

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate Their Department of the Homestead—Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

What a Little Intelligence Did.

The following story, illustrating his practical, common sense methods, has been told by ex-Gov. Hoard at dairymen's meetings: About twelve years ago there came into my office a German farmer; we will call him Carl. He said, "I got me 60 acres ground, and I got me frau and I got me six children—sometimes me think too much children—and I got me mortgage, and I work so hard as I can all the time, and I don't have nodings; and I hear you speak about the dairy business, and I dink I talk with you, see if you can gif me somedings." Now, the simple plea of the man touched me to the heart. It was the cry of a man who was seeking, if possible, to see through the darkness that surrounded him, for the sake of the wife and children and the hope that he might some day have a home and get a better reward for the labor of his hands. I said, "Carl, I am glad you have come in to talk with me; we will look it over." He says, "What can I do? I got me no money; I can not buy churns and all dem dings; I can not buy a lot of cows. I have nine cows, and the frau, she makes butter, and I sell the butter in the store, and I got codfish and dings and dot ish nodings." "Well," I says, "Carl, look here; the difficulty lies with you; you have not learned how to make fine butter. You are making it from Carl's standpoint, not from the standpoint of the man who wants to buy. You must make your butter rightly. How to make it—you have no money? Let me see; you are keeping the butter in the house?" "Yes." "The milk is in the house?" "Yes." "Very well, that is no place for it. You smoke and the wife, she cooks cabbage and turnips and everything, and all that gets into the butter?" And Carl said "Yes." "Well, we must devise some practical, simple way. You have money enough to buy \$5 worth of lumber, haven't you?" "Yes, sir." "You have a good well and a windmill? We will build a little house over the well, and you can get a couple of kerosene barrels, can't you?" "Yes." "They will cost

time in all my days than the time when I went down to that little German, Carl, and said, "There is your price of your butter, and there is your money, 20 cents per pound." He took it in his hands, and catching his wife around the waist, went waltzing around and around, saying, "Lucetti, dot ish no humbug; Lucetti, dot ish no humbug." Carl saw his first glimmer of light. A little intelligence gave it to him. He had been struggling and working apparently against fate and could not see his way out, and I tried to give him practical assistance. To-day that man is worth twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars, and he does not say he has got too many children now, for they have grown up and are helping him, and every little while he sends me in a little package of butter. "To my friend who showed me how;" and there has been hundreds of such instances.

Judging Cows.

To men that at this time of year are called upon to act as judges of cows at local shows we desire to say a few words regarding some of the points that should be taken into consideration when making awards. It is understood, of course, that at state fairs expert judges are engaged, and such men would not appreciate pointers, although it may be whispered that they sometimes show themselves sadly in need of them. In passing upon the merits of a large collection of dairy cows in class for "best milch cow," it is usually a very difficult matter to decide which animal is entitled to the premium, as without a milking test it is impossible in nine cases out of ten to hit upon the best cow for business. For a man to select the "best" milch cow from a bunch, merely depending upon appearances as a criterion, is unsatisfactory where the cows are of mixed breeding; it is, however, frequently possible where the cows are all of the same breed and age. Every dairy man owns cows that milk wonderfully yet do not fill the eye of the expert as of correct dairy type; again he has model appearing cows that milk well for a short time, then prove unprofitable, and others of his cows, though not deep milkers, pay a big profit at the churn. Taking these things into consideration the FARMERS' REVIEW is strongly of the opinion that no good object is attained by offering premiums for best family or milch cow open to all breeds and grades unless an actual test is made at least an important feature in the

such palpably dishonest artifices. We shall not presume here to tell the prospective judge what are the characteristic points of a good dairy cow, for we do not believe he will be so foolish as to accept the office of judge unless he can properly fulfill its duties; and our best advice to all men asked to judge is "keep out of the ring if you are not competent," for a man can neither be honest to himself, the owners or the public unless he is assuredly "the right man in the right place."

How to Lose Money on Poultry.

