

TUB TRUTHS.

A DROP of ink will color a whole glass of water. It is an inch of yeast which makes a pan of bread rise, and a single cake of soap containing unabsorbed alkali can ruin a hundred times its cost in laces and fine embroidery. After all, is it wise to take such risks with common soap? Of course you can get along without Ivory Soap. So can a wagon without axle grease—but it goes hard.

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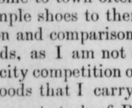
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HOTBEDS.

One of Greenhouse Type—An Improvement in the Hotbed.

On all appliances for the use of glass in lengthening the season of plant growth that of the hotbed is by far the most common, from the small bed of a few sashes suited to a common garden up to the large yards of hotbeds owned by market gardeners. The ordinary making of hotbeds is well understood, but there are certain variations from the usual form which are not so well known, although worthy the consideration of progressive gardeners. To these attention is called in an article originally appearing in Vick's Magazine. The writer says:

First we will speak of a form of hotbed which is somewhat in the nature of a greenhouse.

Fig. 1 shows such a hotbed of greenhouse form in cross section. The width of the house is 14 feet. The roof con-

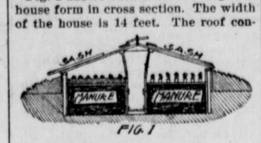


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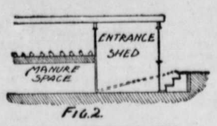


FIG. 2.

HOTBED OF GREENHOUSE FORM.

sists of six foot hotbed sash supported by rafters and a ridge part that consists of lapping boards which extend lengthwise of the house. The upper boards of this part, in alternate lengths on each side, are hinged to the ridge piece, thus affording means of ventilation without sliding the sash. Entrance is effected from the end through a shed, as shown in Fig. 2. The principal advantage of such a house is that the work of planting, watering, etc., can be done at times when it is too cold or stormy to open hotbeds as these are ordinarily made. There are some gains also in the matter of heat economy as well as in that of being able to replenish any part with fresh manure in case this is desired for increased heat.

First, an excavation two feet in depth and the size of the house was made, the soil being used in part for banking against the house for shelter and to carry away moisture. The sides consist of two inch scantling boarded up on the inside and at the top on the outside. The sash supports, of two inch stuff, at one end rest on the outer walls, while toward the other end they rest on two plates two and a half feet apart, which run lengthwise with the house. These plates are supported by iron gas pipes at intervals of eight feet, the lines of which also define the walk and the beds. The height of the house at the center is six and a half feet. The manure spaces are of the same extent as the beds proper and are about three feet deep. In the boarding up of the manure spaces at the walk it is arranged to have the greater part of the board surface movable, being kept in place by the buttons which are attached to the stationary boards at the top and bottom.

Aside from the hotbed above described the present writer has had much experience with hotbeds of the ordinary form a little later in the season than when the greenhouse is operated. One method employed in arranging his hotbed yard has been so satisfactory that he heartily recommends it to others. The idea is shown in Fig. 3. It is in the direction of entirely saving the handling of sashes, except as they slide on the frame, with a saving both in glass breakage and injury from racking.

The way of effecting this is by having the hotbeds arranged in double line as a and b in the engraving, with a space (c) between them equal in width to a hotbed. This space is designed to accommodate the sash when the bed is uncovered and thus never moving them into the walks (d d). It is seen that the sash supports are



FIG. 3

BEDS ARRANGED ON AN IMPROVED PLAN.

twice the usual length—that is, they reach across the space c, thus keeping the sashes as safely supported and as free from racking when moved off the bed as when they are in place. The same space accommodates the sashes of both beds, as the slope permits the extended parts of the supports to be one well above the other, as the figure shows.

The space between the beds is not lost either, for here such things as late celery, cabbage and cauliflower are sown, as the sashes are entirely removed by the time the seedlings require the head space.

Potato Experience.

