

require oxygen in their growth, they can bear but very little of it. For the same reason that a fish dies when out of water, do these growing fungi perish in the air. Instead of destroying them in the milk, on its way to the factory, we take the most efficient means to cultivate them. We cover our milk cans tightly to protect our enemies from the air, and nourish a serpent in our bosoms. If we would expose milk to the air we would kill, not the germs, or spores, but the growing plants, as soon as they germinate. Nature purifies water in this way. Fungi grow only in still water, for in such only can they be protected from the air. The waves and currents of the mighty ocean are constantly rolling its waters to the surface, to be cleansed by aeration; and the babbling brook as it leaps over its minature cataracts and rolls over, and winds along its pebbly bottom, is cleansed of all that aeration can destroy. If we would all follow the example that Nature has set us, and expose our milk to the air instead of shutting it away, in place of being injured, it would be improved for the purposes of cheese-making by an hour's ride to the factory, and such a thing as tainted milk or poison cheese could hardly exist.

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