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### Notes for Farmers.

**CALF FEEDING.**—"For a number of years I have had most of my cows drop their calves in the late fall, or early winter," says Duncan C. Anderson of Rugby, Ontario; "and I have come to the conclusion that there is a decided gain in so doing. The milking season is lengthened; cows coming in fresh before Christmas by liberal feeding in winter, milk nearly as well in the early summer when the pastures are at their best, as cows that come in fresh in March. We milk ten months, giving the cows two months' rest. They are rested in the early fall, when the pastures are at their poorest. At that time the grass is generally dry, parched and burned up. As we raise on the skim milk one calf to each cow, it is very important that the cows should have two months' rest of the twelve. When the cows are milked to within a couple of weeks of calving they get no chance to recuperate. The calf generally comes with a weakened vitality, and does not make as rapid or satisfactory a growth in the first six months, as when the cow has had a fair period for recuperation. After a long term of experience I have come to the conclusion, considering the increased price of winter butter, the long milking season, resting when the grass is poor, that in winter dairying cows give at least 25 per cent. more milk in the season than if they came in fresh in the spring months. Again an early winter of fall calf is quite as heavy at two and one half years as a spring calf is at three years old. There is a gain of six months in the calf, the reason for this being that it is weaned off the milk in June, goes on to grass, is fed a little grain or meal all summer, and in the fall it is a good strong lusty yearling, and winters much better than a spring calf, which is just weaned in the fall and goes into winter.

When a calf is dropped it is not good practice to allow the cow to fondle and lick her offspring. When the separation does take place there is always a disturbance in the cow stable; the mother gets excited, and some nervous cows remain so for the best part of a week. Better results are obtained by removing the new born calf without allowing the mother to lick it. Rub it dry with a wisp of straw. Put it into a roomy, dry, warm pen, free from frosts and drafts, and give it no milk for the first twelve hours. When a calf is hungry it is not nearly so much trouble to teach it to drink. The first two weeks it should have a quart of whole milk three times a day, care being taken that the noon milk is warmed to new milk heat. For the next three weeks half a quart of skim milk should be added to the whole milk at each meal. When the calf gets to be five weeks old, discontinue the noon milk, also the whole milk, giving about three quarts of skim milk twice a day. By this time the stomach will be strong enough to assimilate and digest other food. The noon meal should then be pulped roots, chopped oats and well saved clover hay. If a separator is not used and the milk is set in shallow pans or deep setting cans, it should always be warmed up to new milk heat before being fed. If it is fed cold or too hot it is apt to produce bloating and scours. When, through careless feeding, scouring is allowed to become chronic there is no remedy. When a calf is not doing well break an egg into its milk; this acts as a tonic and adds strength to its ration.

To supplement the loss of butter

fat in milk, take for twelve calves over two months old four cups of flax seed put it into a common stove pot and fill up with water. Do this after dinner and allow it to simmer all afternoon and evening. Next morning boil smartly for about one half hour, stir in some wheat flour until the mixture is about the consistency of thin porridge. A calf three months old will take a cup full of this flax seed tea porridge in its skim milk. The flour is used to counteract the loosening effects of the flax seed. Care must be used at first not to overfeed, but to work up gradually to what I have mentioned, with skim milk, flax seed tea, roots, chopped oats and clover hay, and with comfortable warm pens kept clean and bedded. Calves can in this way be raised much more profitably in winter than in summer. When a separator is used it is best to skim the froth off the skimmed milk and not feed it to the young calves, especially those under three months. It has a tendency to disturb the normal action of the stomach, and set up scours. Whenever a calf is scouring reduce the quantity of skim milk. Be careful to have the pail from which the calves are fed as clean as possible. With skim milk at the right temperature fed out of pails as clean as your milking pails, in not too large quantities and fed regularly, there will be but little trouble from calves scouring.

In warm weather calves should be kept in during the day time, and turned out in the evening. Thus they will avoid the hot sun and flies. Whole or chopped oats should be fed. A mixture of whole and chopped oats, about a cupful twice a day for an ordinary sized calf on good pasture, will be sufficient. For fall feeding until the roots are harvested, there is nothing to green corn run through the cutting box and mixed with some chopped oats.

The main point in calf feeding is to never allow them to stop growing, and in the case of beef animals to keep them in good flesh. In feeding calves, as in every system of feeding, the extremes of over and under feeding are to be avoided. Continuous, regular, liberal feeding always brings the most profit, and the best practical results. F. W. Hodson, Live Stock Commissioner.

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The school of housekeeping in Berlin was the first, and still takes the lead both in the plan of work and in its execution. It was founded by Frau Hedwig Heyl, with the active co-operation of the Empress Frederick. When people looked askance at the school and objected that the place for girls to learn Frau Heyl replied that if they wished to advance the standards of living, to make use of the investigations of the bacteriologist and sanitary chemist, to the end that the dwelling might be more healthful and the food more nourishing, then instruction from people who were making a life study of these subjects was indispensable.

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milk. The combination would be nothing more than a poor, unsatisfying milk and water mixture containing almost no nourishment. Its effect is impaired nutrition. There might even be enough of the gelatine held in solution to hurt the infantile digestion. Gelatine is used medicinally in large quantities to stay internal hemorrhages, and the effect of even a small amount of the gluey substance on the blood vessels of an infant could not but be injurious if the milk supply amounted to a quart a day, as in the case of a healthy baby. The only certain test is analysis by a skilled chemist.

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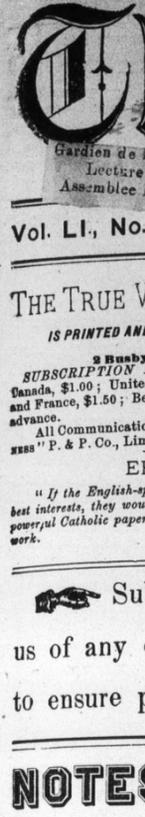
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