At one of the Canadian farm stations large whole potatoes did not give a corresponding yield to the weight of tubers planted, and the result points to the inadvisability of planting very large sets. Small whole potatoes were more satisfactory and give promise of furnishing in a favorable season means of disposing of some unmarketable potatoes. The result from seed ends only shows the error of a prevalent theory as to their worthlessness for seed purposes.

Dairy Instruction.

Professor W. A. Henry, dean of the Wisconsin Agricultural college, advocates the teaching of agriculture, and especially dairy subjects, in the rural schools. He wanted the state normals to fit teachers to teach children the meaning of such terms as "protein" and "carbohydrates." He points to the result of such education in Denmark, where agricultural products are $24 per capita, while in Illinois they are but $8. He charges that Belvidere was the place where filled cheese originated, the direct result of the manufacture of which has reduced the export of American cheese from $15,000,000 to $9,000,000 and increased the Canadian output 400 per cent.

Confining Business.

About the first thing at dairy conventions is complaint of the confinement incident to business of dairying. Granted that it is confining, what business in this workaday world of ours is not? Is railroading exempt? Is newspaper work immune? How about being a physician and called up at all hours of the day or night? Is being a millionaire an exception? Why, the millionaire dry goods king, Stewart of New York, was a real prisoner in his own establishment. If you wanted to see him in his office, you were called upon to state your business. You might pass the first sentry, but not the second.

Butterine in the Orient.

E. R. Kimball, a prominent Kansas City creamery man, after an extensive trip through Japan and China, states that there is not a creamery or dairy in China and but two small ones in Japan. He says that the best hotels in Shanghai, a city of 500,000 inhabitants, use a poor quality of butterine made in Germany.

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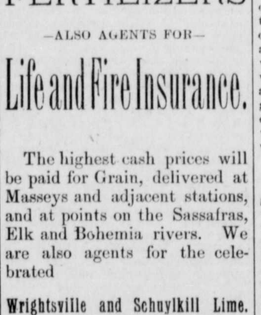
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The dairyman who cannot turn out uniform goods has not yet reached the point where he can call his business successful, writes George E. Newell in The American Cultivator.

A dealer or consumer is not looking for the product of a dairy that is spotted in quality—that is, good one day and mediocre the next.

One of the greatest triumphs in butter making is to produce an article of a high grade and have it so without any variation of quality from day to day.

To do this does not mean mere detail work in the dairy room, but it embraces the whole extensive field of dairying, which the amateur butter maker in search of improved methods soon discovers, greatly to his ultimate advantage.

When he finally succeeds in turning out even grade, gilt edged butter, he will probably have found that his whole business has been revolutionized and placed on a paying basis.

So, I say, that for one who has never tried it it is no light matter to use the watchword "uniformity" on the dairy farm. And yet to do so and to carry it to a successful end mean prosperity and a permanent butter market.

Is dairying worth being followed if one cannot have such a result?

First, cows must be absolutely healthy and kept in a vigorous physical condition.

Warm, sanative stables must be maintained.

The feeding and milking must be done at strictly regular intervals.

Foreign flavors in the milk will be destructive to butter quality afterward.

Milk must be removed to the dairy room as soon as drawn from the cows.

Any extremes of temperatures in the milk or cream, either freezing or heating, are injurious to the butter made from it.

Milk should be strained into the receptacles prepared for it as soon as it reaches the dairy room.

If setting is practiced, the cream should be lifted from it within 36 hours, and 24 hours are better.

If a "baby" separator is used, the milk ought to be run through it as soon as convenient after leaving the udder and the cream be afterward properly matured.

Temperature must be controlled in the dairy room, so that the best degree of heat or cold for the various stages of butter making can be readily obtained.

Having once inaugurated a system of good butter making with a high standard of quality established, the object must then be to make everything so subservient to that system that no difference in color, flavor or texture in the product is discernible from day to day.

Testing a Herd.

In the bulletin of the United States department of agriculture on "The Dairy Herd," Major Alvord relates the following:

"A dairyman of wide reputation, president of a state association for years, concluded to adopt the daily milk record rather because of those who advocated it than of any conviction of needing it himself. His herd was of his own breeding; he had handled every cow from its birth, and he and his sons did the milking.