"Pay no attention to any instructions from your poultry or commission man, for you know more about shipping than he does. When you order your farmer to bring his poultry in for shipment, tell him to tie them by the legs so they can bruise their breasts and legs; then they will dress up nice and green when decapitated. Always feed them about six pounds of feed so their craws are larger than the fowl; be sure that the feed is some kind that will sour very quick. As soon as they can not eat any more chop off their heads, some close up to body and some through the middle of the head (be sure and not get two alike), throw them in the barnyard where there are plenty of rocks, that they may flop all over and skin themselves in good shape. Before you begin and pick them, be sure you have enough water, a little warmer than milk, or else twice as hot as it should be, so that you may either cook or freeze them at once. If your water is on the milk order just give them one dip, so that when you commence picking you can rub off their yellow skin and gloss, and they will look as if they had been covered with a mustard plaster; if the water is boiling hold them in until they are cooked, then they need nothing more but seasoning, when they will be ready to serve at the table. Always kill about five dozen before you begin to pick, so that when you get to the last ones the feathers will be set and every one will take a piece of flesh along with it; and when your bird is dressed (as you will probably call it) it will look as if it had gone through a threshing machine. Then, instead of cutting the feet off at the knee joints (as should be, if cut at all), do as you have done before—cut them off about two inches above the knee, and always have one leg longer than the other. Be sure and leave about fourteen inches of neck on some, and cut others in the same box close up to the body. Be careful that

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\$1.20; we will burn them out to get the oil out of them, and they will make two good tanks. Go down to the tinner's and get some shot cans; they will cost you very little, and you will get a good churn and I will come down and we will make the butter." And his frau kept telling him all the time "Look out, that Yankee man is a humbug," and Carl he says, "I dink not," and by and by we get a start and he had some cream saved. I went down and showed him how to keep his cream cool and how to set the milk, till he had about fifty or sixty pounds of cream, and I said, "I want you to keep it so;" and so I tutored him along, and the man was anxious as could be, and I thought he would learn. One day I went to his house and took off my coat and showed him how nice butter should be made and how to get the delicate flavor. Then I took a neat little package, and he said, "What will we do with it?" I replied, "We will put it into this nice little package and send it to Chicago." "Send it to Chicago? why, I will never see my butter any more;" and I said, "Yes, you will. You have been trying to measure this world by a narrow horizon. This country grocery store business is not a dairy market. If you make nice butter, you must send it where men pay good prices for a good article. We will send it to Chicago." And I sent it off, and I said to the commission man, "Here are the first fruits of righteousness in my friend Carl, and I want you to sell this package of butter on its merits." Butter was selling at 15 to 16 cents, and the account came back of that 20 pounds of butter at 26 cents. I have seen some little triumph in life since, but I have not seen a happier

competition. In the competitions confined to pure bred animals of the same breed the matter is altogether different one, as here more than mere profit at the pail or churn may be taken into consideration, preference being given to the typical cow of the breed—the cow that is full of breed characteristics and dairy points and well qualified to perpetuate her race—rather than the animal lacking these qualifications but markedly rich in producing capabilities. There are other points to be kept in mind by the prospective judge of cows at local fairs, and one of the most important is to examine the milk vessel of each cow, also to enforce the customary rule that cows must have been milked out clean at the usual time prior to the competition. It is common to see cows "hefted" painfully in preparation for the arena, which can only be considered cruel and dangerous, and we are glad to note that at a recent fair a judge, finding the cows hefted, demanded that they should be then and there milked out clean, before he would go on with the judging. Great care should also be taken to prevent owners from exhibiting barren cows that are yet in fair milk but showing much better condition than cows that have recently produced a calf. In judging Jersey and Guernsey cows the judge should handle the animals and ascertain whether the beautiful rich color inside of the ears, thighs and upon the udder and escutcheon is natural or "artificial butter color." The writer has run across cows in the judging ring that have been lavishly smeared with highly colored butter, but the watchful eye and inquisitive finger will not be fooled by

they do not get cold on your h as they might go through in good shape if properly cooled. Throw them all in some rusty old box or barrel (a clean one might cost ten cents), put a tight head in, whichever kind it may be, so that none of the animal heat (which should have been out before packing) escapes." The above is from a circular sent out by Robt. Purvis of Omaha, a man who has been in the poultry commission business for twenty-four years. En. What Was It? TO THE FARMERS' REVIEW: One morning while talking to a friend who was feeding his poultry, he remarked that several had taken sick and one or two died. The symptoms were simply this, constant moping and a loss of appetite. The comb of a beautiful rooster had turned almost black and had wilted (so to speak). It occurred to me that it might be that his chickens had the cholera or some other bowel disease. I immediately called a small boy and sent him to the drug store for what had been a household remedy since my boyhood days, especially when we boys were suffering because of having eaten too freely of green apples. My friend proceeded to dope the rooster and in a few days he recovered, began to look bright and his comb soon straightened up as red and beautiful as before. He has had several afflicted since, but a quite liberal use of this patent medicine has cured and prevented others from taking. It is very strong and a little will go a long way if put in water before the bran or meal is put in for a mash. I don't know what the disease is, but I know the remedy is good for cholera in man, why not in chickens? Miller's Magnetic Balm is its name. G. R. C. Downers Grove, Ill.

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