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Cow Comforts.

It needs little of servation and inquiry to convince one's self that about the hardest doctrine to get dairymen to comprehend is bodily comfort for the milch cow, and that it is comfort in fullest degree that enables the cow to give profitable messes of milk for her owner. In some way it seems milk for her owner. In some way it seems to be an inherited sort of wisdom, with thousands of farmers who are dependent upon their herds for their incomes, to insist that constitution and vitality are things naturally foreign to a cow, and can only be acquired by exposure to cold, frost, biting winds, and chilling storms, an alternating freezing and thawing process, conspicuous about which is unlimited amounts of northwest wind. The facts are that these men never stop to observe anything, or make comparisons. They fail to see that hot June weather, with its green grass, is ideal dairy weather, and carries with it health and comfort to the cow, and later on charge the shrinkage of milk to everything but the real causedried, ripe grass and flies. When the fall months come, with cold rains and frosts, they cannot see that a cold, raw wind will, and does, dry the cows; a cold rain shrinks them, because they use more food for fuel and less goes into the pail. These men again fail to realize that when the cow is made very comfortable and warm in the disagreeable weather of fall and early winter, and the feed approximates summer conditions, the cow keeps right on giving June messes, showing conclusively that it was lack of comfort that caused the shrinkage in the other instance, and not because of the fall of silver bullion. One of the beauties of this conferring

comfort upon a milch cow is that it costs very little beyond a little labor at odd times to secure it. Stables can be made warm; glass will make them light; mulch, straw, road dust, land plaster and the like will keep the floors dry, and clean and free from odors, if they are otherwise cared for, and halters and the newer swing ties enable the cows to live in a fashion of freedom unknown to the occupants of the rigid stanchion. In another respect, comrigid stancinon. In another respect, com-fort can be extended to the cows, and that is in regular feeding, and a full, satisfying feed each time, and then allowing the cows ample time to digest and assimilate it before adding another feed. The cow's time of actual eating is when she is chewing her cud, and the comfort a cow takes at this period is most essential to after profit in product. We believe that feeding twice is all a cow requires in twenty-four hours to best secure comfort for herself, and we are "dead against" the practice of allowing cows to roam the pastures and meadows in the winter in pursuit of fog feed. The winter milch cow is not benefitted by roaming the fields and filling up on the weathered and frosted last season's herbage. The appearance of a dairy that forages in the winter, as compared with a well-housed and well-fed dairy, is answer direct that the practice is a defenceless one, and that it is far more profitable to bring the feed to the cow than to send the A Convincing Free Offer.

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All that a cow is required to do for herself in the way of protection out of normal is at the expense of her owner—increased amount of fuel food, or shrinkage of milk, and it is noticed that a shrinkage of milk from lack of providing comfort is accompanied with a loss of flesh. "Cows getting thin, and I can't account for it," the excuse is generally worded. Cows adjust themselves to the conditions under which cow after worthless food. Some men argue that succulent food is not a natural

they are placed, and if exposed to fall wind and winter weather they grow coats of hair, and symptoms of times of "hollow horn" and wolf-in-the-tail, remedied only when t'ie moon sign is right, in May, and

grass is abundant.

This must be remembered by man, that the cow is a mother, if she is a beast; and everything which can contribute to the comfort of that mother cow is in the line of better milk production; warmth, suc-culent foods, freedom from chilling blasts cuient toods, treecom from chaining onsus and congealing rains, plenty of grains on the side of oats, bran, oil meal, and the like, to supply proteans, out of which to make milk; plenty of fuel along the line of clover hay, nice corn fodder, and starchy foods and kind words and treatment. With all these our mother cow becomes a creature of beneficence, and better by far in her gifts, because we have tried to un-derstand her, and accord her the sort of comfort and substance that is in keeping with her nature as a mother cow. And here hangs the law and the profits of modern and successful dairying.—(Aurora.

[Dairy and Beef Cows. The dairyman must fully understand that the most profitable dairy cow is the one that is the best mother, and the feed-ing and care of the young helfer must be such as will best develop the mother func-tions. Some farmers find beef production the most profitable, and when this is the case they want an animal that converts food into flesh, but in a dairy animal dairy production is what is wanted. An animal that by breeding and feeding has had the beef type eliminated, puts the food over and above what is necessary to sustain animal life into milk. We may secure a fairly good dairy and beef animal combined, one that after calving will give a fairly good quantity of milk and then when dried up will, if well fed with proper ration, grow fat. But when we want a cow that will yield above the average in milk production she will lack in some of the essentials needed in the most profitable dairy animal. Feeding will make some difference, but breeding will make more.

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