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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

"DURHAM" AND "SHORT-HORN."

Would like to know whether there is any difference between the Durham and the Shorthorn breed of cattle of to-day. OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.-Two names for the same breed, the latter being the correct appellation.

LICE ON CATTLE.

Can you give some treatment for cleaning cattle of lice? The variety are dark red, and small in size. E. B. Ans .- Experienced cattlemen have reported satisfaction from the use of dry cement sifted along the back. The cement being heavy, finds its way down the back and sides and destroys the lice by suffocation. To make it more certain in its effect, mix insect powder (pyrethrum) with the cement. Clipping the hair along the center of the back gives the cement a better chance to do its work. Crude petroleum, or a mixture of coal oil and linseed oil or lard, will also answer the purpose.

MILK OR CREAM?

1. Which would pay the better, to sell milk at four cents per quart, or sell cream at 32 cents per lb. butter-fat? Milk tests 31 per cent.

2. How much butter can be made from 1 lb. butter-fat ?

3. How much would a hundred quarts of milk come to at 32 cents per lb. butter-fat ? That is our average amount of J. P. milk daily.

Ans.-1. So far as the direct cash returns are connected, there is considerably more money in wholesaling milk at four cents a quart than in selling the cream at 32 cents per pound of fat. Per cwt. of milk, the relative returns would figure out at about \$1.60:\$1.12. There is besides the labor of separating, though this might, in some cases, be partly compensated by the less frequent delivery usually recessitated when selling cream. Of course, the great point in favor of cream is the saving of the skim milk to feed, but it would take a pretty skillful feeder to make any considerable quantity of it worth fifty or fifty-five cents per cwt.

2. As a rule, about one and one-sixth pounds butter should be made from a pound of fat.

3. Approximately, \$2.80. A quart of milk weighs a very little over 21 pounds. HARDY ALFALFA.

Could you advise the farmers in the purchase of alfalfa seed, whether there are some varieties that are not hardy, and how to distinguish between them and the hardy kinds. A prominent Toronto seedsman is offering a variety said to be grown in North-western States. The sample is very large, and fine and clean. How can we tell whether it be hardy or not? Would a sample said to be grown in Ontario, be better for us to sow? I have been sowing alfalfa in small quantities during the past four years, and have noticed that some stand the winter better than others. But I purchased the seed from the local seedsmen without making any inquiries. If you can give any information at this season of the year, we would be very A SUBSCRIBER. Ans.-"'The Farmer's Advocate" of Janwary 4th contained the text of an address by Prof. C. A. Zavitz, O. A. C., Guelph, upon the subject, "Hardy Strains of Alfalfa for Ontario." While, as a rule, the common alfalfa proves reasonably hardy in Ontario, especially when grown from seed produced in latitudes not farther south than where it is to be sown, it seems that there are at least two specially hardy and commendable varieties which have given a good account of themselves in experimental test. One of these is the Grimm alfalfa, grown in Minnesota, and the other is the Canadian Variegated alfalfa, grown by farmers in certain parts of the Ontario Counties of Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland. Hardy strains of common Western alfalfa have also been secured from Montana and South Dakota. The whole question is worthy of very careful study. Buy the lest seed obtainable every time, and always he sure the seed is free of bad weed seeds. Send a sample before purchasing to "The Seed Laboratory," Department of Aericulture, Ottawa.

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