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We will pay you the highest prices in the market. Write to us and we will tell you how to ship it. Mention this magazine.

About the Farm.

Old Billy the Horse.

Somebody once said, Billy ought to be

dead, "Old Billy," the horse, you know; The faithful old horse, so noble and true, Because he was old and slow.

"Kill old Billy," old "uncle Billy?" Not while his master can tend him; His first owner is gone, no more to re-

And his second will ever defend him.

With old "uncle Billy" we don't want to be silly, But the old fellow shall have good care For the work he has done, in the past

for one Whose wishes we ever will share.

"Old Billy," you see, you belong to me, And you well deserve a pension; And that you shall have as long as I

In good feed and special attention.

Dairy Notes.

Get rid of the dog that nags the cows. A sensible, trained dog is valuable on the farm, but a troublesome \$2.00 pup will often cause you many dollars in loss in milking.

The person who has never owned a dairy separator cannot begin to appreciate the great advantage from a labor standpoint and the profit that such ownership gives. It has been estimated that any one who owns five or more cows can not afford to be with-out a separator. The separator has gotten past the experimental stage and is today one of the most recessary pieces of machinery on the farm.

Hand Separators.

A reader of the Western Home Month-ly writes :---"I have used a farm cream separator for eight months and can say that they are all right. What I like about them is that they save a lot of work in handling the milk because you have only the cream to take care of instead of the whole milk. In the summer you must haul milk every day and then it sours once in awhile, but if you haul cream to the creamery it is only necessary to go every two days. One great advantage in handling cream is that you can drive to the creamery with it and only stop a few minutes to unload and then go back to your work again, but when you take whole milk to the factory there are probably ten or fifteen teams ahead of you and some have good sized loads and of course you must wait for your turn. Then everything is liable to go wrong in the factory. Any time a belt may break, or sour milk will clog a bowl, or other trouble will arise, and before you get away the best part of the forenoon is gone. It is no fun to stop at a creamery for several hours in real cold or hot weather.

Another advantage is that one horse and any old rig will do to haul one or two cans of cream but if you haul whole milk you need a team and a wagon. Besides this you get more cream from a hand separator, because

house nothing can be cleaner than sep-arated milk with the cream put back into it. The only disadvantage I can see about the hand separator is the extra work it takes to turn the machine and wash it, but with the separator you do not have so many milk cans to wash and no milk tank to bother with. You can feed your milk at once and be done with it. As to what make of machine to buy I think they all do the work well but the best is the cheapest in the long run.

Handling the Young Calves.

The best calf feeders are agreed that the young calves will do far better in the barn during the first summer of their existence than on pasture. See that they have comfortable quarters adjoining a good lot for exercise and a cool dark place where they can go away from the flies. Get them to eating dry feed and grain as soon as possible and feed them skim milk as long as they seem to do well on it and relish it. For dry feed there is nothing better than good clean clover hay, oats and bran. It is not necessary to get them fat, but they ought to be kept in good growing condition and putting on weight every day.

New Milk Record.

Another remarkable milk and butter record has been made by a Guernsey cow. This time it is the two-year-old. Dolly Dimple, a daughter of the fa-mous Dolly Bloom, an indication of the worth of good blood. Her year's record as a two-year-old is 14,009.13 pounds of milk, showing a butter fat content of 703.36 pounds, equivalent to 820.59 pounds of commercial butter. Dolly Dimple has not only beaten the world's two-year-old butter fat record by over 3.500 pounds butter fat record by over 3,500 pounds but has proven by over 160 pounds and the milk record herself such a great producer that there are but seven cows of the breed of any age that have exceeded this heifer's production. The test was held under the supervision of the Massa-chusetts Experiment Station.

Poultry Pointers.

Plenty of fresh, outdoor air in the . poultry house from this time forward will improve the health and productiveness of the fowls.

Stale bread moistened with milk is one of the best first foods for little chicks, little ducks and little turkeys, but the milk must be sweet and the bread not moldy.

It is best to kill all the weak chicks when they are taken from the nests or out of the incubator. To try to make a chick grow well when it is without sufficient strength at the start incurs a useless expense, and in some cases is actual cruelty to the chick.

It is not advisable to wash duck eggs that are intended for hatching, for washing seems to remove a sort of a glutinous coating from the shell which nature meant should remain there. It is better to keep the duck pens clean so that the eggs will not require washing.



Disease germs of all kinds, especially those of the head and throat, find an excellent abiding place in the drink dishes in the poultry yard. To prevent germs of disease passing from one fowl to another through this medium, the vessels should be thoroughly scalded with boiling water at least twice

Well fed and cared for fowls and chicks which have plenty of charcoal where they can reach it at any time se'dom have digestive troubles. The ordinary charcoal sifted from ashes from the wood burning stoves is all right for the purpose. or specially burnt charcoal may be had from poultry supply dealers at fair prices.