

The Farmers' Column.

Making and Packing Butter.

The *American Agriculturist* last year, published a prize essay on butter-making, presented by Mrs. M. A. Deane, of Farina, Illinois. It presents the leading points in good butter making in plain language, but contains nothing that will be new to our readers, and lacks a good deal of exhausting the subject. Nevertheless, since we have so many poor butter makers, and the suggestions of a prize essay may have more value to some than suggestions contained in an unpretending paragraph, we give the substance of Mrs. Deane's essay:

Milk should be cooled to 60° as soon as possible after milking. None but tin pails should be used to milk in. The milk when cooled should be set in deep tin pails, and kept at a temperature of 60°. This will secure all the cream. But if the milk is not cooled immediately after milking and kept cool, much cream will be wasted, let it be set in what way it may—in deep or shallow dishes.

It will be seen at once that a cool dairy room for summer, that can be kept warm in cold weather, is essential. It must be dry, free from odors of all kinds, even from the kitchen, and kept scrupulously clean. Without exposure to currents of air, there must be free circulation of air. Though ventilation is essential, milk things must be well washed and rinsed, and then scalded in boiling water. Hot water will not answer the purpose—it must be a temperature of 212°.

The cream should be skimmed off just before the milk thickens. The cream is then bright and yellow, and is taken off easily. This will necessitate skimming at least twice a day. The night's milk and the morning's milk will seldom be fit to skim at the same time. But the night's milk may all be skimmed at once, and the morning's milk at another time, all at once. To determine the proper time to skim, requires experience and judgment.

The cream should be kept at a temperature of 60°, and well stirred as often as new cream is added. The cream should have a clean sour taste, when churned, but it must not be kept too long. Sweet cream must not be mixed with it just before churning, as it will waste by not getting sufficiently churned, sweet cream requiring more churning than sour cream does. The temperature of the cream when the churning begins should be 62° or 63°. Then it will rise to about 68° by the time the butter comes, which is a good temperature for working. It is an advantage to throw a little salt into the cream before beginning to churn, if the cows have not been well salted. The best way is to salt the cows. A thermometer should be used to determine the temperature. If the butter is to be colored, it should be done by putting carrot juice or a preparation of anotto in the cream.

The buttermilk should be nearly all worked out and the butter well washed before the salt is added. Only salt enough to remove the insipidity should be used. None but the purest salt should be put into butter. Mrs. Deane thinks washing may hurt the flavor some, but expresses the opinion that the loss is more than compensated by getting rid of the buttermilk. After standing a short time the butter should be worked enough "to remove nearly all the water." There should be salt enough to make brine of what water is left. The next day, the butter should be worked and packed. It should on no account be allowed to stand longer than one day, as it turns rancid, while in this condition, very fast.

The difficulty lies in knowing just how much and how little to work butter. Mrs. Deane offerr a few suggestions:

1st. The butter should not be too warm when worked, nor should it be so cold as to make working difficult. Immerse the ladle for a few minutes in boiling water, and cool perfectly in cold water; then, if the butter in the bowl is warm enough to admit of putting the ladle through the whole mass without difficulty, and dividing it up without crumbling, and still hard enough to cut clean and smooth, not the smallest particle adhering to the ladle, it is in the right condition to work.

2d. It should be worked with careful and gentle, yet telling pressure, and not by a series of indiscriminate stirrings and mashings and grindings against the sides of the bowl. The butter is composed of minute globules, which are crushed by this careless handling, thus rendering the butter greasy and sticky, whereas it should retain its clean, solid individuality, up to the time of packing, always working clear from the bowl and never sticking in the least to the ladle.

3. The butter should be worked until it is perfectly dry. When ready to pack, it should have a slight moisture about it, a sort of insensible remains of the clear brine which has been working off, and at the last, enough, so that when a trier is thrust into it, a drop or two of brine will ooze out around it and the trier itself be slightly wet, as if by a light dew. Over-working destroys all the beautiful consistency of the butter; makes it dry and sticky; greasy in summer, and tallow in winter; gives it a dull appearance, and a tendency to become rancid.

Butter should be packed perfectly solid, leaving no space for air. The tub should be completely filled, and covered air-tight before it is headed up. Those who send fancy butter to market, put it up in balls or other styles to suit their customers. Pails are used for the purpose. If a trade-mark is stamped on the butter, no poor butter should ever receive the mark.

IN-CALF COWS AND HEIFERS.—Attend carefully to these. Feed in-calf cows regularly three times a day; allow them exercise in fine weather in an open yard or lot. Let them have free access to pure water, and see that their food is succulent, though it ought not to be too rich. Young heifers also require a little extra attention as spring approaches.

