DAIRY.

DURY COWS.

BY A CONTRIBUTOR. Il fore getting the cases served there are many imp reant questions to be considered. If there is a heifer in the herd, at what age should she drop her first calf? Is there an aged cow, at what period does she ceaso to be profisable for the dairy? Does the firmer want to ruise beef or dairy stock, or Loes he want to combine these industries by raising a class of a imals suitable for all purper al. New is the time to determine the character of the herd for all time to come. In sections where only one breed exists, and where only one line of live stock industry prevail, there can be no difficulty in selecting a sire; but in an all-purpose district where there are different stamps of native cows, as well as different breeds it would frequently pay to go a score of miles in search of a desirable sire. It is against the laws of animal comony that perfection can be attained both in the milking and the berfing qua'i ties of the same breed. Even if an equipoise were once established, it could not be maintained until a much profounder knowle 'ge of the breeding art than usually exists in the farming communities he first acquired. A cow that keeps in a uniformly good coudit on carries on her bones an investment sunk for years, which would have yielded quick and profitable returns had it been converted into milk or young. In beefers the desirability of early maturity cannot be questioned; but in dairy stock care must be taken not to do violence to cor flicting laws. If early maturity in the later be encouraged, fecundity becomes impaired by the process of high rearing; if the feeding be moderate or scanty, a late maturing propensity will be developed in the offering. Our conditions not naturally favoring early maturity, the question of maternity should incline more to the third than to the second year, even in the lighter classes of dairy cows. The principle involved is thie: A heifer rationally fed always assimilates a uniform percentage of her food, and if she is served while immature, a portion of the nourishment which should have been expended in building up her frame is transformed into young, whereby either the mother or the calf, or both, must suffer in development; and while she is giving milk, there still remains a double strain on her system. It will not do to avoid this by milking her spaningly the first season, for then her udder and secretory vessels would remain but partially developed, and her usefulness for the dairy would be checked. There is still auother violation of the same principle amongst farmers and dairymen. Forgetting that a calf is nothing but condensed milk, they sometimes expect the cow to give as large a yield of milk all the year round as if she were not pregnant. If their expectations were realized, how could there be a calf? Hence the desirability of latting her dry aix or eight weeks before calving. What is lost in milk is gained in the calf; and in this case the "quick returns" argument has no weight; in fact the slower the returns, within certain limits, the greater the final profit. Auother adventage in allowing seifer to mature before dropping her faulf is that the period of her dairy usefulness will be lengthened. Having a beefing propensity, she cannot be profitably kept for the dairy after her sixth year, while, if she is exclu- time I'll have. I don't mean to work any

sively of a milking stamp, and allowed to mature before parturition, she will be profitable tid her eighth or even tenth year. It costs considerable more to fatten old that young a imals. The most profitable set we in the production of beef ceases between the fifteenth and eighteenth month of the animal's age. A wellfed beefing grade will guin an average of 2 25 peauds per day during the first eighteen months of its life, whole in its sixth year it will scarcely goin a pound a day, proving that it cannot be profitably fed at this age, for the reason that it will be more profitable to feed at an earlier period. The same principle holds good with regard to the production of milk; that is, although a cow may yield ever so much profit, the investment may in one sense be regarded as a loss so long as the same quantity of food invested in another cow would produce a still greater profit. If the cow is old, and belongs to a beefing breed, the loss is ruinous. Deal peremptorily with superannuated cowe.

The most desirable qualities of a dairy ow are large digestive organs, indicated by a tuli barrel; a wedgy frame; a large, well formed udder; large, winding milk veine; a gentle disposition, and a sound constitution.

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The patron who will bring impure or imperfect milk to the factory, is like a passenger boring holes in the ship which keeps him and all the others affoat.

"IT WAS HIS LAST FIGHTS TRAVEL

"Yes, sir, I am going home to see my folks in New York," said a young man as best he could between his frequent spells of paneful coughing. Hits face was thin and each of his cheeks dotted with a small pink spot; his eyes were bright but nunken; his hands limp and fleehless; his voice hollow and his breath short. "I've been out West a couple of years, sir; went out for my health, which was poor. I got better, a good deal better, and went to work. Think I must have worked too bard, as I was anxious to get enough money ahead to build a mee house for somebody from back in New York. Authow I got sick again and concluded to go home. But I'll pick up wonderful after I get there, I'm sure I will. Toere's mother, you know, to take care of mr, make beef-les. for me, and herb medicine. And she'll undress me and put me to bed until I get strong enough to do it myself. I haven't been undressed for five nights. Father'll buy me everything I.want, and there's old Nell, my favorite horse-I'll drive her around tili I am able to get on her back as I used to. And there's the somebody I spoke of -she'll be there, too, and I know I shall get well when I'm with her. What a nice

for two or three months-but walk about the dear old place, help father feed the calves, watch the pigs ent in the barnyard, ride old Nell up and down the lane and over the fields, sit and fish for base down at the pool, and go bathing in the creek just the same as I did when I was a boy. And I must go to the old school boute too-the cld school-house where I went for ten years except during harvest and haying. And the whit; church house at the corners -won't the folks be surprise 1 to see me there next Sunday? Yes, sir, I am going home, and it makes me to happy I feel almost well again. I think a night's rest on one of mother's feather beds with my clothes off will make a new man of me. Good night, sir, if you're going. Only one night more travelling for me. I'll be home in the morning."

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At the station next morning were the young man's friends to meet him with a carriage. The conductor had talegraphed them at midnight. They were sobbing. The carriage were black plumes. Its occupant was lifted from the baggage car. "Old Nell" was litched near by with the family better the state of t chaise, in which eat a young girl with her face between her her hands. At the white church up at the corners the next Sabbath they were surprised to see hith.



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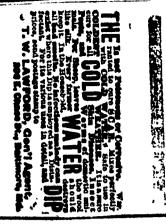
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