Dairying with the Holstein Cow

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-Photo in Huron Co., Ont.

SAY, boys, were you ever sent to the garden to make war on the thistles, the grass, and pig weeds with your only weapon on hand—a

rusty old hoe? You needn't tell me. I know how you felt; tired pulling before you got started, thinking all the time that you had just about the most disagreeable job going. But see here, supposing as you were about to go to your work you had been presented with a nice, clean, r w boe, or better still, one of those wheel hoes, something that when you put the steam in it, would leave

G. A. Bretnen. something to show! How you would work! Gladly, enthusiastically, and stead ily. Why, I sure am afraid you would wear the hoe out. Same garden, same boy. What makes the difference anyway? "If we like to do a thing it's fun, if we hate to do it it's drudgery."

How does this apply to dairying? Some people (not a few) are quite decided in their statement that "we wouldn't milk the old cows if they never were milked. They're such a tie and there's no money in them anyway." What's the matter with these people? You know we're all just big boys after all, and these farmers are just some of the rusty hoe boys. I don't blame them for being disgruntled, but say, just remember the garden's all right. Don't blame the business. Be up-to-date. Change the hoe. If dairying is not profitable and interesting and enjoyable on your farm, better examine your machine and replace her with a milk producer that individually and in breeding is kept for the business.

My Holstein Partner

Now while in a sense a specialist, in that my energies are devoted to the development of a single breed of dairy cattle, still I am quite ready to admit success may be attained with cows of breeds other than those with which I am connected, and to all dairymen getting satisfactory returns from the breed of their choice I would say by all means don't switch. Stay with your cow However, in justification of introducing the Holstein cow as my business partner in the great dairy business, I may say that having earlier in my history tried out good pure-bred specimens of other dairy breeds with rather indifferent success, I linked up wit the Holstein as my third choice, and as I enter upon my ninth year with the great black and white dairy machine, I can say with a degree of certainty born of at least some experience, that she stands a fair chance of being my final cow.

In reverting to these years since entering the breeding business and dairying in earnest, I can see many places where a man could yield to discouragement, withdraw from the game, and condemn it to others. For instance, early in the business when anxious to build up a herd as rapidly as possible, and hence heifer calves were at a premium, my first herd sire presented me with 12 consecutive male calves, and my thirteenth calf, a heifer, arrived after his disposal. To others having a somewhat similar experience I may say I resolved to have a certain number of heifer calves coming on each year, and insteof waiting for the "tide to turn," I replaced by small additional outlay each male calf with a heifer and hence had a herd established in minimum time. Then again an outbreak of blackleg. to which we were never subjected before nor since, in five days removed five out of that promising string of 12 calves quite often pictured in Farm and Dairy above a famous calf-meal advertisement. This also was a rather hard blow to a beginner, but the following year the sale of 10 females (after retaining their calves) at an average of \$208 each, renewed my confidence in the breed end the game. In summing up my experience, favorable and otherwise, I would just say to every young breeder, "Don't dwell on your losses, but look well at your profits," and I think with proper attention and care you will readily find that viewed in this vay your size. see will very materially outweigh "I your most severe reverses."

The Dridgery of Dairying

Referring to the drudgery of dairying, as some people term it, I would like to say most emphatically that I have not found dairying with registered Holstein cattle hard or irksome. On the contrary, I have found it most interesting and remunerative to the extent that starting with little capital, it has supplied my necessities, provided comforts and conveniences in both home and barn, and at the same time has thrown me in relationship with men worthy of being called friends. It has introduced and developed more of the cooperative spirit into my life and those of my fellow-breeders, whereby we learn to sink our differences and suspicions and enlarge our sympathies in each other's lives and occupations. After all, it is not the energy you expend that makes some work heavy and other light. It is the spirit you put into it. Enthusiastic work is play. Half-hearted work is drudgery. This truth I have proved time and time again, both in my own life and in that of others engaged on the

"Knowledge is power." It is also the foundation of interested enthusiastic work, and I know of no work more interesting when the why and wherefore of each step is sought for and possessed, than the feeding for the production of milk when associated with the breeding of Holstein cattle.



Am always glad to CLARKE HAMILTO stand by my old friend, the corn crop. The corn crop is imperative on the dairy farm, season with season. Let us consider why we should grow this crop.

Corn can be successfully cultivated over a great variety of soil and climate. It fits in admirably with the other crops we grow. It affords

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CLARKE HAMILTON, DUNDAS CO., ONT. us an opportunity to follow a weed-killing rotation. It is a crop that we can grow very cheaply when its food value in can

Corn in my experience grows best after clove, pasture, or a good application of manure. Lots of organic matter in the soil is an important consideration in successful corn culture.

Corn is very easily stored, and makes the best (Continued on page 16)



Promise of Abundance of Feed for the Herd While the Snow Files.

(Illustration is from a photo mapped by an editor of Farm and hairy to Ventworth 6.0, Ont., early is Phatoric in over 30 miles through the way of the best fields. Halton and Wentworth counties.



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