decrease in the total fat, and hence the average percentage of fat in the milk gradually increases, so that in the fifth month it is 0.5 greater than the average percentage in the first month. For the remaining three months the decrease in milk yield and in total fat was relatively the same. The influence of the period of lactation upon the composition of milk, while varying with individual animals, is, therefore, practically limited to the first five months.

The difficulty, so frequently experienced by dairymen when churning cream raised by the gravity system from cows somewhat far advanced in the period of lactation, is often due to the fact that, at that period, the fat globules become much smaller and the cream more viscous. To obviate this some food of a succulent nature should be given that will cause the secretion of milk to be of greater amount and not so viscous. Improper ripening, and keeping the cream at too low a temperature, is sometimes responsible for the difficulty in churning above referred to.

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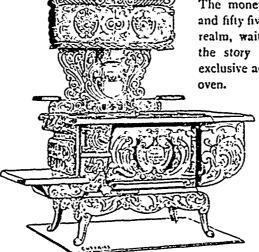
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