

## *Plugging the Leaks*

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(This timely article should be of value to all who depend on pastures even as a partial solution to the problem of summer feeding of dairy cows.—Ed. Note.)

**D**RIVING along the country roads during the months of July and August, one cannot help but be forcibly impressed by the great difference to be seen in the pastures of the various farms.

On the one hand a herd of dairy cows is lying contentedly chewing their cuds in the shade, quite oblivious to the rays of the scorching sun. The grass in this

keep the cattle satisfied. Consequently, production of milk has fallen away to such an extent that he has become disgusted with the business.

The latter condition is altogether too prevalent in many rural sections. This is due to lack of forethought on the part of many farmers. Dairy cows that are allowed to fail in their milk flow cannot be brought back to normal, except at a great expense to the owner.

One farmer solved the pasture prob-



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pasture is green and abundant, showing that care has been taken in order to guard against the usual falling off in production, which so often happens.

Across the road another herd of cows is to be seen wandering to and fro, tormented by flies and the burning sun, vainly looking for a mouthful of grass to satisfy their ever-increasing hunger. This pasture is cropped off as close as it is possible for cows to browse it, showing that in all probability the owner had his herd out on pasture before the grass had attained sufficient start to

lem in a very simple, satisfactory way. Having only a limited amount of land under pasture he decided to test out the animal pasture mixture as recommended by the Department of Agriculture viz.:

1 bushel of oats, 1 bushel of barley,  
1 bushel of wheat, 7 pounds red clover.

He also ran a fence through his regular pasture in order that he might allow one-half to grow while the other was being pastured. This protected the one-half and greatly increased the capacity of the field. The mixture was