

The Rigid Stanchion

"In the name of humanity and common sense give the rigid stanchion a good hard knock every chance you get." Thus did a man who has had many opportunities to study dairy conditions at first hand recently address one of the editors of Farm and Dairy.

"The torture that cattle have suffered in those old rigid stanchions is enough to keep you awake at night if you think of it," continued this friend of the cow. "Why only a few weeks ago I was in a stable in Norfolk county where cows were tied so badly in rigid stanchions that the side posts made dents in their neck and they could move neither backward nor forward. When they were let out they were fairly crazy to lock themselves. Would lick themselves before they drank, no matter how thirsty they were. I don't believe these cows would ever have gone back into that stable if hunger and cold had not conspired to make them so. The rigid stanchion should be prohibited by law from a humanitarian point of view. For the benefit of his pocketbook every dairy farmer could well afford to throw them out. The stable stanchion is the only one worth while now-a-days." Every sane thinking dairyman stands ready to endorse all of the foregoing.

A Milestone Around His Neck

By L. W. Lighty

That is what the "boarder cow," the "robber cow," the unprofitable and bad cow is to the farmer. Go where will for my figures, I find the average production so low that those cows that go below the average must be losers to the keepers.

Just lately I got figures from several creameries and then ascertained the number of cows that contributed to the centre of manufacture and was not surprised to learn that the average production per cow was from 126 to 145 lbs. of butter. I had been meeting the same results in almost every investigation I made where a considerable number of cows was concerned. The man with the average cow was not holding his own and how did the man with those below the average fare?

The price of butter will never be high enough to make a 125-pound cow profitable. The only way that cows can be of any use to the world is to furnish prime extra choice beef to the hotel and restaurant table. The farmer who keeps and feeds her getting poorer every year and so is the farm. If you come to my place I will show you some of both but you do not come—you have them right at home.

That poor fellow slaving year in and year out, working hard and long, never thinking a thought but faithfully feeding a herd of "boarder cows!" And some of you fellows who want to be pretty wise are doing it. I can not how wise you are, if you have not kept an account with your cows with scale and pencil, you are feeding some "robber cows."

Why men should persist in such an act may seem a mystery to some, but it is quite natural. The man is a rut and it is easier to run along the rut than to turn out on unused and unsworn ground. It takes nerve to be laughed at and be given the finger, and that is always what happens to the man who turns out of the rut in word, thought and action. But had no one tried new methods and defied the "standpatter" he would still be dwelling in caves cooking meat by dropping hot stones in a pot. Time was when a man who defied fixed customs was called a heretic and put in a dungeon, but now the world only hawls him at him.

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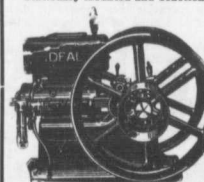
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