

TRAINING OF THE UDDER

"USE AND DISUSE"

The udder is extremely sensitive and particularly to the milking manipulations.

The action of stimulating milk secretion, will cause the udder to be of a larger secreting capacity. This organ is like the others; the more it works, the more it can work, the more milk it secretes, the more it is capable of secreting.

The udder can be trained in three ways :

1.—By stripping completely. There will be an increase of milk which will be of better quality. Quality will be affected because the first milk drawn from the udder is very poor and the last is very rich. Following analysis were made by MM. Raquet and Lapautre of the Agricultural Institute of Gembloux. The milk contained:

- 1.7 per cent fat for the 1st portion drawn
- 1.9 per cent fat for the 2nd portion drawn
- 2.1 per cent fat for the 3rd portion drawn
- 2.5 per cent fat for the 4th portion drawn
- 3.3 per cent fat for the 5th portion drawn
- 4.8 per cent fat for the 6th portion drawn
- 5.6 per cent fat for the 7th portion drawn
- 7.5 per cent fat for the 8th portion drawn

In stripping well, the richest milk is drawn.