THE HEATHEN CHINEE.

The popular favor with which this little poem, by Bret Harte, has been received all over the country, is somewhat marvellous in the annals of fugitive poetry. Hardly a newspaper of the day can be taken up that does not contain either a quotation from it, or an allusion to it in some form, and as many of our readers may have failed to see the original, we give it entire for their benefit.

Plain Language from Truthful James.

TABLE MOUNTAIN, 1870.

Which I wish to remark,—
And my language is plain,—
That for ways that are dark,
And for tricks that are vain,
The heathen Chinee is peculiar;
Which the same I would rise to explain,

Ah Sin was his name;
And I shall not deny
In regard to the same,
What that name might imply.
But his smile—it was pensive and childlike,
As I frequent remarked to Bill Nye.

It was August the third,
And quite soft was the skies;
Which it msght be inferred
That Ah Sin was likewise,
Yet he played it that day upon William
And me in a way I despise.

Which we had a small game;
And Ah Sin took a hand.
It was euchre. The same
He did not understand;
Yet he smiled, as he sat by the table,
With a smile that was childlike and bland.

Yet the cards they were stocked
In a way that I grieve,
And my feelings were shocked
At the state of Nye's sleeve,
Which was stuffed full of aces and bowers,
And the same with the intent to deceive.

But the hands that were played
By that heathen Chinee,
And the points that he made
Were quite frightful to see;
Till at last he put down a right bower
Which the same Nye had dealt unto me,

Then I looked up at Nye;
And he gazed upon me;
And he rose with a sigh,
And said, "Can this be?
We are ruined by Chinese labor!"
And he went for that heathen Chinee.

In the scene that ensued
I did not take a hand;
But the floor—it was strewed
Like the leaves on the strand,
With the cards that Ah Sin had been hiding
In the game "he did not understand."

In his sleeves, which were long,
He had twenty-four packs,
Which was coming it strong;
Yet I state but the facts;
And we found on his nails, which were taper,
What is frequent in tapers—that's wax.

Which is why I remark—
And my language is plain—
That for ways that are dark,
And for tricks that are vain,
The heathen Chinee is peculiar;
Which the same I am free to maintain.

Woman, Fascinating Woman.

The Philadelphia *Sunday Dispatch* contains a account of a woman who was fascinated by a woman, which is most remarkable as a psychological study. A lady was one of the teachers at a school in a little country town, and among her pupils was a young girl, who become so attached to her as to be restless when not near her, and so marked did this love become, that her parents withdrew her from the school, and soon afterwards the teacher left the place. The girl was sent to another school in a distant town, but proved so refractory that at one time the principal thought it advisable to send her home; she would not study or associate with the other girls, until at last a lady—her old teacher—came to the town and applied for a situation as teacher, which was denied her. Then she established a school of her own, and her occasional visits to her old pupil were so beneficial that the girl became sociable and tractable. The parents discovering that their daughter was again under the influence of the woman whom by this time they cordially hated, withdrew her from school and took her home. In the next week the woman came to the village in which the parents resided and requested to be the child's governess, but was refused, and another was taken in her place, whereupon the girl became so obstreperous that she tore up her books and threw them at the head of the governess, who, not liking such treatment, went her ways. As no plausible reason could be urged against allowing the two friends to see each other occasionally, the strange woman was permitted to visit at the house, until the girl's parents became so jealous of her that they actually drove her from the town although her conduct had been unexceptionable. Letters were exchanged, and as time passed the strange love seemed to increase, and gain entire control of the girl's mind. Although she had grown to womanhood, she loathed the company of men and, although she had numerous lovers, would have nothing to do with them. Her friend was in a distant town and hardly able to support herself, and this fact so preyed on the girl's heart that she determined to go to her, as she did at last, although her parents discarded her for it. The two worked together in poverty, and when at last the elder died, she said to her weeping friend: "Oh! darling, turn away your face and let me die!" Eight years have passed since that time, but her grief yet torments her; she sits alone and mopes all day long in her father's house, to which she has been welcomed. She does not seem to be insane, and physicians think that in time she may recover from her strange melancholy plight; but her parents, knowing her throughly, do not believe that she will ever escape the strange fascination of the dead.

☞ A gentleman was endeavoring to enjoy an evening in the company of a young lady upon whem he called, but found a serious obstacle in the person of her stern father, who at length ventured to very plainly intimate that the hour for retiring had arrived. "I think you are correct, my dear sir," returned the unabashed young man. "We have been waiting to have you go to bed for over an hour."

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