

of milk in their udders never hurt them, if it was a little longer time between night's and morning's milking. They had also observed that whenever the Hired Man had to attend to them and do the milking at five o'clock in the morning, he was usually in a bad temper. He pinched their teats, and sometimes hit them with the stool, which made them feel cross and they did not give so much milk, nor did they put so much fat into it. Mrs. Holstein and Mrs. Ayrshire said, in their case if



FIG. 38.—Ayrshire.

they were not milked at regular hours and the same number of hours apart, that the milk in their udders hurt them, and they would enter a strong protest against the views expressed by the previous speakers. When, however, they gave less than two gallons of milk a day, they said it did not make so much difference to them about milking exactly the same number of hours apart.

Mrs. Tidy-Cow said she would like to make a very strong complaint against being milked in stables where the air was foul, where she could not keep herself clean, and against owners who made no effort to improve the cow-houses in winter. She had found that it was better for the person, when milking, to wipe the udder and teats with a clean, damp cloth, before commencing to milk, and to milk with dry hands especially in winter. She believed in milking quickly, milking out clean, and kind treatment at all times, especially while milking, as this caused the cow to give more milk.

Mrs. Cow-Curious would like to see a milk-sheet, scale, and test-bottle in every stable, so that she could see what her neighbors were doing.

All agreed that it would be excellent, if each one could know how much milk and butter her neighbors gave in a year. Now that their curiosity was aroused, it was resolved to find out how their milk was made into butter; and, if at all possible, they would go into their owner's dairy, and watch operations.

No. 4. —The next meeting was held in Mrs. Busy's dairy, soon after milking. As there were no chairs suitable for the guests, each one stood on the floor of the dairy, being careful not to get in the way. It was also agreed that they talk very little during the visit to the dairy, but keep their eyes open and see what was done with the milk which was to be made into butter.



FIG. 39.—Cream Strainer.