



The B-L-K Milker

A Description

The machine consists of a strong, heavily tinned steel pal, on the top of which is a metal cover, termed the pulerator. It fits loosely on a gasket that makes an air tight joint when the suction is on. A nipple projecting from the suction fitter on the pulerator connects the pail by a hose with the stanchion cock on the pipe line.

Each Pulerator Milks Two Cows at One Time

Two pieces of hose connect two cocks on the pulerator with two groups of four teat cups each. The metal teat cup with its rubber mouthpiece fits over the teat and is held in place by the suction. The pulerator alternately makes and breaks the vacuum, first drawing the milk from the teat, then allowing a fresh supply to enter. This exactly imitates the calf's sucking, and is a more natural action than that of the hand.

As the milk is drawn from the teats it is sucked into the pail. An inspection glass in the milk passage permits the operator to see when the milk flow stops. From 12 to 18 cows per hour can be milked with one pulerator, depending upon the way in which it is handled, and an operator can care for two, or under some conditions, three pulsators.

An accurate account of each cow's yield and the quality of the milk can be kept by using the partition type milker.

The amount of space at our disposal in this issue limits the information in this announcement, but if you'll drop us a card we'll gladly send you our literature on the B-L-K Milker and Simplex Separator.

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THERE is no good reason why the farms of Eastern Canada should not provide happy and prosperous homes for an intelligent and independent yeomanry, their country's pride and strength. But our cities are filled with idlers and loafers, many of whom will not work and some who cannot find work. Meanwhile untold acres call loudly for labor. Waste and want go hand in hand; fruit rots in the orchards while able-bodied men wait their turn to be fed at soup kitchens.

All these are marks of a decadent civilization, marks of social decay, signs of bad omen, what the old Hebrew prophets would call outpourings of the wrath of God, indications that the animating spirit of our economic life is pagan and not Christian. Normally the economic life of a people may be represented by a pyramid at whose broad base are the primary industries (chief among which is agriculture), with the secondary industries built upon them. In Canada we have stilted our secondary industries to such an extent that the fundamental industries are tottering beneath the load. Our pyramid has become unstable and threatens to fall in ruin.

THE SPIRIT OF GREED

Essentially the prime cause of the menacing conditions to which I have referred in the spirit of greed that has permeated our economic life. The industrial revolution by the centralization of industry has made it possible for the few to exploit the labor of the many. An antiquated political system extolled by those interested in concealing its weaknesses has allowed legislative bodies to become mere tools in the hands of the big interests, and special legislative favors have been showered upon those who have become masters of the situation. Our country's natural resources of forest and mineral wealth have been largely alienated and exploited for private gain; and in many cases have been wasted. Orderly settlement and profitable cultivation in the West have been retarded and hampered in every direction by the speculative holding of land. Combinations in restraint of trade have grown up under the protection of the tariff and are levying a heavy tax upon productive industry. Our national policy has deliberately and persistently ordered urban industries at the expense of rural. Our cities have grown with lavish hands, not because their growth has provided advantages for the average city resident, but because it gave opportunity to the big interests and big land owners to exploit the labor of a large number of workers and to gather into their own pockets the unearned increment.

A class of idle rich has grown up in our cities, to whose love of ostentation commerce and industry are now pandering. Enervated and miserable specimens of humanity rush about the country in great cars, flaunt their wealth in our faces, tear up our roads, and cast their dust upon our fields. I have been particularly impressed by the character of the advertisements carried in the large city newspapers during the last 10

years, and have noticed a very marked increase in the appeals that are made to women, who, apparently, have no social domestic duties, and who spend their lives in touring the world seeking pleasure. These idle rich not only withdraw themselves from useful social services, but they take others to cater to their own fancies, thereby still further increasing the burden of the workers. Their extravagance and follies have corrupted the ideals and tastes of many of our poorer young people, who are Doubtless the last 30 years has seen a great increase in the production of material good things, and has raised our standard of living in certain respects, but it has also increased inequality, made the millionaire and pauper classes more conspicuous, and lowered the quality of our social life for gross inequality (always the result of idleness) degrades those at both ends of the social ladder, injustice and legal robbery, therefore, is the prime cause of the impoverishment of rural life. Failure to recognize and obey this law has brought inevitable penalties.

AGRICULTURE NOT SUFFICIENTLY REWARDED

How has this operated towards rural depopulation in several ways. First, by increasing the burden of taxation upon agriculture; for, be it remembered, the workers feed, clothe and house the idlers, and the consuming capacity of some idlers is incredible. Doubtless farmers are making somewhat better financial returns for their labor than they were 30 years ago. Nevertheless, I believe it to be true that farmers generally get smaller returns for their labor than do the members of any other class. This is not a mere guess, it is borne out by exact agricultural survey work. The burden of the tariff, the burden of subsidizing railway and other corporations, the burden of higher transportation rates, the burden of graft and extravagance in officialdom and the burden of the speculative advance in land values—all of these fall upon productive society and very heavily upon agriculture. The city workman, the professional classes and the capitalists are organized for self protection. But the farmer class is at yet largely unorganized. They neither fix the price at which they sell nor the price at which they buy. They constitute the ultimate burden bearer of society.

CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC TASTE

The second way in which economic injustice has hastened rural depopulation is by the corruption of social tastes, ideals and morals. The influence of the press in its "Society" columns and sporting pages, which, by the way, now deal with little genuine sport—the influence of the schools in which adaptation to rural needs is retarded by an exaggerated estimate of mercantile and so-called manufacturing pursuits, and the insidious influence of the millionaire class, all contribute to magnify the gulf, and to drive the city and the farmer, the impoverishment of rural social life, due to economic causes, itself

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