

OUR HOME CLUB

Mr. Dickinson's Opinions

Mr. Dickinson, in Farm and Dairy of October 19th, certainly strikes straight from the shoulder when he starts to talk about the relationship between the farmer and his son. As the editor has invited opinions of Mr. Dickinson's remarks I beg to offer a few opinions of my own.

From the article in question one would be almost led to believe that farmers as a rule were in the habit of treating their boys like slaves and driving them off to the city. My own observation is that Mr. Dickinson's remarks in full do not apply to

the majority of the farmers, though there are far too many just as bad as the English language can paint them. I happened to work for one of two who treated their sons like galley slaves.

Here are a few questions that I noticed in a newspaper recently for the considerations of those hard-working slave-driving farmers:

"Do not wake your boy at four o'clock in the morning to begin work. That is when his sleep is sweetest. He is resting then and growing, and you have no right to disturb his rest. He has earned it the day before. In calling him what might awaken his mother, which you have no right to do at that time. She is too tired and is enjoying a well-earned rest. Don't make any noise; you might awaken his sister, whom we wish to keep on

the farm as much as the boys. Lie still and rest lest you awaken yourself and thus do yourself an injury and an injustice, as well as your family."

It is that last sentence I wish to emphasize. The hard-working farmer is doing himself an injustice as well as disgracing the whole family with country life. We will get on just as fast in the world if we take it easier. The hard-working man is not a non-thinking man. That explains it.

And just here let me put in the hired man's side of the case. He will stay with you longer and serve you better if you rise at a decent hour and quit in time to have a couple of hours for pleasure and recreation in the evening.—"Another Hired Man."

Salaries for the Family.—Why should the earning capacity of wife and children be rated at so low a figure? How many farmers would be willing to pay for the labor performed by the average family? They have assumed in his mind merely the character of very useful adjuncts to the farm work. Many an otherwise kind father would snap at the idea of a stated salary being paid to one of the boys similar to that paid the hired man, and if the wife wishes a spring bonnet the eggs or butter must be brought into play.—Mrs. J. Bains.

THE COOK'S CORNER

Recipes for publication are requested. Inquiries regarding cooking, recipes, etc., gladly answered upon request, to the Editorial Editor, Farm and Dairy, Petersboro, Ont.

CREAMED OYSTERS

To one quart of oysters take one pint of cream or sweet milk; thicken with a little flour, as for gravy; when cooked pour in the oysters with liquor; pepper, salt and butter the mixture. Have ready a platter with slices of nicely browned toast, pour creamed oysters on toast and serve hot.

BAKED CUSTARD

Beat four eggs slightly, add one-half cup of sugar and one-fourth teaspoon of salt, pour on slowly four cups of scalded milk, strain into a buttered mold, set in a pan of hot water. Sprinkle with nutmeg, and bake in a slow oven until firm.

FIG PUDDING

Half pound suet, one pound figs, chopped; one pound bread crumbs, half pound sugar, one egg, one nutmeg, half teaspoonful of baking soda; grease the tin mould well; boil three hours tied in a cloth; it requires milk enough to moisten it; one cup of flour; to be eaten with wine sauce.

WINTER SPONGE

Take four eggs, two cups of sugar, two coffee cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls cream tartar, two-thirds of a cup boiling water, and lemon to flavor; add the water last; pour into a pan and place into a well-heated oven. This, though apparently very thin, will come from the oven a most delightful cake.

FRUIT CAKE

Two pounds of raisins, stoned, two pounds of currants, one pound of butter, one pound sugar, one and one-quarter pounds of flour, ten eggs, one glass of brandy, one quart of wine, one tablespoon of cloves, one tablespoon of allspice, two tablespoons of cinnamon, one nutmeg, one teaspoon of sweet almond-meats blanched and cut in slices, two ounces caraway seed, two ounces citron, a little molasses improves it, nearly a tea-cup; flour the fruit, using it out of that weighed out for the cake; put a half teaspoonful of soda or one teaspoonful of good baking powder with it on the fruit; bake three hours slowly.

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