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The Very Latest Treatment for Milk Fever.

George F. Weston, of North Carolina, contributes the following narrative to the Jersey Bulletin:

Driving by the house of a small neighboring farmer the other day, I noticed frantic signals from his better-half—evidently of distress, so I stopped, although on my way to take a train.

Her cow—a good one—was sick, and they did not know what was the matter, although they thought she "might have eat something." It was a plain but not very severe attack of milk fever, and inquiry as to past treatment brought the information that they had done "everything," and everything here consisted of the following, administered internally, between 11 and 11:45 a. m.:

One quart melted lard.
One "dose" turpentine.
One-half of one black draught (?).
One pound Epsom salts.
One-half dozen raw eggs.
One quart linseed oil (did not know if boiled or raw).
Tongue scraped, and "you never saw such a lot of black-headed worms as I got."

External application of turpentine along spine.

There was fight in the old cow's eyes; nothing to use to give air treatment; and I had to catch the train; so I told them to give her a rest, keep her warm through the night, and she would probably recover.

Driving back that evening I stopped out of curiosity, and found a smile on the good lady's face. She was not nearly as anxious to talk cow, and I saw that my standing as a "cow doc" was down with this party. She was finally so kind as to tell me what really was the matter with Bossie, and the information was given in a manner which plainly forbade any further discussion of the case. Her manner was very kind, though; evidently I had meant well and was disposed to render any neighborly help, but this information would set me straight.

It was simply the old and well-known disease, hollow horn and hollow tail. They had just cut her horns off, and they were hollow; and they had split her tail up to the bone for six inches.

Both were very happy as the result of good deeds well done. (I refer to the man and his wife, not the cow.) "If I hadn't gone out and nussed that cow like a child, she'd a died right then."

Now, the question comes up: Should the cow have an attack of milk fever again, what will it be? It can not be hollow horn, for horns she has not. However, at the rate of six inches to the split she should be good for several more attacks of hollow tail.

Now, this happened not three miles as the crow flies from the Biltmore estate. But thirty years before the formation of this, there were scattered around here well-kept agricultural estates of southern planters, with thoroughbred herds under the care of good managers. I was farming, preaching and practicing (for we had a live farmers' club here during nearly all the 80's) at home here for ten years, and yet "hollow horn" still runs its course.

CARRYING A JOKE TOO FAR.

A farmer, who was a lover of nature, and also a keeper of sheep, was walking through a pasture lot and stooped down to pluck a tender flower. As the agriculturist stooped to cull the blossom, a large and vicious ram, allured by the prospect, took a running shoot, and hitting the farmer near the base of the spine, turned him a somersault and also propelled him about two rods through the atmosphere. For an hour or two after that, the ram had considerable fun talking the thing over with the crowd of sheep, and describing the manner in which he knocked out the agriculturist. But on the following day, the farmer returned with a gun and killed the ram and dressed him and sold his carcass to the uninformed for lamb chops. And as one of the ram's companions saw the farmer carrying away the remains of her former consort, she said to an alecky lamb that was taking some gymnastic exercises nearby: "My son, I observe that you show a disposition to be unduly gay. Take warning from the fate of your father, and remember that there is such a thing as carrying a joke too far."

COSSIP.

The law of the universe is the law of change, but man struggles to make things "stay put." He formulates doctrines and principles and what not, but things keep right on changing just the same. Change means growth.

Mr. E. Dymont, Gilead's Spring Farm, Copetown, Ont., writes: "My Dorset sheep now number fifty-eight head. I have to offer this year the best lot of lambs I have yet had. As I am making a specialty of breeding in wool-producing strains, parties wishing to improve their Dorsets in that particular point may do so by breeding from some of the rams I am offering this season. I have in the flock some ewes which clipped this year between eight and nine pounds of the very best quality of washed wool, which at the market price this year figures up to about \$2.50 per head, a fair return without considering the increase in lambs in the flock. The stock I offered for sale last year all went very early in the season. Moral: order early."

USING THE KNIFE ON LAMBS.

Whenever sheep market values are raided, as is frequently the case, there is a class of stuff that is invariably punished with maximum severity. That it is merited punishment marketmen are convinced, and much of it could be avoided by judicious use of the knife.

There is a radical difference between native and western sheep and lambs which gives the latter a decided superiority in market circles. The average native lamb is coarse and undesirable. Most of the stuff raised by farmers never felt the refining influence of the knife, and when a half-dollar break occurs, it is untrimmed stock that bears the brunt of it. A coarse lamb is always at the height of unpopularity when the market is oversupplied.

Western sheep-raisers invariably trim their lambs, sending them to market well moulded and in the best practical condition. The few natives that are similarly prepared usually outsell westerns, but their number is smaller. It is large enough, however, to demonstrate that the aggregate value of the native lamb crop could be vastly increased, and its quality made more acceptable both to killer and consumer by using the knife.—[U. S. exchange.

MONEY IN MUTTON.

A demand for pure-bred mutton classes of sheep that has seldom before had a parallel in the history of agricultural affairs in this country, and ready outlet at good prices for all breeding ewes that show any degree of merit or usefulness that come to market, show plainly that farmers of the corn-producing regions have discovered that they have been overlooking one of the most productive sources of revenue on their farms. Grain farmers who for years regarded the flock of sheep as too troublesome to bother with are now eager to stock-up, and orders from them are more numerous than from any other source.

Higher prices for wool than have been paid for many years are one inducement, and this, coupled with about as high prices for dressed mutton at eastern points and all the big markets of the country as have ever been known, puts an especially attractive coloring on the situation.

Prices for mutton in recent years have held at such good range that the flock maintained for the lamb crop to turn off was a paying proposition, and the wool crop has added a big bonus of profit at a time of year when a bunch of money is most appreciated by the farmer.

Any good farmer of the corn belt can make a flock of sheep pay a profit from the mutton-making standpoint alone, if the value of the fertilization of land and their usefulness in the cleaning up of the farm weeds and utilizing products that would otherwise be wasted be taken into account. This leaves the wool crop of the breeding flock clear profit.

The process of mutton-making at a profit can, of course, be carried on only with the mutton grades of sheep, and that stands as the reason for the unprecedented demand for the pure-bred stock of mutton blood, and that the demand for breeding ewes at market turns to the black-face or long-wooled varieties.—[Chicago Live-stock World.

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