

are all made aware of the fact, by its depressing influences. At such times it is important that we take more than ordinary care in the handling of milk; that it be kept out of harmful odours; that attention be given to its aeration, and such treatment be given it as shall be inimical to the growth and development of fungi. And again, the fact that milk may be kept sweet a long time in hot weather by electrical action will offer a very important suggestion to inventors in the preservation of milk, and perhaps in the improvement of cheese at the factories. I believe that we are only on the threshold of the cheese-making art, and that as we become better acquainted with the laws of nature and their application, great progress is yet to be made in every branch of dairy husbandry.

WHAT IS BEING DONE.

I have dwelt upon this matter of milk and the curing of cheese, because they are the living, vital questions of the dairy. Dairy-men everywhere upon this continent have reason to be alarmed at the introduction of the factory system in Europe, with its cheap labour and immense fields of good dairy lands, for the day *may* come when *their* goods may be placed in competition with ours in our own markets. I tell you plainly that the dairymen of America are not making that rapid progress and improvement in their art which they should or that many imagine. We have developed a system of dairying and have a corps of skilled manufacturers here, and in every district upon the continent where the factories have been pushed, that have astonished the world. I look with admiration upon this great body of skilled workmen—men of large understanding—men of thought, whose intellects have been sharpened in devising ways and means to escape the difficulties constantly pressing upon them in their special calling—men who are eager to learn, and who are ready and eager to adopt improvements—men who assemble at these conventions, and who, by their united actions and energy are capable of lifting this branch of industry into the highest range of excellence. And yet they are obliged to lift and struggle and expend their energies upon a

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