"Before beginning the record he made note of the joint opinion of himself and sons, as to the half dozen best cows in the herd, and an estimate of their season's milk yield. When the year's record was completed, it was found that in order of actual merit, the cows stood as follows: The best cow was the fifth in the estimate; the second, a cow not on his list; the third was the fourth on the list; the fourth was the first; the fifth was his sixth; the sixth, a cow not in his estimate, and his second and third in previous estimate were way down on the list. These facts were borne out by subsequent records, and the man who had called himself a good dairyman was forced to the conclusion that one-fourth of his cows were being kept at an actual loss, while others barely paid their way."

Treat Cows Well.

It is extremely difficult to get a great many men to see that the reason why they are not financially successful with cows is because they treat them in so heartless a manner, says Hoard's Dairyman. They tie them up in rigid stanchions and force them to bare their young in such cruel confinement; they compel them to lie in their own filth until their sides are plastered with it; they shut them up in dark, damp underground stables, forcing them to breathe air reeking with poisoned fumes; they half starve them in winter's cold and midsummer droughts; they dog them and abuse them with blows and curses. All these things are of common practice, and then such men wonder that this wonderful mother denies to them a profit from her motherhood.

Winter Dairying.

The use of the separator is doing much toward making winter dairying profitable, says The American Cultivator. If it is properly managed, all the butter can be taken from the milk, or so near it as to amount to a loss of about one pound in a thousand, while the old system of setting the milk in a room where it might freeze often caused a loss of two or three pounds in a hundred, and sometimes the butter refused to come at all or was worth but little when it did come. With separator and all the other improved appliances in the dairy room, a knowledge of what is a good food and all the other dairy information which has been disseminated in the past 20 years it would seem as if the dairymen should have an easy and profitable business, much better than we had 20 years ago.

Winter Bee Notes.

Among timely bee notes A. H. Duff advises in Farm, Field and Fireside as follows:

If you find a good many dead bees outside the entrance of the hives after the bees have taken a fly during winter, it is a good sign that they are strong enough to clean out their hives. If you find a colony that have no dead bees at the entrance, you may conclude it is dead or so weak it is unable to do business.

Do not offer to feed liquid food in winter to your bees, for it is almost sure death to the colony. Begin feeding liquid feed after the weather turns warm in early spring and the bees are flying daily.

You can erect windbreaks at any time during winter without molesting the bees, and if not already done, do it now, as it will pay you for the time and expense.

Make some candy from the best grades of sugar, and give it to the bees that you find scarce of stores about midwinter or a little later.

Crimson Clover.

This crop closely follows rye in the feeding rotation and has proved very valuable in New Jersey. It has been proved to be quite as hardy as the red clover and has yielded from 8 to 11 tons of green forage per acre, depending upon the method of seeding, whether on raw ground or as a cover crop. Experience in the growth of this crop indicates that July is the best month for seeding, though it may be seeded as late as September and do well provided the autumn is moist and warm. The best crop results are obtained when the soil is thoroughly prepared and the seed lightly covered with a harrow or other tool which does not cover too deeply. The amount of seed may range from 10 to 15 pounds per acre. On freshly prepared soil the smaller quantity frequently answers quite as well as the larger, though when seeded in corn or other crop the larger quantity is preferable.

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RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

To be an example in purity of life, of thought, of word, of intention, is an ambition worthy of an angel.—Rev. John T. M. Johnston, Baptist, St. Louis.

The Power of the Holy Ghost.

When the members of our church are full of the Holy Ghost, then we may expect to see many people added unto the Lord.—Rev. Francis Edward Smiley, Presbyterian, Denver.

Religion as Man's Dynamic Force.

Religion is the great motor or dynamic force in man, and man himself is the instrument or vehicle through which this force finds expression.—Rev. R. A. Maynard, Denver.

Character.

Character has a language, an eloquence of its own, and mere words are a poor vehicle in which it tries to express itself.—Rev. George H. Hepworth, Congregationalist, New York.

Bible's Valued Teachings.

