nearly three years ago I saw Postum Cereal Coffee advertised and concluded to try it.

I have been so well pleased with it and its healthful effects that I have used it ever since. I carry packages with me when I visit other places.

When I began to drink Postum, my muscles were flabby, as my habits are sedentary, but for the past two years my muscles have been hard and I never felt stronger in my life than I do now at sixty years of age, and I attribute my strength of muscle to constant use of Postum. I drink it three times a day. I feel so enthusiastic about Postum that I cannot recommend it too highly wherever I go. Wishing you great success, yours truly," Rev. A. P. Moore, 474 Rhode Island St., Buffalo, N. Y.

The reason Postum builds up the human body to a prime condition of health, is that when coffee is left off, the drug effects of the poison disappear and the elements in Postum unite with albumen of the food to make gray matter and refill the delicate nerve centres all over the body and in the brain. This sets up a perfect condition of nerve health, and the result is that the entire body feels the effect of it.

printed; all sales made by the manufacturers of oleomargarine shall be in the original stamped packages.

Retail dealers in oleomargarine must sell only from original stamped packages in quantities not exceeding ten pounds, and shall pack the oleomargarine thus sold in suitable wooden or paper packages plainly marked and printed. The oleomargarine crowd in fighting this portion of the law urged that it does not provide any penalty against retail dealers for selling oleomargarine in packages other than those prescribed for their use. The decision plainly shows that dealers must not use old packages in sending out oleomargarine, and this should form an additional safeguard in controlling the traffic in bogus butter. The defendants in the original case—Dougherty, Farreher and Lavin—were accused of retailing oleomargarine packed in a plain wrapper, and not as provided by law, lacking proper marks and brands.—(American Agriculturist.

#### DESIRABLE BREEDS OF POULTRY.

The Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes are called "American" varieties, and they seem to satisfy the desires of the average poultry raiser better than any others. When bred for egg production and properly fed and cared for they come nearer to the standard of an all-purpose fowl than any thing else that we know; they are equal to the best as layers, and when dressed for the table they are of the best quality of meat. A point in their favor is that they are not too large, and this is a point of especial interest to the marketmen. A poultry dealer of our acquaintance who sells tons and tons of poultry tells us that the bulk of the buyers want a fowl that weighs ten or eleven pounds to the pair, about five pounds apiece; and that Rocks and "Dottes" just fit the figure, hence are quickest and easiest to sell, and are naturally the most eagerly bought by the marketmen.

One of our friends says he wants fowls for his own use mostly, and that word "mostly" indicates that some of the fowls will be sold, hence readiness of sale is a point for him to consider. Even for his own use it is worth while considering whether he wants to dress two or get an equal amount of edible meat. We have known pickers absolutely refuse to pick Leghorns for them, that is, they didn't consider that the meat would pay for the picking! That, probably, was an extreme case. A busy man, however, would much rather dress one good hen, that would provide a meal for his family, than give fully twice the time to picking two hens that gave him no more edible meat.

The Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes come the nearest to an all-purpose fowl of anything we have known; and between the two varieties named there is little difference in economic value. The barred Plymouth Rocks have one disadvantage in the dark pin feathers, which give a darkish color to the skin, hence make them somewhat less attractive; this disadvantage the white Plymouths Rocks and white Wyandottes are free from, but the white Rocks (as also the barred) have the single comb that are a disadvantage in a cold climate, being more liable to freeze than the snug "rose" comb of the Wyandottes. All things considered we believe the white Wyandotte has a little bit the best of the argument, and we feel confident that our friends will make no mistake in taking that variety.—(Practical Farmer.

In the British Columbia cabinet J. D. Prentice, provincial secretary, has been appointed minister of finance to replace J. H. Turner, who has resigned and been appointed agent general in London. J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, has been sworn in as provincial secretary. Richard McBride, minister of mines, has resigned.

Customs Inspector Jones has given instructions to the officers in Canadian waters contiguous to Eastport, Maine, to strictly enforce the customs regulations requiring all vessels and boats to report at customs both inwards and outwards.



#### Take Another Nap.

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Officers are instructed to seize vessels which fail to comply with the law.

Dr. Kraus, former governor of Johannesburg, and a prominent official of the late Transvaal government, was arrested in London, Monday, on a charge of high treason. It is alleged that after signifying his allegiance to the British crown he secretly forwarded information to the Boers.

A heavy thunder and lightning storm passed over Woodstock on Wednesday afternoon. Considerable damage was done by the lightning. The greatest damage was to John McFarlan's house on Broadway. The bolt went through the roof, passing through the gable end and injuring the fine in its passage.

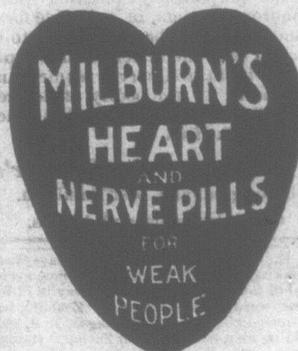
Whitman Brewer, of St. Mary's, has been awarded the contract for the Sackville covered bridge.

#### Coughing All Night.

It's this night coughing that breaks us down, keeping us awake most of the time, and annoying everybody in the house. Lots of people don't begin to cough until they go to bed. It gets to be so that retiring for the night is an empty form, for they cannot rest.

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