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milk is a difference between life and death. To a good many of us except from tested cows. milk and cream mean either nourish-

its authority to the regulation milk by municipal ordinances and by state legislative enactments. These the safeguarding of the milk supply tion of all relations between the promilkman's pump. frequently drawn down the light- ard. Ordinances permitting the sei lowing diatribe, of which a St. Louis judge recently relieved himself in the case of the city against a pur-veyor of diluted milk.

"Milk," said the wearer of the erwith the mink only goes out marked with their capacity.

with the soul—that is, early impressions last till death. The Swede has one denoting hospitality, viz., When there is milk in the can for one, there is milk in the can for two. In the phrase, "The milk of human kindness," is expressed the very heart and office of that gently but heart and office of that gently but (Copyright, 1913, by Walter K. Townoble virtue. The bard of bards does not hesitate to connect milk with philosophy, deeming that nei-ther loses dignity by the juxtaposi-tion, he speaks of 'Adversity's sweet milk, philosophy.' All such amiable metaphors, saws, similes, associated ideas and folklore eschew the be-littling idea of water in mist. Contra, the milk held in mind is good I recall but one instance to the contrary (seemingly the inad-venture of a daring and erratic gen-

'Oh Mirth and Innocence! Oh, milk and water! Ye happy mixtures of more happy

Indeed, the universal, primal spontaneous mental conception have of milk, in the first instance, tine was to make it successful, and is that it is unwatered. Take one as it has been there isn't much case for example: Milk and honey room left for knocking. are emblems of pastoral good luck, peace and plenty—a large and a good for the future, if ever there happens PAUL W. THOMAS Is making a specialty of locating homesteaders. He claims to ass the imaginanation by use of the phrase, A land flowing with watered milk and honey? We think the ordinance proceeds on the notion that however much the cow waters own milk in her own humble and honest way (letting nature take her course), the milkman has no right to designedly duplicate nature's gift of water by a furtive gift of his own from the barnyard pump. It proceeds on the underlying theory that it is a fraud, a trick and a veritable false reports being circulated affectcheat-contrary to the common law and hence of that phase of it known colloquially as the 'square deal'-to sell water, when milk, not water, is the commodity dealt in. If one is not to get a stone who asks for bread, no more (under the spirit of the ordinance) is he to get water who

asks for milk." The regulation of a matter of such general and vital concern as milk is properly within the province of the state legislature. It is for the legislative power representing the people as a whole to prescribe the measures that are to safeguard the supply. But the legislature may, and very frequently does, delegate this power to its creature, the municipality; so we find the individual communities supported by the courts in their enactment and enforcement of drastic ordinances regulating the production and distribution of milk.

As these measures entail additional labor and expense on the part of those engaged in the milk business many of the laws have been bitterly opposed in the courts, but quite generally they have been sustained. It is now clearly understood that municipalities having the usual powers may license milk dealers and prevent milk in the municipality. A reasonable license fee may be enacted and the health officers may be given the it herity to issue or withhold licennd, unless it is shown that they from improper motives, their in refusing to issue or in reoking a license, under the authority the municipality, will be supported by the courts.

The legislative bodies may also prescribe laws against adulterations. In the absence of legal enactment an adulterant must be unwholesome be fore action can be taken against the parties responsible. But modern laws forbid all adulterants, whether harmless or not. Under these regulations water is an adulterant. So any pre servatives, or other unnatural substances, no matter how harmless, are adulterants. If the law forbids the adulteration any person who adulterates is guiltyand may be punished under the law. Usually the statutes and ordinances also prohibit the sale of adulterated milk and under the usual form of the law it is not necessary that the dealer knew that the milk was adulterated. It becomes his duty to see to it that the milk which he sells is pure and up to the stand-ard set by the law, and if he does not he is legally liable. Both the Let Us Do Your Job Work | man who owns the business and the servant who drives the wagon are. in general, liable under the law. But the laws have gone even furthman who owns the business and the

milk is produced and transported and prescribed standards of richness. Reg ulations forbidding the sale within the town of milk from cows fed on slops, or brewer's malt, or kept in unsanitary premises have been up-held. The defendants in these cases were not allowed to show that the milk was, nevertheless, perfectly wholesome; the fact that the law prohibits the sale of such milk is fi-The regulation of the milk supply nal. It is a matter properly within s a matter that is of vital import- the regulation of the lawmaking powance to all of us. To the babies the er. The municipality may also redifference between good and bad quire that all cows be subjected to tuberculin and other tests, and that no milk be sold within the town limit

Even though the dealer be licensed ment or disease according as it is and his milk come from properly fed pure or impure. Typhoid epidemics have been frequently traced to an impure milk supply and tuberculous cows spread a dreaded plague to those who consume the milk.

The law has given the weight of the model of the per cent of fat in milk and twenty per cent of f cent of fat in cream has been held reasonable. Where the laws vide the health officers may seize laws have for their purpose not only without compensation milk enough to make tests. The analysis of compe against disease but also the separa- tent authorities, unless shown to be erroneous, is taken by the courts as duc' of the cow and the far-famed the final test whether the milk in Watered milk has question was up to the required stand nings of the law as well as furnish zure and destruction of all milk that inspiration for the professional jokesmith. It was the subject of the fol- required standards are supported by the courts and generally enforced.

Of course the municipality may make valid regulations governing the measures of quantity in use by dealers. The citizens tthru their legmine, "an object of profound and islative representatives—be they al vigilant concern to the modern law-maker, has always been part and board—may provide these regulamaker, has always been part and board—may provide these regula-parcel to the daily life, the adages tions as well as those protecting their and folklore of mankind. For exagainst impure or weak milk. All ample: We are told not to cry over but officially-tested measures may be spilt milk—that is, not to fret over real loss that can't be helped. The Russian has an adage, That which is ly in bottles or jars permanently taken in with the milk only goes out marked with their capacity.

Commend and Suggest

Speaking of the recent quarantine in Alliance, The Herald wishes to commend and suggest. wish to commend the city officials for the vigorous and successful manner in which smallpox and other contagious diseases have been stamped out. Of course, almost any one can where improvement could have been made; but it is easier to see how a thing could have ben done better after it has been done than to do it better at the time. The main thing in view in ordering a quarantine was to make it successful, and

The suggestion we have to make spread. If that is true, and we believe it is, it seems to us the easiest and best way to stamp out an epidime of smiallpox would be to re q ire everybody to be vaccinated. If this were done, business would not be star nated by the weeks and months, preperty would not need to be destroyed as is the case sometimes in quarautine, and there would be less probability of exaggerated and ing the city's welfare.

Outing in the West

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Hughes and son and daughter, Buford and Helen, left on 41 last Thursday morning for a two months' outing in the west The object of the trip is health and pleasure. They will visit Seattle and Portland and other western points. At Seattle they were to meet Mr. Hughes' brother, Thos. J. Hughes, a wireless telegrapher in the employ of the Canadian government. A Carl Hughes, at Holtville, California, will be visited.

Mr. Hughes has been a faithful employe of the Burlington railroad for six years, during which time he has not taken a vacation, altho some times being absent a few days to work on his claim. Before entering the employ of the rallroad company he filed on a homestead claim, or which he proved up a couple of years He is an enthusiastic north western Nebraska man. Before he left on the pleasure trip he showed his confidence in this country by his closing of a deal for the purchase of a half section of land near Lakeside. all unlicensed persons from selling The Herald will carry the news to them while they are on their vaca-

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