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There really is more importance to be attached to the above three words than most farmers think. It requires as much thought and judgment to know just when to sell as it does to raise your product to sell. Of course, everybody is ready to admit that it does not require very much intelligence to know when to sell very many articles that are raised on the farm. All perishable articles should be marketed immediately when they are sweet and fresh. Once acquire the name of bringing fresh and wholesome vegetables and fruits to market, and it will cause you to make quicker sales as well as receive a better price for your products.

But your judgment and common-sense are called on when you have your grain, hay, straw, potatoes, apples, etc., ready for sale. I know a farmer in my neighborhood who had five hundred bushels of rye threshed and stored in his bin for sale. He was offered 75 cents a bushel, but, no, he wanted 80 cents. His next offer was 60 cents. "Well," said he, "I guess not. It will lie there a good while before I will take that." Rye kept dropping. After keeping it for about five years he sold his rye for 45 cents. That is what a little "spunk" did for him.

Now for the other side of the case, and this occurred personally to myself. One fall I kept in my cellar five hundred barrels of fine potatoes. All I could get from the field was \$1.25 a barrel. I kept them until spring and sold them readily for \$3.50—a lucky hit.

One of my neighbors, a good, honest German farmer, was watching me. He said: "You just know your business. I'll watch you after this a little." Sure enough, next year I could have drawn them from the field for \$2.25, but, no, they went into my cellar. My German neighbor treated his the same way. The next spring he and I both drew our potatoes to market for 75 cents a barrel. My German neighbor said, "That blankety-blank man makes me lose over \$500."

The foregoing only proves there is more satisfaction in every man using his own judgment. I believe there is economy in selling right from the field when it is practicable to do so.

Sell everything while fresh. Avoid shrinkage, avoid decay, avoid handling more than necessary, and I think you will be the gainer.—W. H. H., in Country Gentleman.

Export Trade and the Stock-Raiser.

The Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Mr. Fisher, through his statement to a representative of The Farmer's Advocate, extends a most encouraging message to Canadian farmers as a result of his late visit to Great Britain. He found that Canadian agricultural products are growing in popularity all over the British Isles, and it is satisfactory to know that this favor is grounded upon intrinsic merit. There is practically no limit to the possible expansion of our better and bacon trade, and there is a fine opening for a profitable poultry business. Mr. Fisher is disposed to encourage some experimental work in fattening poultry by the plan quite common at points in England and on the Continent, of confining and crowding the birds with feed for a few weeks—finishing them at high pressure, as it were. He found no prospect of an early removal of the British embargo against Canadian cattle, but confirms the view which The Advocate has steadily taken, that even under existing conditions the trade in live fat cattle can be successfully prosecuted, and it would be folly either to neglect any measures in regard to transportation, etc., that will tend to improve it, or for the Government to rush into the dressed meat trade on its own account. The latter is growing up now through private enterprise, and, as the Minister points out, will undoubtedly utilize a large class of fattened animals in the near future. The Government will make a mistake if it

does not see that such transportation facilities are provided and maintained as will preserve both strings for the bow of the Canadian stockman. We would also throw out a word of caution to the Government on behalf of the individual feeders who go across the Atlantic with their own stock. These men must have fair play in regard to space and rates and not be frozen out by the big dealers.—Farmer's Advocate.

Adulterated Cream.

No sooner does an article of food become widely used than a certain class of men begin to devise methods to falsify and adulterate it. The use of cream is spreading rapidly in the cities, and as a consequence methods for giving the cream a false richness are in demand. Fortunately the men who get up these methods of adulterations are almost invariably profoundly ignorant of the possibilities of chemical analysis, and the crude compounds which they put upon the market are easily distinguished if enough is used to make the adulteration profitable.

The latest method which has come to our notice is one for falsifying cream, giving it a richness not due to butter fat. The product is called "albuminoid," and is a mixture of boric acid and gelatin. This compound when added to cream makes it thicker and apparently richer, and also, owing to the boric acid, makes it keep longer. Fortunately both these compounds are easily detected by the chemist, and the dairyman who thinks to increase his profits by the use of such a mixture stands a good chance of incurring a fine that will make a hole in his profits, and the hole will be of sufficient size to make him think twice before running the risk a second time. The tendency at the present time is toward pure food products, and, although such compounds as the above appear on the market with great regularity, we notice that in a short time they disappear.—Hoard's Dairyman.

How to Make Good Bacon.

The secret of producing choice bacon lies in the feed trough. If any one doubts this, let him put two Poland-China, Berkshire, Chester-White, Duroc Jersey or any of our recognized breeds of hogs in two different pens, feed one all the corn he can eat until fat, and the other boiled potatoes, milk, barley or wheat ground fine and some peameal until fat (the old country way). Kill both, put in dry salt for six or seven weeks, then take out and wash and hang it up in the kitchen or drying house until thoroughly dried, then cut off a good big chunk and boil it, let it stand till cold, then cut off a few slices and you will see the corn fed meat is not so firm, is more oily and not so many streaks of lean as meat fed on barley, potatoes, milk, etc., and this is all the difference you or any one else can detect.—American Swineherd.

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