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Permanent pasture.—A great deal of nonsense is talked about the non-necessity of manuring pasture-land. To be sure, there is not much permanent pasture in this country, and what there is is mostly rough, outlying bits, only left down in grass—principally rubbish—on account of its being too strong to break-up. People “imagine a vain thing” when they think that, because grass is not mown for hay but grazed by cattle, it can stand for ever without deterioration. They say: Oh! if land is fed, every thing goes back on to it, and therefore it needs no manure. Now, cows or young cattle, grazing on grass land, carry off milk and increased weight of flesh from it, and if that is not replaced by manure, the land must inevitably grow poorer, more especially where the whole of the milk is sold off the farm, or where cheese is made.

Butter-colour.—We have lately observed, in the Montreal market, a lot of samples of butter, the colour of which was very much too deep. The best families in England prefer a palish straw colour for their butter, and if butter-making is carried on in the winter, when artificial colouring matter must per force be used, we strongly recommend the makers for export to use but little, be it annato, or the new colour “yellow aniline.” The butter we consume in our household is from the Dairy at the Model-farm at Compton, and has exactly the right tinge. (1)

(1) The last tub, May 30th, was a tinge too deep in colour. Ed.