

RAISING AND FATTENING BEVES.

The Question, "Can Farmers Make Money in Raising Beef Cattle?" Considered.

It is still a question whether the American farmer can make anything in raising and fattening beef cattle. A good many farmers in the older states are quite confident that they can make some money in buying 2 or 3-year-old steers in autumn, or early winter, feeding them their fodder and grain until they are good marketable beefes and then selling them to the butcher, who are equally confident that they could not make anything in raising their own calves, feeding them until between 2 and 3 years old, and then selling them as beef.

We have little doubt, says American Rural Home, that many farmers fail to make raising calves for beef profitable by their methods of doing it, which might effect very different results if they practiced the very best methods. If they so feed and care for their calves that for long intervals they are making no growth, no increase in weight, they are not receiving proper returns for such feed as they give them at such times. Worse than this, many calves and steers are so cared for that they actually fall away, lose flesh sometimes for weeks and months together during droughts or severe winters.

In considering this subject we ought not to lose sight of one fact, that a great deal of the plant food in the feed consumed by an animal on the farm is left on the farm in its excrements. All that is carried off is that which is contained in the carcass, finally sold to the butcher. The greatest waste in raising calves for beef is in the waste of the manure which he voids. When he runs in the pasture the greater portion of his excrements are saved, but not altogether in the way in which they will do the most good; in spots they will lie in too great quantities, while in other parts of the pasture there will be a deficiency. But the greatest loss of plant food occurs in the winter, when the animal is in stable or barnyard and proper means are not used to preserve all the droppings, both solid and liquid. Every farmer who thinks of rearing and fattening stock should study very thoroughly the art of husbanding and using manure.

If managed right, every animal will return a great portion of the cost of his feed in manure.

The question of profit in rearing calves depends in a great measure upon the calf itself. If he is a good, large, sound animal, descended from a long line of hardy, vigorous ancestors noted for their tendency to lay on flesh, he will be much more likely to pay for his keep than if he is a feeble, scrub, descended from ancestors of like constitution and character. Hence we must conclude that the answer to the question of the profit of rearing calves must depend largely upon the calf himself, and the way he is treated from birth to death.

Directions for Shipping Poultry. The following directions for shipping poultry to market are furnished by the well known commission firm of New York, E. & O. Ward:

Poultry should be entirely cold, but not frozen, and packed in ice. If packed with any of the animal heat in it, it is almost sure to spoil. Slight freezing does not greatly injure the sale, but hard freezing, especially when it penetrates the bones, reduces the value 25 to 50 per cent. Boxes containing about 200 pounds are the best packages. Barrels may, however, be used; they are better for chickens and ducks than for turkeys, because, as the larger kinds get bent and twisted out of shape in them. For packing, use only very clean, dry and threshed wheat or rye straw. Place a layer of straw in the bottom of the package, then alternate layers of poultry and straw, stowing very snugly, backs upward and legs out straight, filling so full that the cover will draw down snugly upon the contents, keeping them firmly in place. Always put the different kinds in separate packages, and mark the kind on the cover. Generally our best markets for poultry are Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Turkeys sell well at either of these occasions, but best at Thanksgiving, especially large ones. After New Year's small turkeys sell better than large ones. Grouse sell best at Christmas, and chickens at New Year's. Lots shipped for these special occasions should arrive in sufficient time before the event to meet the best sale. Poultry that arrives too late often meets a very poor market.

Sunflower Seed for Horses. According to an Australian exchange, a half pint of sunflower seed given to a horse with the other feed each morning and night will keep him in better health and better spirited than he will be without it, while his hair will be brighter. Give a saddle horse as much as required to be particularly sprightly he may be given a pint of sunflower seed with his oats at night, and half as much in the morning. He will be found more active and sprightly through the day, and consequently be more pleasant to the rider. After a little use horses become fond of sunflower seed.

Things That Are Told. American Cultivator says: "It is not natural for the hog to live on the exclusive ration of concentrated food that is usually given when they are fattened. Undoubtedly corn in the ear is very fattening, but few hogs have digestive organs equal to its digestion. The avidity with which corn fed hogs will eat charcoal shows that their stomachs are out of order, and the alkali is eaten to correct the acidity. But it is far better to prevent this condition than to cure it.

When cream is colder than the surrounding air, it takes up moisture and impurities from the air. When the air is colder than the cream, it takes up moisture and whatever escapes from the cream. In the former case the cream purifies the surrounding air; in the latter case the air helps to purify the cream. The selection of a creamer should hinge on what is most desired—highest quality or greatest convenience and economy in time, space and labor, says Prof. Arnold.

A New York dairyman lays down the following rule for making and packing butter: Skin cream as soon as the milk ceases to be sweet. At every skimming thoroughly mix all the cream. When ready for churning in summer, the temperature should not be below 68 degs. or above 62 degs. Wash the butter in cold water until all the white particles disappear. Salt with one and a half ounces of Ashton salt to the pound. Let it stand in a cool place twenty-four hours, then work and pack.

One who has had experience says: All barns should have good eave troughs, connected with spacious underground cisterns, if water is needed.

DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

Sunlight is one of the best disinfectants. The microbes that cause disease do not flourish in strong sunshine. It is still a question whether the American farmer can make anything in raising and fattening beef cattle.

Clean oilcloth with a wet towel pinned over a stiff broom, and rub with a long, sweeping stroke. To polish it use a mixture of equal quantities of linseed oil, beeswax and turpentine, and have it rubbed in well.

See that your kitchen stove has a thorough cleaning inside and out every two or three weeks. Many times stoves are blamed for not drawing or taking well when they are clogged up with soot.

