

It is really astonishing what a large difference in the yield of milk it makes by attending properly to a number of small things in the management of stock—and things which to many would seem quite insignificant to be worth observing. The dairyman should have a genuine, a hearty love for the animals under his control, providing wholesome, nutritious food, pure water and pure air—everything of this kind in abundance; keeping the animals properly sheltered from storms; feeding always with great regularity; paying the most marked attention to the manner and time of milking, and, withal, preserving a uniform kindness and gentleness of treatment throughout every operation—a gentleness extended even to the tones of the voice. Generally-speaking, the cow will do her best that is loved the best and petted the most by those who have her in charge. If you wish a cow to do her best, you must cultivate her acquaintance intimately, and be unsparing in little acts of kindness.

"To compete for this magnificent reward, sixteen groups of three were entered, although one was not sent. Two groups were Ayrshires; the other fourteen were Short-Horns, or crosses with Short Horns. The majority of exhibitors were London or Manchester cow-keepers; only a few were what are commonly considered farmers. Yet it was instructive to the latter as cow-breeders to see what kind of cattle the dairymen—their best customers—approve of most."