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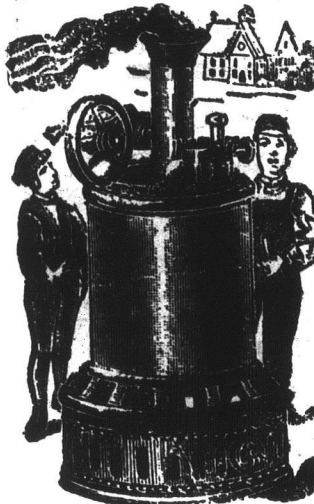
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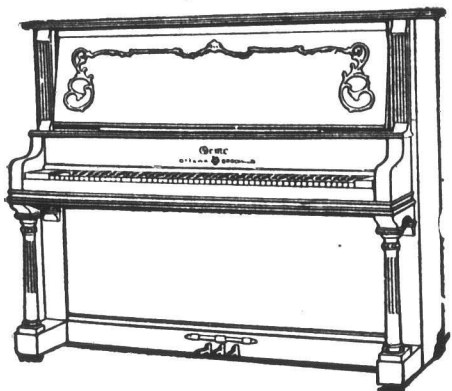
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of any animal. And yet, we do not always treat him as we should like to be used ourselves. If we are sick and need rest, we usually get it. If the horse is dull and does not drive up good, we take the whip to him. That's wrong.

With one driver, a team will work all day and not fret. The minute another hand takes the reins, the horses may begin to chafe. Why? Just because one man is master of himself, the other is not. The horse knows this and acts accordingly.

### Feminine Dairy Wisdom.

Most folks think that they know how to wash a churn, but a great many of these very people use a cloth when wiping the inside.

They might feel bad if they were to be told that this was not right; and yet, when they stop to think about it, can they not see that some bits of the cloth surely will stick to the wood? — Rinse, but never use a cloth.

It is the folks that do not take pains to make their butter right, that have a hard time selling it.

No matter how clean you washed the churn when you last used it, scald it out well before putting cream into it next time.

Salt, thoroughly rubbed all round on the inside of the churn after it has been rinsed with hot water, is a first-rate way to make it clean and sweet. Rinse the salt out with water. Then how nice the churn will smell. And it is nice, too.

Queer what makes your butter so bitter? Quite likely you kept the cream too long before churning. That will do it every time.

There are those who think that you can feed a cow anything under the sun and have the milk and butter of a good flavor. Don't let that notion get into your head. Feed good sweet things if you want your butter to have a nice flavor.

Many cows kick because they have been kicked.

Be a good friend to your cow; she is a true friend to you.

Do you want your cows to come up and lick your hand in the pasture or yard? Just one way you may teach them to do it—be kind, true and honest with them.

When it gets so that a man is compelled to have a "raising" to help his cows stand on their feet, it is about time you may look for the sign on the barn door, "This Farm for Sale." It has been "sailing" pretty fast for some time and will not keep above-board much longer.

### Predicting the Weather.

The following stanza is an old one, but it is a pretty true weather prophecy. A red sunset means fair weather the next day, while a gray sunset indicates rain:

"Evening red and morning grey  
Will set the traveler on his way;  
But evening gray and morning red  
Will bring down rain upon his head."

E. B. Dunn, ex-forecast official in charge of the United States Weather Bureau, New York city, says that a red sunrise means a wet day. The setting of the sun as a red disk of fire, presages warm weather on the morrow.

Should the day grow very warm, and towards evening the clouds apparently rest on the western horizon, becoming grayish at the base—the wind dying away and the atmosphere unusually quiet—look out for a thunderstorm.

There is also much truth in the following:

"A rainbow at night  
Is the sailor's delight;  
But a rainbow in the morning—  
Sailors, take warning!"

Fine weather is predicted by a mottled sky, while a mackerel sky gives warning of wind or rain.

On a windy night we need fear neither dew nor frost. Dew is the

heaviest after a hot day. Three days of frost is generally followed by rain.

Anvil-shaped clouds announce the coming of a gale.

Did you ever notice that just before a rain there is an unusual clearness of the atmosphere, foul odors are more noticeable, flowers are more fragrant, smoke descends instead of rising?

Fog forming in the morning brings us a fair day. Fog setting during the night is pretty sure to bring us a misty, rainy day.

### Dairy and Stock.

Shorts are good for the hogs; and yet, don't be too short with them.

It's not best to let any dealer select the best lambs from the flock, and leave the culls behind.

Storms take the life out of sheep faster than anything else in the world. Try to get them under cover every time cold rains or heavy falls of snow come on.

Feed, comfort and neatness are the foundation stones of success; no dairyman can afford to forget this. Lots of folk have never forgotten it; they never knew it to forget.

Cows that freshen in the spring produce more than half of their milk when prices are low; whereas those that come fresh in the fall produce the bulk of their yield when prices are high. Here's a simple statement of fact known to all dairymen; but—how many dairymen practise all they know?

It never pays to feed bad hay to a good cow.

It is an old notion that a cow will fail in her milk when fed on pumpkins; but there is no truth in this theory.

It is queer but not uncommon farm logic to hurry the stables into shape so that the grown stock may be housed for the first snow-storm, while the calves are forced to seek shelter behind the straw stack.

### Poultry Yard.

Are those pullets laying?

This is a good month to remate the breeding pens.

Are you wintering drones? The trap nest will answer that question. There is never a failure without a cause. If you are not doing well, investigate.

Hens are mechanics, and turn out the product according to the pay they get.

Provide every comfort for your hens if you would have them healthy and profitable.

This is the season of the year when Peter Tumbledown's hen fail to pay their board.

Study your capacity, and do not winter any more stock than you can comfortably quarter.

Are the fowls comfortable at night. Ask yourself that question before you sit down before the warm fire.

### A Diary for 1906 Free.

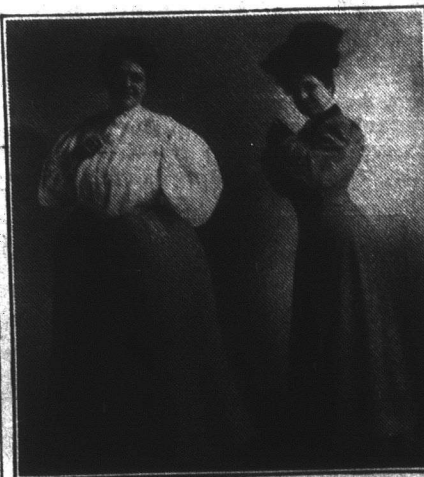
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