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## THE FARM.

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### Butter Trading in Country Stores.

The greatest obstacle in the way of developing our butter industry is the present system of butter trading so commonly in vogue in country stores. The merchant cannot, through fear of some exceedingly explosive temperment pay for the butter according to its quality, and thus no incentive is given to those desiring to make progress in such work; and, further, as the different sorts are massed in one striking mottled mixture, it is a hopeless endeavor to attempt to develop a profitable export trade in a commodity of such character. The strongest argument that can be used in favor of the creamery system, has its strength in the fact that both of the impediments now in the way would be wholly removed. As there are many districts not far enough advanced in settlement to adopt that in full, we believe that it might be possible to follow some other scheme with greater benefit. We are informed that dairy men in the near neighborhood of Virden, Manitoba, have started a new system which has since last spring given complete satisfaction. A meeting of dairymen and merchants and others interested in the dairy trade resulted in a uniform system of butter grading being adopted. The grading is all done by an inspector, and the merchants pay for it according to the marked grade, based on the scale decided on, which requires that the price for No. 2 grade be three cents lower than No. 1, and that for No. 3, four cents lower than for No. 1, and the latter be regulated by the price at Winnipeg market. The style of tub, brand of salt to be used, and the various other details are also unanimously settled. The Dairy World suggests, another means of surmounting these difficulties, that the farmers within a radius of five miles combine, contribute a few dollars each, erect a small but suitable dairy on the most centrally located farm, and buy a hand separator, and then send all their surplus milk to this station for conversion into butter. The cost of the outfit is put at \$500. The advantages would be those of the large creamery which would produce a uniform quality, and it could be shipped to commission merchants in large marts. There is no vestige of doubt but that expansion of our butter industry must ultimately come through the establishment and patronage of creameries, but at the same time the statement cannot be set aside that many intermediate steps must be taken in many districts before the best results from the establishment of creameries may be expected, and some of these have been enumerated in the foregoing suggestions.

### Points in Wheat Sowing.

Though wheat is a crop that has been cultivated for centuries there are yet many questions connected with its culture awaiting solution. The Ohio Experimental Station has endeavored to solve some of these by carrying on from year to year experiments in respect to the quantity of seed that should be sown per acre, the time of sowing, and also the depth at which it is best to put the seed. Their results briefly summed up are as follows: 1. Changing the variety of wheat used in the thick and thin seeding experiment, does not indicate that former conclusions were wrong, but the duplication of this test with another year's experiment, confirms the work of previous years in showing that five pecks of good clean seed will yield almost as much per acre as seven, while more than seven and less than five have produced fewer bushels per acre. 2. In general, as the seed per acre is increased the total yield of straw is augmented. Exceptional years do not warrant this conclusion, but the average of a series of years shows this to be generally true. 3. After seven years' trial we have found that, with a single slight exception, the highest yields have been produced from seeding during the last week in September and the first week in October. 4. For 1890 the product from the land seeded November 1st, was almost as high as where the seeding was a month earlier. This was probably due to the unusually open winter of 1889-90. 5. Seeding from 1½ to 2 inches deep will, in most soils, give better results than deeper or more shallow drilling. 6. Five years' experiments with the roller or wheel following in the track of each drill-hoe indicates that the practice may be a good one; at least it is worthy of a more thorough test.

The conference at Montreal in reference to the pilfering of goods in transit between Canada and England decided to hold the carriers responsible.

### "She had Outlived Her Usefulness."

Not long since a good-looking man in middle life came to our door inquiring for the minister. When informed that he was out of town he seemed disappointed and anxious. On being questioned as to his business he replied: "I have lost my mother; and as this place used to be her home, and my father lies here, we have come to lay her beside him." Our hearts rose in sympathy and we said:

"You have met with a great loss!"

"Well—yes," replied the strong man, with hesitancy; "a mother is a great loss in general, but our mother had outlived her usefulness; she was in her second childhood, and her mind had grown as weak as her body; so she was no comfort to herself and a burden to everybody. There were seven of us, sons and daughters, and as we could not find anybody that was willing to board her, we agreed to keep her among us a year about. But I have had more than my share of her, for she was too feeble to be moved when my time was out, and that was more than three months before her death. But, then she was a good mother in her day, and toiled very hard to bring us all up."

