

and the increase was steady until on the same feed they were producing 380 pounds of milk a day, and, instead of being kept at a loss, yielded a fair profit. The farmer needs to be wide-awake and careful. Mr. Brown remarks: A well-balanced ration fed at regular hours and in regular quantities, with attention to water, salt, bedding, and all the points which go to make the animals comfortable, will save money, particularly in a season when feed is high priced. Mr. Brown says that he never found a work-hand to whom he could afford to trust the winter feeding of his stock.

Clover is seldom found entirely without mixture with other grasses, so that as usually stored in the barn it is a well balanced fodder, and one liked by most domestic animals. According to good authority its flesh-forming and heat-producing properties are so well balanced as to keep the digestive organs of the animals to which it is fed in a healthy, working condition, and the coat glossy and the hide mellow, while as a milk making feeder it has no equal. Sheep are fond of it. Even the pigs and hens can make good use of chopped clover with their grain and other feed. So, whatever the stock kept, clover hay in abundance can be made profitable, and ought to be more appreciated than it is. Certainly, when grown with grasses which are in the best stage for cutting at the same time, clover is a most desirable constituent of the hay.

There is no person more valuable upon the farm than a good milker, and there is no rarer individual.

The first requisite is an even temper and perfect control of self. The essentials are a complete knowledge of the cow's condition, so that any diseases of the udder may be prevented, or if occurring, be promptly and properly treated. A quiet, calm manner, the use of the whole hand, and an even pressure so that the animal is not compelled to endure torture.

The skill requisite for a good milker is only acquired by long practice, but there are certain people naturally better constituted than others to excel in this particular. It is absolutely essential that the milker should be habitually neat in his own person, and careful to be scrupulously so when milking. The bag should be carefully washed with clean, tepid water, and wiped with a soft cloth before milking begins, and the milk should be removed from the barn as soon as the pail is filled and the receptacle containing it be set in a tub or trough that is perfectly clean and which contains cool water. Only a person who can be thoroughly trusted in the care of himself, of the cows and of the milk can be regarded as a good milker, and such a person must ever command good wages.

OUR COSY CORNER.

The washwomen of Holland and Belgium, proverbially clean, and who do up their linen so beautifully white, use refined borax instead of soda, in the proportion of one large handful of borax powder to about ten gallons of boiling water. They save in soap nearly half. For laces, cambrics and lawns, an extra quantity of powder is used, and for crinolines requiring to be made stiff, a strong solution is necessary. Borax, being a neutral salt, does not in the slightest degree injure the texture of the linen. Its effect is to soften the hardest water.

The early autumn wardrobe need only be simple to be very stylish, for all the most desirable modes show simplicity before richness or elaboration, either in form or in color.

All the clear and true blues will be stylish the coming season, and in outer garments as well as in costume; this color will be a favorite one.

The aster colors which are rich and deep will be seen in the autumn styles; the plaids and broken striped fabrics embody some of the richest and most rare of these shades.

The polka dotted surahs in light colors are worn with a blouse waist of the color of the spot, also with a soft sash of the same, and make the prettiest possible half dress costumes either for young girls or older ladies.

Shoes have long, narrow pointed toes for such persons as like them, and the stub toes and common sense heels for others, and both kinds are fashionable.

Pretty leather bracelets are made for travelling which hold a lady's watch securely between the two sides, and they are pretty and convenient.

New perfume bottles are made in the shape of silver mounted pistols, and they could be made very serviceable in frightening away burglars, if they happened around, unless the girl fainted away.

Ugly wide folded Japanese fans are in vogue, and they divide favor with the transparent lace fans. Fans are pretty and cheap as long as you keep within the limit of those for ordinary use, and of standard styles. The old palm leaves are the best.

To remove clinkers from stoves, place a few oyster shells in the grate while the fire is burning, and the clinkers will at once become loosened and may be readily removed without injuring the lining.

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