

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Gathering Butter.

Oftentime both the farmer's wife and professional dairymaid experience considerable trouble in gathering the butter into a solid mass, even after it appears in the churn in small granules and floats about in the buttermilk. The usual plan is to manipulate with the dash until the butter can be removed from the churn in a more or less compact form. Thus treated, it too often presents a greasy appearance, and by the time the usual washing and the proper quantity of salt is well worked in, the granules are mostly broken, and the result is that the output is marketed at a low price. Very much of this trouble can be avoided by a simple process of gathering is about to take place, then, for an eight pound churning, pour gradually over the floating butter in the churn two gallons of cold water, in which a teaspoon of fine salt has just been dissolved. Let it stand for a moment, then manipulate with the dash as in the usual manner in completing the churning and the chances are the butter will be well gathered but in unbroken granules. The reason is that the water containing the salt increases the density or specific gravity of the buttermilk, causing the granules to rise to the surface. It also hardens them, removing a certain substance or coating from their surface, allowing them to readily unite under pressure such as is obtained by the use of the dash or revolving churn. Butter gathered by this process is much firmer, better granulated, and consequently better flavored. The only objection to be offered is the addition of salt to the buttermilk; but for feeding purposes, if added to the swill or horse slops, no ill effects to the swine are ever observed. When fed to hogs at clover pasture, the action of salt removes all danger from bluet by simply increasing their desire for drink.

Coffee and Its Uses.

When there are, in a community, epidemics of typhoid fever, cholera, erysipelas, scarlet fever and the various types of malarial fever, which are transmitted almost entirely through the medium of food and drink, coffee

is a valuable agent, and may be used as a drink instead of water.

It is a valuable agent in assisting in the digestion of food, and aids the blood in taking up more nourishment than it would without it.

It quickens the circulation of the blood and respiration.

It is also stimulating and refreshing (due to the caffeine it contains.)

In tiding over nervousness, in emergencies, it is a sovereign remedy.

As a stimulant and caloric generator in cold weather, it is 100 per cent. ahead of whisky or other liquors.

As a disinfectant, it is one of no small usefulness in the sick chamber.

Try, Try, Again.

For nervous headache, bathing the back of the neck in hot water.

For sick or nervous headache, rubbing peppermint oil on the temples.

For burns, lime water and sweet oil.

For the beginning of a "runabout," pricking it and painting it with iodine.

For an incipient boil, muriat d'iron.

For rheumatism, oil of wintergreen internally and externally.

For breaking up the beginning of a cold, four drops each of camphor and laudanum on a lump of sugar.

For breaking up a cold, twelve drops of camphor in twelve teaspoonfuls of water taken by the teaspoonful each half-hour.

The fortieth anniversary of the Fulton Street daily prayer meeting was recently celebrated in New York. This meeting, which is held every noon in a crowded business section of the city, was established at a time of great business anxiety, after the panic of 1857; and has been held regularly since that time. An interesting feature of the celebration was the presentation of a portrait of the founder of the meeting, Jeremiah C. Lanphier, who is now eighty-eight years old.

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