Without looking at the face of the heartless man we directed him to the house of a neighboring pastor, and returned to the nursery. We gazed on the merry little faces which smiled or grew sad in imitation to ours—those little ones to whose ears no word in our language is half so sweet as "mother," and we wondered if that day could ever come when they would say of us, "She has outlived her usefulness; she is no comfort to herself and a burden to everybody." And we hoped before such a day would dawn we might be taken to our rest. God forbid that we should outlive the love of our children! Rather let us die while their hearts are a part of our own, that our grave may be watered with their tears, and our love linked with their hopes of heaven. When the bell tolled for the mother's burial we went to the sanctuary to pay our token of respect for the aged stranger, for we felt that we could give her memory a tear, even though her own had none to shed.

"She was a good mother in her day, and toiled hard to bring us all up; she was no comfort to herself and a burden to everybody else. These cruel, heartless words rang in our ears as we saw the coffin borne up the aisle. The bell tolled long and loud, until its iron tongue had chronicled the years of the ill-worn mother. One—two—three—four—five. How clearly and almost merrily each stroke told of her once peaceful slumber in her mother's bosom, and of a seat at nightfall on her weary father's lap. Six—seven—eight—nine—ten, rang out the tale of her sports upon the sward, in the meadow, and by the brook. Eleven—twelve—thirteen—fourteen—fifteen, spoke more gravely of school days, and little household joys and cares. Sixteen—seventeen—eighteen, sounded out the enraptured visions of maidenhood and the dream of early love. Nineteen brought us the happy bride. Twenty told of the young mother whose heart was full to bursting with the new sprung love that God had awakened in her bosom. And then stroke after stroke told of her early womanhood—of the loves and cares and hopes and fears and toils through which she passed during these long years, till fifty rang out, harsh and loud. From that to sixty each stroke told of the warm-hearted mother and grandmother, living over again her joys and sorrows in those of children and children's children. Every family of all the group wanted grandmother then, and the only strife was who should secure the prize. But hark! the bell tolls on! Sixty-one—two—three—four. She begins to get feeble, requires care, is not at all times patient or satisfied; she goes from one child's house to another, so that no place seems like home. She murmurs in plaintive tones, and after all her toil and weariness, it is hard she cannot be allowed a home to die in; that she must be sent, rather than invited, from house to house. Eighty—eighty-one—two—three—four—ah! now she is a second child; now she has outlived her usefulness; she had ceased to be a comfort to herself or anybody—that is, she has ceased to be profitable to her earth-craving and money-grasping children. Now sounds out verberating through our forest and echoing back from the "hill of the dead," eighty-nine! There she now lies in the coffin, cold and still; she makes no trouble now, demands no love, no soft words, no tender little offices. A look of patient endurance, we fancied also an expression of grief, for unrequited love sat on her marble features. Her children were clad in weeds of woe, and in irony we

remembered the strong man's, "She was a good mother in her day, but she has outlived her usefulness; she was a burden to us." Never, never; a mother cannot live so long as that! No! when she can no longer labor for her children, nor yet care for herself, she can fall like a precious care on their bosom, and call forth by her helplessness all the noble, generous feelings of their nature. "Adieu, then, poor, toil-worn mother; there are no more sleepless nights, no more days of pain for thee. Undying vigor and everlasting usefulness are part of the inheritance of the redeemed. Feeble as thou wert on earth, thou wilt be no burden on the bosom of Infinite Love, but there shalt thou find thy longed-for rest."—Atlanta Constitution.

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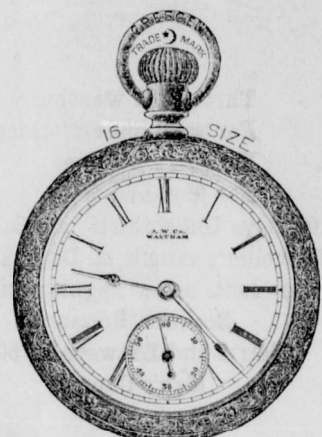
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