

# Hand Milking Beat A Mile

That's the way one B-L-K User expresses his satisfaction of a

## B-L-K Mechanical Milker

Some people think that a Milker is an unprofitable investment for the man with a small herd. Many small herds of, say, 20 or 24 cows, even with the utmost care in handling show very little profit. The owner installs a B-L-K Outfit and is immediately independent of careless hired help, and can, and does in many instances handle the machines himself and so saves at once the wage of a hand milker.

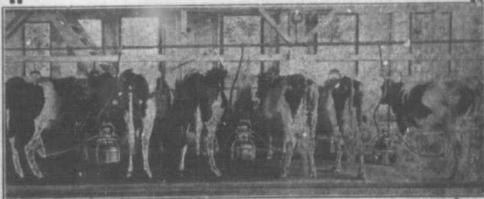
**This amount saved for one year is sufficient to install a Complete Milking Machine Outfit in a 25 cow dairy.**

If you are milking cows in the old-fashioned, and in many cases an unprofitable way, ask us to send you our statement of the saving which can be effected with the Milker in dairies of 24, 50 and 100 cows. You will wonder why you have not taken advantage of this opportunity before.

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Great Britain is looking to Canada for foodstuffs for her millions. And is Canada going to fail her? No.

Our farm output this year will be the biggest and best yet. But how is it going to be done with so many of our boys called away to service?

By the use of more scientific farming methods and improved and fast-working machinery.

Are you manufacturers of Farm Machinery doing all you can to get your share of the extra business that must result?

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**FARM AND DAIRY - Peterboro, Ont.**

"can you bring me some cheese and coffee?"

"Yes, sir; in a minute, sir."  
"And," continued the diner, "while you are away you might send me a postal-card every now and then."

### The Local Telephone

Anson Groh, Waterloo Co., Ont.

WE have about 600 local telephone companies in Ontario, most of which are not cooperative. Occasionally we find a company with five or six subscribers whose lines start nowhere and end nowhere. Joint stock companies own numerous telephone lines, but these I do not consider co-operative.

In our county of Waterloo we have the municipal system which is truly cooperative. The municipality finances the company while it is building, and later a commission is appointed to run it. The first company that we had in the county was not cooperative and did not last. Several that were formed later did not succeed much better. Since then we have succeeded in cooperating successfully, and as a result have forced the charges for 'phones down \$5 in one day. We have 275 'phones and expect 300 'phones soon this year. In spite of opposition through the fidelity and support of our farmers who have stood by us faithfully.

We need fewer telephone companies in rural Ontario and larger one which are connected with the larger centres and with the trunk lines. When we were forming our company they tried to break us up by telling us that we could not get into the towns. We decided that the towns would want us as much as we would want them. We went about building our rural lines for two years we had connections with five towns and we now have connections with the Bell.

Only the cooperative spirit enabled us to do this. Jealousy, fear and opposition are all largely overcome by the use of cooperative methods which help to remove the cause of friction. There was a time when the farmers of Ontario were not ready to so cooperate, but that day is passed.

### Punches for Progress

Want me to join a good milking company? Nope! A good live potato association suits me better. Good potatoes are as good as gold.

The grunting of contented hogs in a pasture is better than the jingling of money in the pocket. The hogs keep growing, the money keeps going.

If I had a small farm and no silo, I'd grow root crops as a substitute for silage. It pays to grow twenty tons of root crops to the acre, and—it can be done! "Swat the fly?" Not me! Flies breed in filth. I keep my farm clean, and my folks don't have to waste much time swatting flies. An ounce of prevention beats swatting.

Corn-planting is something of a science. You don't want to plant too thick, too thin, too deep, or too shallow. It depends on what you're planting for, on the condition of the soil, and a few other things. Study the problem as applied to your own farm.

Opportunity knocks more than once. That United States senator from Kansas, who wrote a poem saying it knocked only once, was dead wrong. It knocks all the time for the farmer boy or man in Canada. Perhaps the poetic senator had never been in Canada.—The Farmer with the Punch.

### Our Wild Flowers

H. Percy Blanchard, Hants Co., N. S.

A FAMOUS, though somewhat eccentric English artist lately visited Niagara. His American friends were disappointed and surprised at the lack of enthusiasm or even of admiration which their visitor displayed, so much so, that they questioned him. Were the Falls not wonderful, beautiful, and so forth? No, he replied; they were not wonderful, for this water was simply running down hill, whereas, did it go up hill or otherwise reverse the course of Nat., it would be wonderful. He had seen waterfalls much more beautiful, even in England. His whole claim to attention was in its size, its immensity.

This attraction of largeness seems to be the dominant characteristic of our own admiration for things. The huge rose, the immense lily, the glare of color, the overwhelming perfume, compel our plaudits. Size rather than beauty is the controlling factor.

But, to the artist, a masterpiece may be painted on a thumbnail; while the gorgeous landscape on the wide-spreading drop curtain is a most vulgar dash.

### Beauty in Wild Flowers

Sometimes I wish that in my school days I had studied Nature or botany. And then again, perhaps the dissecting and cold scientific classification of our wild flowers would rob them of the attraction they have for me. Occasionally one of the children, knowing my weakness, will arrange a sprig or two of the tiny star-flowers, a few wild violets, and a bit of dainty fern, or just ordinary grass, in a wee vase, and put it by my place at the tea-table. It is not as a mass, but singly, looked close into, that these little flowers are so beautiful.

Take just one little flower spur of the horse-chestnut and look at it. Could some scientist grow its like, magnified to the size of a calla, we would all have over its beauty. Or take the blossoms on the pink hawthorn. Each of these is as perfectly beautiful as the most costly rose; only it is so small. For our parks, we want acres; trees and lawns that lose themselves in the clouds and the horizon. The Japanese take three feet square of ground, and on it construct tiny temples, rivers spanned by bridges of a finger-length, mountains that an anthill would overshadow; and, artistically, their creation is as beautiful as if outspreading like an English manor. Forget size for once, and deem beauty the sole criterion; then, try and arrange our most ordinary wild flowers in a tiny vase, just a few together, as you would arrange rare cut plants from a greenhouse and then see if they do not claim and well deserve your admiration and your praise. They are small, 'tis true; but even the sun itself is a mere atom when viewed as part of the infinite universe. There is no great and small in Nature; we compare one and another, but only with a view to indefinite aid of our own creation.

### Anxious for News

HE had waited 80 minutes for a slow waiter to bring his dinner. "Now," he said to the waiter,



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