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IT IS EASIER TO BREED THE BUY THEM. *************** The average dairyman, by instinct or

education, has come to realize that a cow is not merely an animal with a leg Cenuine on each corner, writes W. F. McSparran in The National Sockman. Many a farmer knows pretty well when he Little Liver Pills.

sees a good cow, not because he has studied or perhaps even seen a scale of points, but because he does. He knows there are cows and cows, and the more he knows that the more difficult it becomes for him to acquire by purchase such cows as he knows he wants. He wants the bag and teats and body and back and head and heart and hide of a cow, and when he drives around and ands this combination in one cow organism he finds her owner does not



PAVORITE DAIRY TYPE. want to sell her. If he goes to the public sale or auction, where a great many kinds, but very few of the one kind, go, and he picks out that one kind as meeting the specifications, he finds a number of other men also who want her, and the man who is willing to back his judgment with the most cash or the

biggest note gets her. Numerous experiences along the line of trying to buy such cows as he wants finally teach him what he should have known in the beginning of his business as a dairyman, that he must produce what he wants. And just here s where he is apt to make the gravest and most lasting mistake of the breeder-trying to breed up and buying the sire of his herd "way down."

It is past the day of trying to serve many masters in any line of business. The tendency is all toward specialties and intensification. If a man is in the dairy business, he is in error when he tries to serve butter and beef from the same dairy. He needs cows for milk, cream and butter. As he branches toward beef he grows away from these. He must select his butter breed and bunt a sire with individual merit enough to make him conspicuous and an ancestral tendency that carries a guarantee that he will produce after his kind. Then buy him. He may cost three or four cows, but buy him. If he is a calf, clearly defined to the buyer's mind should be the bull he wants to make him and then make him that. He must not be used until old enough and only then according to his age and strength. When his heifer calves come with a royal right to be better than heir dams, it must be seen to that their rights are recognized by being fed and cared for toward their useful cow-

There has been so much said and written in warning lest the future cow be fed so as to lay on fat and grow into a beef animal instead of a desirable member of the dairy that the starvation plan is too often followed to the permanent hurt of the subject, and careful investigation of feeding young stock intended for the dairy will show more spoiled by timid underfeeding than by judicious full feeding. A mere matter of good feeding can scarcely change the tendency of heredity, and if you fill the calf's belly and its back gets fat send it to the butcher before you lose a lot of feed and care trying to make a cow of it. If fed at all intelligently, there will be no trouble with the young thing that is to make a profitable cow getting fat. That is heresy. but it is the truth. Being well fed, she will be big enough when old enough to make her start toward cowhood. Let her mate be better than she is. Try to have her a cow when 20 to 24 months old. Having always treated her as lady, treat her now as a mother as well. Keep her clean and give her plenty of good feed and pure water. If she shows a physical defect, breed it away in her offspring. If up to your ideas of what a cow should be, breed her offspring to its sire and take a seat among the public benefactors.

The Dirty Patron. All clean, intelligent patrons of creamery or cheese factory whose property every day is endangered by the actions of a dirty patron will agree with the vigorous manner in which s writer in an Illinois paper goes for him

in the following: The dirty patron is the bane of the creamery and of every attempt at co operative butter making. Some folks, the many, are instinctively cleanly; others, the few, are constitutionally and instinctively dirty. Paraphrasing the commandment, "The dirty sins of the one dirty patron are visited continuously upon the ninety and nine clean-ly ones." The dirty patron as he runs his dirty hand into the pail of foaming milk to get a material to still further lubricate he dirty teats of the cow he is milking and lets the pasty and odor-ous product of the effect drip into the pail can paralyze the effects of the best butter maker in America. This consti-tutionally dirty patron is proof against remonstrance, entreaty or threat, and there is really only one thing to be done with him, and that is to fire him. The tainted product of the one dirty patron will lower the grade of the entire product of the creamery with which he is connected, and it may really be said that he is the worst leak connected with the management of nearly all creameries. Fire him, gently if you can, but fire anyway!

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New Russian Postal Stamps. On the first of January, 1901, the Kussian Government will issue nev postal stamps. During the last few years the most incredulous frauds have been committed all over the Russian Empire, in so far as the stamps hitherto in use were used again and again. The color was a very solid one, and even hot water and acids could not attack it in any way. On the other hand, however, the ink employed in stamping name postoffice and date of despatch could easily be washed off, and it is said that millions of Russian stamps have been used three, four and even five times. The new stamps, which are turned out by the Imperial State Paper Works, will have a light and sensitive color, and will be much larger in size than the present Russian stamps.

