

Auto Truck vs. The Horse

In a recent issue of Hoard's Dairyman a Wisconsin dairy farmer tells of his experience with the auto truck on his dairy farm and draws some interesting comparisons on the problem of horse versus auto. He writes as follows:

"Among the advantages of the car, I can deliver my milk one mile to the railroad station, get my empty cans and be home in 15 minutes without hitching up or unhitching, where, with a horse, one has to feed, groom, clean stable and hitch up and unhitch. And I am pretty sure of not having a runaway. The teams can be put to the fields at once after breakfast.

Take a man living three and a half miles from creamery or milk platform. He has to travel seven miles a day or 2,565 miles a year. And if the farm team has to make this, as they usually have to in this locality, it is nine or half-past nine o'clock before

would be very hard to sell at half price. A team would remain or increase in value and be serviceable for 12 to 15 years. I think three years would be the extreme life of a car, or it would cost more for repairs than it would for a new one. And with a team, one it pretty sure of getting home sometime, while with a car one is often harassed with doubts. In the use of a car to be successful, it requires one that has talent and a liking for machinery.

SOME DISADVANTAGES

"The farmer is usually required to run his own car which takes his time away from home and his time is or should be far more valuable than the hired man's. While with the horse the boy or the 'poorwit man on the job' can draw the milk. But under favorable conditions autos are convenient and a time saver. For about six months in the year while every horse is pressed into service and time is very valuable, they are certainly very satisfactory. But when the



An Asiatic Idea on the Subject of Farm Power

that team can get to the field, and tired and unfit for work into the bargain. With the car one can make the trip in one-third of the time and have a fine ride besides. And there are so many trips and errands one can make that can't be made with the farm team.

IN TRUCK FARMING

"I use it in delivering all my strawberries which I sell to the groceryman in Kenosha eight miles away and make two trips every day and three on Saturdays and am not tired as it always cool in a car and no thought that I am driving a tired, hot team. I used to drive with horses and it took me 14 and 15 hours and now it takes me seven or eight hours. Having two seats in my car I can take my family to town Saturday evenings and have as nice a ride as in a \$2,000 touring car. The auto truck rides as easy as the finest car, and I am sure of no punctures as the truck is supplied with solid tires. One can accomplish as much on the road as three teams.

"The question is often asked me, 'Can you get along with less horses?' On a large farm, 'Yes'; on a small farm, 'No.' There should be a horse for the women folks anyway and that same horse can draw the milk and do other errands on the small farm.

THRAPPER FARM HORSES

"As to the expense of using them, they cost less than a team of horses. The first four months I ran my car 1,870 miles at a cost of \$60.62 and drew from 800 to 1,500 pounds. A man or horses worked to their limit would require 40 pounds of oats daily or 150 bushels in 120 days at 45 cents a bushel, \$67.50; and two tons of hay at \$15, or \$30; or \$97.50 for feed alone. The auto requires no care or attention while idle.

"On the other hand, the auto costs about \$800 and the second day you run it, it is a second hand car and

muddy and rough roads come it is pretty certain one will fall back on the old stand-by, the faithful horse whose hard work is over and he rather needs the exercise.

"As soon as manufacturers of the auto trucks do not have the large selling expense they now have and can manufacture them cheaper, the auto trucks will be more common on the roads than teams."

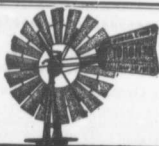
Notes on Dairying

A big bill for feed is all right if the production of the herd is in proportion. In fact the men who make the large net profits are the most likely to have a big feed bill as well.

The cow that is compelled to stand in the hot sun all day during summer months, will suffer while she fights the flies that congregate upon her body and suck her blood. Large trees should grace the cow pasture. Here the cow will rest and chew her cud in contentment, while the over-spreading branches protect her from the sun's scorching rays.

Put a little salt in the cow's mashed feed or chop. It enhances the flow of the saliva while the animal is taking her feed, which is a good thing for an animal as well as for a human being. It is no good to force the cow to eat more salt than she needs, so only a little should be given in the feed, and then free access to rock salt will permit her to eat as she wants.

Give the dairy cow cool, clean water to drink in the summer. Stagnant ponds furnish disease germs for milk and butter and are very unhealthful drinking places for all kinds of animals. A windmill and tank will supply cool, germless water, which will be appreciated by the dairy cow.



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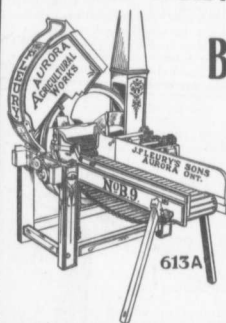
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