

has become improverished and must be assisted in order to make farming more profitable.

I do hope that gentlemen who attend Farmers' Institutes will take this matter up and investigate, and I have no fear of the result, which will be a prosperity in farming not hitherto dreamed of, the crops increased 50 per cent., and with little extra labor to effect the result.

Farmers, test it for yourselves this spring, and don't wait for your neighbors to try; do it yourself.—Toronto, Ont. W. L. SCOTT.

A hoss-trade ain't like anythin' else. A feller may be straighter'n a string in ev'rythin' else an' never tell the truth—that is, the hull truth—about a hoss. I trade hosses with hoss traders. They all think they know as much as I do, an' I dunno but what they do. They hain't learnt no diff'rent anyway, an' they've had chances enough. If a feller came to me that didn't think he knowed anythin' about a hoss, an' wanted to buy on the square, he'd git, fur's I knew, square treatment. At any rate, I'd tell all't I knew. But when one o' them smart slicks comes along an' cal'lates to do up old Dave, why he's got to take his chances; that's all.—*David Harum*.

## Household Matters.

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I am told by the Editor of this journal that during the last month he has had numerous enquiries as to the way to make Devonshire cream.

He has written an article all about it which appeared in the last number.

Now as I have had quite a bit of practical experience, learnt through the Editor, (the journal was not in existence in those days), I have thought by speaking about it, somebody might be induced to profit by the present demand for this delicious luxury.

We are living in an extravagant time, where anything really good will fetch its own value.

When I made Devonshire cream my working tools were of the most primitive kind.

The use of the kitchen stove, pans to set the milk in, about the size of a pail but much larger ound the top than the bottom, a large crock or

jar to keep the cream in, one wooden stick to stirr the cream into butter, which I made about 3 times a week as the process is a very short one. This was my stock in trade, but the result was just as good as if I had tools of the most elaborate kind, only rather more troublesome, but I was young in those days and filled with a desire to do what I undertook to do well. When the milk came from the cows, after straining it was divided equally among so many pans, so that each one should receive the same treatment; these were put away in the cellar for from 16 to 24 hours, according to the weather; then they were carefully carried to the kitchen stove for treatment, where they were slowly allowed to warm up till a round ring formed in the cream the same size as the bottom of the pan and this is the most anxious time of the whole process. A constant watch must be kept up to avoid the breaking of one of these rings which will be of a very pale, fawnish colour when well done. Cool down the fire so that there shall be no increase of heat, and when the pans have settled for about 15 minutes let them be taken back from whence they came to stand for their allotted time. It will require a firm strong pair of arms to convey the pans to and from the stove so as to avoid disturbing the cream, these I always had at my disposal in the shape of a strong willing country girl who acted as cook at this time. It was a great pleasure at skimming time to take off the lovely thick, rich cream.

I hope some strong farmer's daughter will take hold of this and give it a fair trial. I am quite sure it will pay, and the milk after skimming is so good that it would fetch a fair price, and this will compare well with some of watery fluids often sold as fresh milk.

## DRESS AND THE COMPLEXION.

How is it that as many women will wear colours that are fashionable without considering whether they are becoming or not? A woman who wishes to look at her best, should study what colours best suit her complexion, and should not be persuaded into any others. Dark-complexioned women, who are inclined to sallowness, will find yellow will improve their appearance greatly. Yellow, generally speaking, is a most becoming shade for nearly all brunettes. Fair women have the greatest choice in colours,