A cyclist was riding in the neighborhood of Worcester after dust when a brawny policeman stopped him, and demanded to know why he was riding without a light. Not a moment's pause elapsed before the cyclist framed his excuse. "See that bicycle?" he said, pointing on ahead the glimmer of a light in the road; well, that machine is my bet-ter half; it is a part of this bicycle, you understand. I was riding tandem when the parts became unglued; my wife rode on ahead not knowing what had happened, and when I recovered my senses, she was out of shouting distance." The constable was stillagasping when the cyclist had got up to eight miles an hour

Balm For Poets. In China even the writer of reject ed literary work is treated with politeness, says The London Express The Japan Gaze te: "We have read thy Manuscript with delight. By the ones of our Ancestors we swear that never have we encountered such a Masterpiece. Should we print it, His Majesty the Emperor would order us to take it as a criterion, and never again to print anything which was not equal to it. As that would not be possible before Ten Thousand Years, all trembling we return thy Manuscript, and beg of thee Ten Thousand Pardons. See! my hand is at my feet, and I am thy Slave!"

"I wonder it those Busbys use laudanum on their baby nights?"
"No; Busby sings it to sleep."

"I didn't know Busby could sing."
"Well, the baby isn't old enough to

Miss Mary King

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Minard's Liniment Oures Diphtheria.

How the Diva Astonished All But Her Since the sale of Craig-y-nos castle

has become public property there has been no end of speculation as to Adelina Patti's future home. Mindful of the diva's love for Italian skies and balmy breezes, many supposed she would purchase a handsome cha-teau which has been offered her near Naples; others suggested Nice and Paris. But Patti has done what she so dearly loves to do; she has given them the slip and astonished all but her intimate friends by announcing her intention to make London her winter and Sweden her summer headquarters. For over twenty years Patti has been the chatelaine of Craig-y-nos, a charming old proper ty which she discovered during a pic-nic excursion to Swansea Valley. She immediately purchased it at a moderate figure, and during the last years of her residency has, by her exquisite taste and the expenditure of over \$650,000, transformed it into one of the finest castles in Great Britain. The theatre excels anything of the kind in Europe, not ex-

cepting those of royal homes.

Naturally the fair Adelina's return to London will be greeted with delight, for in social circles she is a great favorite. If she is accused of sconomy where her singing voice is concerned not so with her speaking She is a brilliant conversationalist, placing no restraint whatever on her vivacious spirits. serves up the present and past in a delightful fashion, and never laughs more merrily than when the random mention of a date inadvertently be trays her years.

Coddling Children.

Why is it, asks Medical Talk, that people that are most exposed to cold outdoor employment are the peo ple who are least subject to colds? Simply because, it answers, no one catches cold by exposing the whole body to cold. Those people catch cold who try to coddle themselves away from cold. A person catches cold when a portion of the body is exposed to cold, while the other por tion is kept warm by artificial heat. One is more apt to catch cold sitting by a stove in an unventilated room than by facing a blizzard in the open air,

Nansen and his men, when in the Arctic regions, were exposed to cold of every description, and it is stated that they never once suffered from colds. But no sooner had they returned to their native land they one and all caught severe colds. The reason for this is probably be they were again warmly housed and spent a portion of their time in unventilated rooms, sleep-

ing in stuffy bedrooms.

The more children are coddled to keep them from catching cold the more apt they are to catch cold. The proper course to take is to clothe the children warmly, provide good, stout shoes, and turn them loose in the open air. Let them go, rain or shine, cold or warm; them have the open air every day. Such children are far less liable to catch cold. And their bedroom window should be open every night, winter and summer, in such a way as a direct draught upon th while they are sleeping.

An Edinburgh paper says that one day a Lochaber ladicaught a thrush and took it home. No cage was to be had, so the bird was placed in a basket with a lid. The boy's mother having told the Rev. Dr. Stewart of the capture, the minister-a naturalist well-known throughout the Western Highlands of Scotland-came to see the bird. Whilst they were all talking about the prisoner the lad spied a similar bird on an elderbush, and Dr. Stewart at once noted that it was the captive's mate. He persuaded the boy to put the basket outside. This was done, and by-andby the male bird flew down and began caressing the prisoner in many pretty ways. Then he attacked the basket lid furiously, hoping to peck a hole in it big enough for his con-sort to escape by. This so touched the boy's mother, and even the boy, that the latter agreed to let the captive go. Taking the basket back to the spot where the thrush had been caught, the lid was opened and the bird flew off with a wild scream of delight, its mate joining it in the wood-both thrushes, no doubt, happier far than kings.

An Indian Woman's View. An Indian woman at the Ecumeni-cal Conference said: "We in India, are dwarfed in mind and body because of the things to which we have been subjected for centuries. When I was a child I did many things which were wrong, because I knew no better, and I only learned that they were wrong when I was taught in your mission schools. You have done much for us, but you can never send enough workers to minister to the great needs of our people, and the only effective method of reaching them is to educate us and we will educate our fellows. Give us the same education that you give your own missionaries and we will not disappoint you.

Sweet Petate Crequettes. Bake the sweet potatoes until they are tender; then scoop out the cen-tres and put them through a vegetable press. To each two cups of mashed potatoes allow a tablespoon-ful of butter, a level teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of sugar and a half saltspoonful of white pepper; mix thoroughly. Form into cylinders, dip in egg, then in bread-crumbs and fry in smoking hot fat.— Ladies' Home Journal.

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