

THE FARM AND HOME.

THE PICKING, PACKING, AND SHIPPING OF FRUIT.

Fruit Unit for Market—Points in Feeding—To Remove Turnip Flavor in Milk—Farm Notes and Home Hints.

Marketing Fruit. The following advice regarding the picking, packing and shipping of fruit was written for the benefit of Canadian fruit-growers...

The amount of fruit that is sent to market by wagon, train or boat every season that is unfit for market is something enormous. Why is it that farmers, or fruit growers, who appear to have enough sense in many ways...

If you get a good customer, don't try to cheat him by giving him an inferior article for a good one; if you do, he is lost to you. If you ship together to commission men, the buyers know your brand or package in a day or two...

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reached This period will depend on the length of the feeding term, but it should not be near the commencement in any case. The strength of the meal ration should also be increased as the season advances. The appetites of the animals should be carefully watched and no more food be given to them at any time than they will eat with a relish. When once put off their feed by over-feeding, they seldom regain their former tone while the experiment lasts. There is no necessity for giving them more than three feeds per day. Some old feeders have practiced giving five feeds per day. It may turn out that two feeds per day will answer every purpose, but I am not prepared to affirm this in the meantime. The feeder should be careful not to finish the animals before the probable date of sale. If they are not expected to take the market until May they should be so fed that they will not be ripe a day sooner. When they are ripe the flesh assumes a solidity which is easily discerned by the practiced hand. After this condition is reached the gains are slow, no matter what the nature of the feeding may be. It is also wise to sell before the warm weather comes, when this can be done, as after that period the gains will not increase rapidly.—Thomas Shaw in National Stockman.

To Remove Turnip Flavor From Milk. The only way to get turnip flavor out of milk is to heat the milk in a water bath to 135-140 degrees immediately after milking. This will completely eradicate the turnip flavor, and the milk will make good, sweet butter. This heating of the milk will also cause the cream more perfectly to rise if set in shallow pans, and will thus increase the amount of butter. We have often described the mode of heating milk in a water bath, which is in short, to set the vessel containing the milk into another vessel containing water, allowing the water to circulate under the vessel containing the milk by raising it on two thin bars of iron. The milk will then be heated by hot water and cannot be scorched. The taint of milk from sour or mouldy ensilage is removed by heating it to 130 degrees. We have made butter quite satisfactory to very particular customers after thus heating the milk.—Farming World.

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The Alphabet in Magic Sentences. A few years ago this department contained a "note" entitled "An Alphabetical Sentence" which ran as follows: "John P. Brady gave me a black walnut box of quite small size." The Republic's editor commented on the ingenious little piece of word carpentry and supplemented it with another in which "Blocks of Five" was curiously interwoven with the results of such political tinkering. The Brady sentence containing forty-seven letters, and at the time it was published was thought to be the shortest alphabetical sentence in the English language. Since that time "ye editor" has succeeded in capturing the following: J. Gray Pack my box with five dozen quills. Z. Badger: Thy vixen jumps quick at fowl. The educated half-breed hunter, after he had fired all wild his last arrow into a herd of live cattle without effect, cried out: "Quick! Glad ze phyr, wat my gravelin to ox." The first contains 33 letters; the two last 32 each. If you notice closely you will see that the last sentence lacks a "b," a fact which seems to have been entirely overlooked by Prof. Morrison, its author. Mrs. Nancy Wirtz, 1201 Caroline St., Baltimore, Md., thus gives her experience: "We have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and have never found its equal for our children."

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