

TUBERCULOSIS IN EUROPE.

The present condition of bovine tuberculosis in Europe is briefly discussed by Prof. H. W. Conn in Bulletin No. 19 of the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station just issued, and the following important conclusions are reached:

1. The passage of tuberculosis from man to animal, or from animal to man, must be regarded as not a common method of dissemination. Bovine tuberculosis and human tuberculosis, though produced by the same bacillus, represent two separate problems.

2. Bovine tuberculosis has assumed alarming proportions in regions of Northern Europe, more than half the animals being infected.

3. The only efficient method of combating the disease among cattle is by separation of healthy from infected animals, either by isolation or slaughter.

4. To determine whether any cattle in a herd are infected and ought to be isolated from the others, it is necessary to resort to the tuberculin test. This test should be used to aid the farmer in building up a healthy herd, but not to condemn all reacting animals to slaughter.

5. The history of tuberculosis in European herds will be the history of our own herds unless our farmers wake up to the necessity of battling with the disease at once

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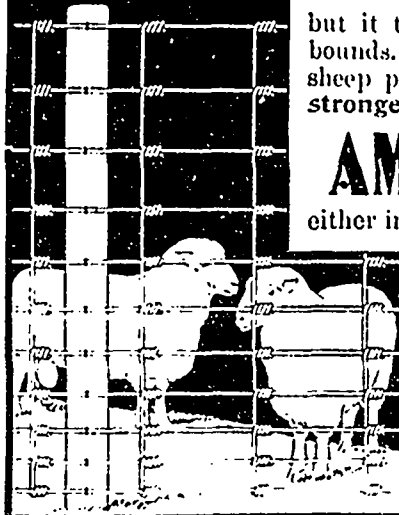
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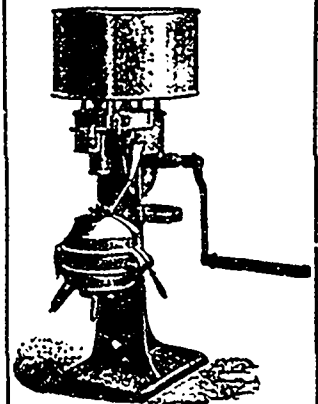
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