Cold drinks as a rule, increase the feverish condition of the mouth and stomach, and so create thirst. Experience shows it to be a fact that hot drinks relieve thirst and "cool off" the body when it is in an abnormally heated condition, better than ice cold drinks.

Eggs which are to be broken into water should not be broken into boiling water, as the motion destroys their shape; but let the water be as hot as possible without boiling, and let them stand several minutes on the back of the stove. They will then be soft but firm all through.

When white marble slabs and mantles get discolored, take very strong soap and mix it in a quicklime till it is about like milk, and spread the mixture on the marble; clean off with soap and water after twenty four hours' time, and rub the marble with fine putty powder and olive oil.

Glass articles can be so annealed by being boiled in water mixed with common salt that they will not easily break from sudden changes of temperature. They should be put in cold water, and after being well boiled, the water should be allowed to cool slowly before taking them out. Crockery, porcelain and stoneware can be made more durable by the same process.

In a severe sprain of the ankle immerse the joint as soon as possible in a pail of hot water, and keep it there for fifteen or twenty minutes. After removing it keep it bandaged with hot cloths rung out of water, or rum and water.

To keep varnished wood looking fresh and bright rub it thoroughly with oil from time to time. Only a little oil must be used, and that should be carefully rubbed in till it seems to be all rubbed off. Otherwise it will catch dust, and the last state of the wood will be worse than the first.

Malaria is due to microbes, which reach their victims either from the air, by inhalation, or from drinking water which has absorbed them. Boil the water, avoid the night air, sleep in the higher rooms of the house, and guard against all excesses.

Potatoes hashed and browned.—There are a great many delicious ways of serving potatoes, which are very acceptable to those who have become wearied with plain boiled and stewed. They are especially delicious hashed and browned. Hash coarsely a quart of cold boiled potatoes, sprinkle them with salt and pepper. Put a tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan; when it melts stir in a tablespoonful of flour. Stir till brown, then add a cup of stock. Stir till smooth and add the potatoes. Cook them five or six minutes and set them back. Put a large tablespoonful of butter in an iron skillet and when the butter is very hot pour in the potatoes and set the spider where they will brown on the bottom. In about fifteen or twenty minutes fold like an omelet and serve at once. A cup of any brown gravy can be used in place of stock.

Beef croquettes.—Take one pound of cold beef from the previous day's roast or stew. Mince it fine. Add a teaspoonful of salt, and half a teaspoonful of pepper. Squeeze a little lemon and grate a teaspoonful of onion over it. Put three tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan over the hottest part of the fire. When the butter is hot, stir in a tablespoonful of flour. When this is frothy, add gradually a cup of soupstock or gravy. If you have not either, use a cup of milk. When this mixture boils add the meat and seasoning. Boil together two minutes. Then mix with an egg and stir until it is mixed. Set away, and when the mixture is cold, shape it into croquettes with your hand, roll it in egg and sifted bread-crumbs, and fry in hot lard two minutes.

Veal Sausage.—Mince fine the remnants of a shoulder of stuffed veal, using any pieces of stuffing that may remain. Season with sage, summer savory and a little minced parsley, with salt and pepper. Bind the whole together with the white of an egg, dip in the yolk of an egg and fry like any sausages in a pan with a little butter. They are delicious served with tomato sauce, or with no sauce at all.

Devilled Mutton.—Take rare slices of cold mutton, slash them, rub them with mustard, salt and pepper, finally rub them with oil or melted butter and lay them away for an hour. When ready to cook them, dredge them lightly with flour, put them in a double boiler and boil them over a clear fire till slightly browned.

Ragout of Cold Lamb.—Cut the lamb in small pieces from the bone—about a pint bowl full. Place the bone in enough cold water to cover it. Let it come to a boil and simmer in this water for about twenty minutes or half an hour, with a small onion and a slice of carrot if you wish. Put a tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan, stir into it when melted a tablespoonful of flour, and strain over this the water from the lamb bone and vegetable. Let this mixture come to a boil, add a shopped pickle or olive or a tablespoonful of capers, as you fancy, and finally the meat. Bring the whole to the boiling point. Season with salt and pepper and serve at once.

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The Irish Temperance League Journal says: The question raised by the Rev Charles Garrett, about the employment of girls in public houses, is well worthy of the attention of philanthropists and legislators. He says that about 200,000 girls employed in public houses in the United Kingdom, and some of these, perhaps many of them, are kept "120 hours per week in the fetid air," while mill girls, by Act of Parliament, are only allowed to work fifty hours per week. In Victoria, the Temperance reformers refuse to allow barmaids to be employed, but our Parliament at home seems unable to devote attention to such practical matters as the health and morals of the people. Probably the House of Lords would forbid such legislation even if her Majesty's faithful Commons cared to take the matter up. In our judgment there is no speedier way of ruining, morally, a young girl than to put her in a public-house, or behind a bar. Her customers are mostly of the sort that can only corrupt her, and if there are any travelers, the antics there are or are intended to be an evil case. This is another argument against the existence of the public-house. Employments that can only tend to the demoralization of all who are in them ought to be swept away.

How a Dude Caught Cold. A slim young man in the height of fashion was violently sneezing in a street car, when a companion remarked, "Aw, Charles, dear boy, how d'ye catch that dreadful cold." "Aw, dear fellow, left my nose in the lower hall to-day, and in snacking the ivory handle, so dreadful cold, it chilled me almost to death." If Charles had used Dr. Harvey's Red Pine Gum his cold would not trouble him very much. For sale at J. Wilson's prescription drug store.

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