The Bible is a book which never goes wrong about pride, lust and vanity, about submission, reverence and love. Its teachings shine bright on these subjects.—Rev. H. R. Rose, Universalist, Auburn, N. Y.

God's Grace as a Purifier.

Man's heart is deceitful and full of carnal desires, and it takes the grace of God to purify the heart and transform the old man of sin into the new man of righteousness.—Rev. Dr. Paul C. Curnick, Methodist, Cincinnati.

Expansion.

Expansion is the one idea of the Christian religion. Christ came as the embodiment of the idea of expansion, but he came to a people who must be educated up to the idea.—Rev. J. L. Barton, Congregationalist, Bangor, Me.

Our Dumb Friends.

Noble souls have always understood the blessings of the gospel to extend to every creature. No man's religion is good for anything whose very dog and cat are not the better for it.—Rev. F. D. Power, Christian Church, Washington.

Christ as a Bond.

As Christ is the source, so he is the active principle by which the world exists. The physical universe is bound to God as closely as body is bound to the soul, and the bond that unites them is Jesus Christ.—Rev. C. M. Jacobs, Lutheran, Philadelphia.

Self Renunciation.

It is self renunciation that will move the world to Christ. That is the true Christian programme. Without it being carried out the kingdom will tarry in its coming. Too many want an easy religion, one that will include much self indulgence.—Rev. Frank C. Bruner, Methodist, Chicago.

Soul Saving Service.

If you would meet the requirements of soul saving service and bringing sinning and sorrowing men and women into perfect peace with God and bless their lives, you must keep yourselves in first class form. This you do by prayer, study of Scripture and consecration.—Rev. Dr. Lee, Cincinnati.

Sanctity of Speech.

All our boasted civilization will avail us not unless we fence our utterances, public and private, with that awesome sanctity that regards every word as though uttered in the hearing of God and all speech as though spoken before him. The pillars of society rest upon truth; this alone endures.—Rev. David Philipson, Rabbi, Cincinnati.

Christian Character.

Is there anything more delightful than the character of God's saints? What a charm does attach to their person as well as to their words? The reason is because theirs is the character of Christ, marked by the candor and simplicity of the child joined with an exquisite sense and a wonderful maturity of reason.—Bishop Maty, Catholic, Denver.

True Christianity.

True Christianity betokens honesty, purity, sincerity and good, hard, common sense. Christianity goes hand in hand with clear eyes, bright and, figuratively, clean faces. It shows a man who lives a real life temperately and enjoys it. A Christian young man or at all times true to himself, even were he with a group of demons.—Rev. W. J. McKittrick, Presbyterian, St. Louis.

Value of the Individual.

The individual is more thought of and depended upon both civilly and religiously than most of us think. Advancement is made by the individual. All public advancement in nearly every direction depends upon the individual. Purity in public affairs depends upon the individual. A church grows better by improvement of the individual life in it.—Rev. Dr. C. L. Work, Presbyterian, Cincinnati.

God Filled Lives.

God in Christ comes into all our human living until it grows into an incarnation of God. This is basal to Christianity. This is the heart of the gospel. It is the advent of God into our lives. Thus do our own deepest longings body forth the world expectation of the Christ. Let us deepen these longings. Let us build our lives around them. Let ours be simple, lovable human lives, but God filled.—Rev. David N. Beach, Congregational, Denver.

Two Involving Questions.

Christ was not only the fullest revelation of God to man, but of man to himself. "What is man?" is an inquiry that is next in importance to "What is God?" These two questions involve each other to such an extent that one cannot be answered without answering the other. Through knowledge of God men reach the most satisfactory knowledge of themselves, while God is best interpreted in the terms of true human life.—Rev. John C. Kilgo, D. D., President Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

Religion on the Stage.

Religion is a controversial subject, and any attempt to present it on the stage only brings the whole subject into contempt. Let the theater never be used as the place for enunciating religious propaganda. The church is the place for that.—Rev. Dr. Silverman, Hebrew, New York.

Christian Use of Wealth.

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Way to Live Spiritually.

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Religious Certainty.

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