OPEN AIR FOR COWS

"To do any practical good we must go to the fountain head, the farm, and establish properly qualified veterinary surgeons to examine the cattle with therculin and separate the healthy from the unhealthy, and, further, to start fresh breeds in sound and sanitary conditions. Many experienced authorities are in favor of dispensing with byres and cow sheds, leaving the cattle to enjoy the privilege of open air summer and winter, day and night. Open sheds might be erected for shelter in bad weather, but if turned out in summer they soon become accustomed to the changes of season. In fact, one farmer who has already adopted the open-air treatment asserts that he has found no harm come even when a calf is born out in the field during pouring rain. It is found that the first year the cows give less milk, but subsequently, when nature has provided them with thicker coats, they bear the cold remarkably well, and yield more milk as they get hardier.

"It is scarcely to be expected that the humble farmer could grapple with the intricacies of science, but it would be something gained if he were made to realize at last that cleanliness paid better than dirt, and that obedience to modern laws brought better returns and fewer losses than holding to the traditions of his forefathers and centuries of death-dealing ignorance.

The extent to which needy patients can be cared for at the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives is limited only by the givings of the people. The bank account is today heavily overdrawn. Contributions may be sent to Sir Wm. R. Meredith, Kt., Osgoode Hall, Toronto, or W. J. Gage, Esq., 84 Spadina Ave.

