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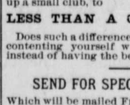
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WATER FOR COWS.

They Need Drink in Winter as Much as in Summer.

The more water that a cow will drink when subsisting on dry fodder the better she will do, provided, of course, that the water is at a moderate temperature when taken into the stomach. This leads us, says George E. Newell in the Boston Cultivator, now that we are on the threshold of winter, to look about and inspect the water supply of our dairies with its attendant facilities.

How many dairymen intend to drive their cows to a neighboring creek this winter and through a hole in the ice force them to drink water at the freezing point of temperature? If such is your plan, let me say right now that it will be as hard to wring profits from your herd as to extract blood from a turnip.

I consider the water subject as important as the feeding subject in its relation to winter milk production. Cows need relatively more water in winter than in summer, to balance the quantity of dry food they consume. If, however, the water offered them is freezing cold, and they are forced to seek it by braving inclement weather, the animals will often turn tail and go back into the stable without even drinking.

With supreme indifference to the real cause I have then heard many dairymen exclaim their cows were not thirsty. I knew one dairyman of this class, more energetic than the rest, who used to employ a whip in forcing his cows to the drinking hole. There the poor creatures had to kneel on the ice and drink, whether they would or not. This man had a dim idea that water in the cow's economy played an important part in milk production—perhaps he had read that water formed 87⅛ per cent of milk—but he had only a brutal conception of how or under what conditions water should be given to cows.

In a more or less modified degree a large class of dairymen all over the country hold to this man's idea. They may not whip their cows to an ice hole, but they give them the alternative of going to one daily or choking with thirst, and that is just as bad.

There is one humane and profitable way, and that is to water cows through the winter in as comfortable a manner as you feed them. I have found it best to water cows shortly after they have eaten, which means three times daily. Above all things they should not be given water at an ice cold temperature.

A CASE IN POINT.

Mr. Blykins Discourses on the Hypocrisy of Women.

"The hypocrisies in which women indulge are very fatiguing," remarked Mr. Blykins, with that lofty and irritating air which he adopts when he feels like lecturing. "These social shams are as foolish as they are unnecessary."

"Do you think they are confined to feminine existence?" inquired his wife gently.

"Of course they are. A man goes straight to the point. He doesn't descend to petty falsehood in an idle attempt to conceal his real motive and feelings. He doesn't send word that he isn't in when somebody whom he wishes to avoid calls. He doesn't gush and coo over somebody and then talk about him behind his back. He says what he has to say straight from the shoulder and never takes any of it back."

"Don't you think that there are little conventional fictions which it is just as well to employ if only for the sake of one's own self respect?"

"Never. This world would get on twice as smoothly if nobody said anything he didn't absolutely mean."

"By the way," she exclaimed, abruptly changing the subject, "did you write to Mr. Squiddy today, as you said you were going to?"

"Yes, and there's a case in point. I didn't mince words with him. I put it all down in black and white. I told him exactly what I think he is and then looked in a book of synonyms for more words. It won't do any good, of course, but it was some satisfaction to call his attention to himself and let him know that there is somebody who isn't to be fooled by his hypocritical mask."

"How did you sign the letter?"

"With my own name, of course. I wouldn't send anything anonymously."

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Mutual Relationship.

The only law of mutual relationship for nations, as well as for individuals, is the golden rule.—Rev. James Reed, Society of New Jerusalem, Boston.

He Couldn't Grasp It

Harry, aged 5, was taking his first ride on the cars, and was curious to know the meaning of certain signposts along the track. "Papa," he asked, "what does W. and R. mean?"

"It means for the engineer to ring and whistle," was the reply.

"Well," said the little traveler, "I can see that W. stands for wring, but I can't see how R. stands for whistle."—*Chicago News.*

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Thereupon the cicerone replied, with perfect serenity, "Yes, but the chateau was then undergoing repairs."—Paris Figaro.

A Department Store Order.

"This order bothers me."

"What's the trouble?"

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Rasperries	8	8
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Pineapples	8	20
Peaches	8	15
Plums	12	12
Prunes	10	12
Pears, Bartlett	8	15
Pears, sour	12	15
Quinces	12	15

Make the sirup by simply pouring boiling water over the sugar and stirring until dissolved. Divide the sirup proportionally among the several jars of fruit, add enough hot water to fill each jar to the neck and fix the covers in position without the rubbers.

A flat bottomed kettle or an ordinary wash boiler is the most convenient vessel to use in cooking. Wire racks can be purchased for either, but a home-made one of slats or strong wire netting answers as well. Place the vessel on the range, do not have jars come in contact, fill with tepid water to the necks of jars, cover and boil steadily and gently the required length of time, then draw the vessel to the back of the range. As each jar is lifted out set on a hot plate, fill to overflowing with boiling water, adjust the rubber carefully and screw the cover down firmly. Invert the jar to test its airtightness, and as the fruit cools occasionally tighten the cover.

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An excellent chocolate ice cream may be made of a quart of cream, a pint of milk, a large tablespoonful of gelatin, a cup and a half of sugar, two ounces of unsweetened chocolate scraped fine, and a tablespoonful of vanilla extract. Soak the gelatin as before, stir it into a cup of the milk and strain it into the cream. Stir the scraped chocolate into the remainder of the milk, which must also be heated to the boiling point; stir the preparation of chocolate over the fire until the chocolate is all melted and the whole is a smooth, dark mass. Add the sugar and stir all into the cream. Add the vanilla and freeze carefully.

The New York Tribune, which gives these recipes, also advises not to use too much salt. Three pints is enough for a large pailful of cracked or pounded ice. The ice should be pounded fine, and the freezer should be packed firmly. Use an ordinary freezer of standard quality. If the cream is frozen too rapidly, it will be coarse. After packing the freezer turn the crank for five minutes. Then open the freezer, remove the beater and scrape off with a thin bladed knife the frozen crust of thin cream that covers the sides of the can and mix it thoroughly with a wooden spoon or spatula, with the softer cream in the center. Replace the beater and the cover of the can and turn the crank again for three or four minutes, then repeat the operation of scraping the sides of the freezing can and mixing the unfrozen cream with the frozen. Work the cream thoroughly to make it light, cover the can and turn the crank again, now as rapidly as possible. In a few moments the cream should be ready to pack. It should remain packed in salt and ice for at least two hours. It is better if kept four or even six hours before it is eaten.

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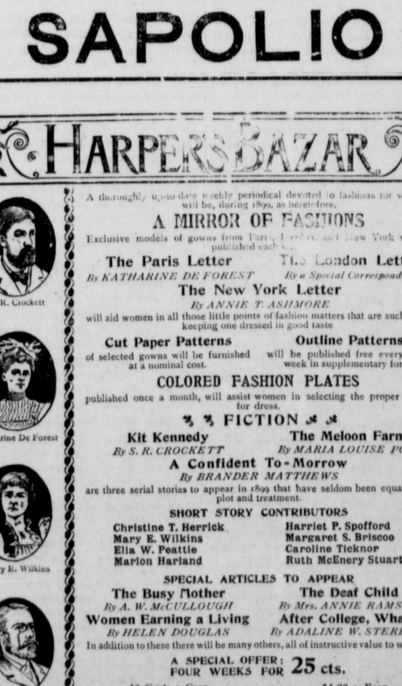
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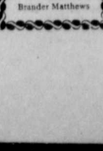
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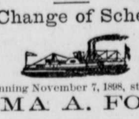
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