

wise calling in a veterinary surgeon at once, as it might indicate something much more serious than a mere skin disease.

#### WHEN TO CUT ALFALFA FOR SEED.

To the Editor of FARMING:

Will you kindly inform me if it is the first cutting of alfalfa that is the best for seed?

W. J. MITCHELL.

Kirkfield, Ont.

As with the other clovers so with alfalfa, the second crop is the best to save for seed. Where it is intended to save the second crop for seed the first crop should be cut earlier than usual, so as to give the second crop a chance to produce fully developed seed. In such cases the first crop should be cut before the seed is very much developed. This will apply to all clovers where the second crop is to be cut for seed. The second crop, as a rule, will be freer from weed seeds than the first crop, as the first cutting tends to destroy the weeds or to check their growth. To grow clover seed some recommend the plan of pasturing the crop till about the middle of June, and then let it grow for seed. This would have about the same effect as cutting early, and would perhaps prevent too rapid early growth, but it would hardly do as well as a first cutting for killing weeds.

#### A HEIFER HOLDS UP HER MILK.

To the Editor of FARMING.

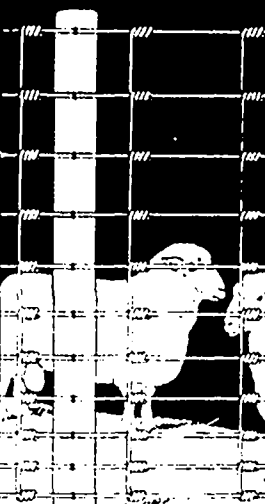
Would you please let me know, through your journal, what would be best to do with a heifer which holds up her milk, and will give only about one-half of it at a milking? Just as soon as we touch her teats she draws her udder up and will not let her milk down. She calved about the first of April, and we let the calf suck for the first week after calving.

CHAS. MITCHELL.

Port Elgin, Ont., June 12th, 1899.

About the only remedy in a case of this kind is to treat the heifer kindly, and not to handle her roughly. We would not advise any medicinal treatment unless there is something the matter with the udder, but no mention of this is made. The heifer may be of a very excitable and nervous temperament, and the removal of the calf after allowing it to suck for a week may have unduly excited her to such an extent as to cause her to hold back her milk. It would have been better not to have allowed the calf to suck at all, and the heifer would perhaps have allowed herself to be milked from the start without much difficulty. We are of the opinion, however, that she will come around all right if kept quiet and handled with great care and kindness at milking time. It is quite a common thing for cows to hold their milk back when excited or roughly treated, and this one may be a specially aggravated case that needs special care to bring around.

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