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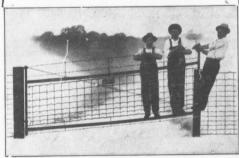
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Suggestions on Cair recoing
F. H. Scribner, Wisconsin, U.S.A.
Nature has provided something in
the first milk that is very essential
in getting the cair's digestive machinery started right, and I think it
should be permitted to have it. We
usually leave the calf with the cova
couple of days, until it is nicely
straightened up, then comes the most
important time in the life of the calf,
when we take upon ourselves its feed important time in the life of the ealt, when we take upon ourselves its feed and care; and here is where we want to exercise a lot of kindness and gentleness, for if we are impatient and rough in our treatment with them they will distrust and fear us, and the chances are they never will forget those first lessons and impressions. A cow never will do her best unless she has perfect confidence in us.

It is an old saying that you can catch more flies with molasses than with vinegar; so you can do more by coaxing than driving. When teach-ing the calf to drink, don't push its head into the pail; wet your fingers in the milk and let it suck, and coax its head into the pail, and usually the second or third time it will drink of its own accord.

ESSENTIALS

These are three essentials at this These are three essentials at this time: The quantity of milk, the temperature, and quality Calves are injured more by not observing carefully these rules for the first few weeks of their lives than any other way. At this age their little stomachs are not strong, and a little care exercised at this time often means the difference between an unprofitable and a profitable animal.

The amount of feed at this time will depend largely on the calf and somewhat on the nature of the milk. somewhat on the nature of the mins.
This amount must be determined by
the feeder, but this precaution is always advisable—better to begin carefully and work up to what they can
handle, rather than to begin with a
large amount and get them off their
feet and then have to commence all over again. DON'T GUESS AT THE FEED

The amount to be fed should not be determined by guesswork, but by actual weighing or measuring, for I

find it so easy to overestimate.

No artificial heating of the milk is No artificial heating of the milk is so good as the natural animal heat, which is about 100 degrees, and we try to retain this temperature as near as possible. The mother also fur-nishes the milk in a sanitary condi-tion, and we should try to follow her example in this respect and see that the pails are kept in a cleanly condi-

We also notice that quite early in We also notice that quite early in life the calf will begin chewing on something, possibly a straw or piece of hay. Now is the time to r-lucate it to eat oats, and a few minutes in getting its head into a basin or box is time well spent. Oats are nourish-ing and invigorating and the chewing seconds has a tandancy to start the process h s a tendency to start the saliva, which, when mixed with the gastric juices of the stomach, makes the digestion easier and more com-

plete.

A li-tle nice, clover hay should be reserved for them, and when they are nicely streted on these, then skimmilk can be substituted for whole milk; but when changing over, make the change gradually, by taking out a little whole milk and substituting skim in its place till the whole milk has been changed over, possibly requiring a week's time.—Extract from an address.

Dairy Thoughts

Sell your bull calves as soon as ou have decided on the number of

you have decided on the number of beasts you can carry. Always leep a heifer in preference.

Though the rule is that the only the rule is that the only cows give as good a yield with their first as with later calves.

It is surprising what a change in the appearance of the cows and of the dairy is presented when the flanks of the milch cows are clipped.

Keeping a record of the yield of the cows enables you to decide quickly which of the progeny to keep on the place and which to send to the butcher.

Even when a man grows all the feed for his stock and its cost to him is nil it is not good business to feed it to cows that are not working at

a profit.

It is a good rule to sell the cow after she dries off from her fourth calf. Unless she is a special favorite she is then better selling than hold-

If you are breeding to keep the heifers, see to it the cows are healthy and good milkers. Remember the d. n cannot give the calf anything she has not herself.

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