

give each, on an average, twelve quarts of milk per day. He churns three times a week, making forty pounds at each churning. The cream only is churned in a barrel churn, which is turned by a horse. The butter comes in one hour and a-quarter in summer; in winter it takes two or three hours. As soon as it is taken out of the churn it is well washed, to get all the butter-milk out, and immediately salted: before night it is worked again, and more salt is added. It is then put into the cask, and brine is poured over it. It sells for one franc (10*d.*) the pound of twenty ounces. This butter is famed for its keeping, and is therefore much sought after for ships' provisions. In summer there are fifty labourers on this farm, half of whom are boarded and lodged, and have from 8*l.* to 12*l.* yearly wages. The day labourers have 9*d.* a day, and their food.

The calves which are reared, of which there were twenty-eight when we visited the farm, have per day a bushel of oats and eight oil cakes amongst them, with hay and cut straw, from November to May. The fifty oxen have a sack of beans per day amongst them, and cut straw as much as they can eat. There were two hundred sheep, which are folded on the fallows, and, in the day-time, feed in the pastures and along the canals and dykes. When they are fat they are sold, and others bought in. None are bred, for, when kept long on this land, they become subject to the staggers and the rot in winter and spring; they are therefore fattened and sold as soon as possible.

The breed of pigs was much better than the generality of Flemish pigs, and appeared to have had a foreign cross, perhaps of a Berkshire hog; but there was no distinct account of this. The short legs and pricked ears clearly prove them not to be indigenous.

The cows are dry for three months in the year: at that time they have only straw to eat, with a small quantity of meal diffused in the water they drink. They calve in April or May, and when the grass becomes abundant each cow is expected to give five pounds and a-half of butter weekly; and, as the pound is of twenty ounces, this is a large average, and shows good pasture.

Hay is made more carefully and better stacked on this farm than we have seen it on any other. The ricks are square, as they are in England, and hold from forty to fifty tons of hay: they are carefully thatched, and want only the pulling and trimming of the ricks in Middlesex, to vie with them in neatness.