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The Makers' Corner

Butter and Cheese Makers are in-vited to send contributions to this department, to ask questions on matters relating to cheese making, and to suggest subjects for discus-

Ready for the Winter

OST Canadian factories close in fall and remain vacant for several months. Unless proper precautions are taken, a serious de-terioration of equipment may occur during the idle season. Some of the points to be attended to are mentioned by the cheese expert of "Chicago Dairy Produce." The directions that

Dairy Produce." The directions that he gives for winter are as follow: "When the factory is to be closed for a few months, it is particularly important that all utensils and ma-chinery should be scrupulously cleanchinery should be scrupulously clean-ed. Naturally every maker aims at keeping his utensils clean all the time, but the cleaning necessary for daily use is not sufficient for winter storing. The acidity contained in the whey with which all factory tools come in contact, causes rust to set in at an alarming rate, unless precau-tions are taken. This is most notice-

special resistance during the constant heating of summer making. Vats are heating of summer making. Vats are especially inclined to rust at the point where the faucets are placed. The casual bending and straining of the faucet often causes the tip to become cracked and broken, and while it may not leak, the surface is injured and forms an opening for rust to set in, especially while not in use.

"In factories where steam is used, the same precautions apply. To this is added the proper care of the boiler and the piped connections. It is very unwise indeed to leave the piping con-nected during a period of idleness. Wherever it is possible, disconnect the piping and after thoroughly cleaning it, stand it on end for the winter. The little sediment forming at the connec-tions that is almost unnoticed when in operation, quickly forms scales and rust when not in use. Anyone familiar with the running of a boiler will know at once what this important part of the equipment requires.

Use Paint Liberally.

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"It is also a good plan to paint the iron parts of the presses and vats with a good kind of iron paint or enamel at this time of the year. Most factorymen seem to prefer to do their painting in the spring, just before the busy season begins. This is, of course, very well. But it may just



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and washed until they are bright all over. Then they should be thoroughly dried and a light coat of grease applied before being set aside. The greasing of the hoops may seem oldfashioned to some, but experience in-dicates that this old-fashioned way is still the best one to keep them from rusting. Secondly, the hoops should be placed in a dry room with no chance of the moisture accumulating. This is especially to be observed where the factories operate all winter, and only part of the equipment is

Vat Treatment "The vats likewise need attention. It is perhaps needless to call attention to the necessity of draining the water out of the self-heating vats. But this is not all that is necessary to keep the vats from wearing out more in winter than they do in summer. The dampness of the water compartwill cause rusting to go on very quickly, unless special corrective measures are taken. It is a good plan to take the milk pan out of the vat-stand and to turn it upside down over the lower part of the vat. In order to ensure no corrosion, either use the greasing plan, or else apply a coat of paint to the outside of the milkpan. This will also help to give the pan

able on the hoops, which will corrode as well be done in the fall, and will more or less during the time not in serve to keep the things right for the use, unless the strictest preventives winter. A good washing in the spring are used. Hoops stored for the win-will give the equipment that is nainter should first be thoroughly scraped of a few months before, just as will give the equipment that is naint-ed a few months before, just as bright an appearance as if it were painted then

The curd mill is another item that needs special attention. The hopper needs special attention. The hopper of the mill often comes into contact with the salt, either in salting or in milling after the curd is partially salted. A generous greasing of the hopper and knives in necessary when storing the curdmilling her salting the salting that the salting the salting that the salting the salting that the salting that

"Supplies should also be put away with care. Rennet must be kept tightly corked, or it will lose its strength and cause you to miscalculate later Color must also be kept corked and from freezing. Other supplies must be kept in a dry place. Natur-ally no rules can be laid down, but in storing equipment for the winter it is well to remember that 'an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure.'"

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A RE you of the opinion, James," asked a slim-looking man of his companion, "that Dr. Smith's medicine does any good?" "Not unless you follow the direc-

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