

milked at her regular time and allowed to run over to her next time of milking, her udder becomes so full and tight that she is in misery. This is very unkind treatment. And such treatment induces the udder to become inflamed and might injure it and the milk also. Have a definite hour to milk and always milk when that time comes. There is a time to milk, the same as there is a time to eat and sleep. A man does not want to miss his meals or his sleep and he wants them on time and usually gets them. It is just as reasonable, that the cows should be milked, fed and watered at an appointed time. Some people think a cow is nothing but a cow and it matters not whether she is milked and fed at regular hours or whether it is done right, and when they do milk her they will give her a few raps over the ribs with the milk stool before they get her milked and say, "So there, or I'll break your old neck." Then they'll quiet down and go to milking as they would pumping water acting just as if the cow had no more feeling than the pump they were drawing water from. The cow which does this can not do her best. Be kind and patient with the cows and they will repay you well in the pail.

Farm Notes.

When you sit down in the house to read your farm paper, read it aloud, so that your wife can hear. She will enjoy it just as much as you do, and she will love you all the better for it.

Lots of people writing in to know when to set strawberries. There is just one month to set them in this section, and that is April. You are generally wasting your time to try to start a patch any other month of the year. Now, if you let this April go by and don't set a patch, don't say I didn't warn you. Asparagus is the same way. Get the plants and set them just as early in the spring as you can.

Better dip your seed potatoes for scab this spring. It will cost but very little and will make a good many dollars' difference in the crop. Even if the seed looks clean it will do not harm to dip them. Take mercuric bichloride (corrosive sublimate) one-half pound to sixty gallons of water. Soak the potatoes for two hours before cutting them. That's all there is to it. The same solution can be used time after time. We use it in a trough and shovel potatoes in and out with a wire scoop. Soak about eight bushels at a time.

Give the boy a patch of ground of his own this spring and let him tend it according to his notions. Give him a good piece, too. Not some out-of-the-way, weedy corner. Give him some really good ground and plow and harrow it in good shape for him. He will learn a heap tending that ground and selling the products.

Get some letter heads and envelopes

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printed with your name and address on them. It will cost you more than drug store paper and it is a lot more satisfactory. People away from home to whom you write business letters will often size you up by your letter and if you have a nice-looking letter head they will "think you are somebody," and pay you special attention. One farm paper lately referred to their people as "farmers with letter heads," and there is food for thought in that.

For low moist places the best meadow or pasture mixture is timothy and alsike clover. Did you know that you can get the seed ready-mixed in about right proportions for less than you can buy them separate and mix them? It's a fact. You see, such meadows are cut for seed and the mixture has to be sold as it is, because it is impossible to separate the two. You can get timothy, redtop and white clover the same way, too. If you are buying grass seed remember this.

If you have not already done so, get out the first nice day now and sow the onion seed, and radishes, and early peas, turnips and beets. All of these are safe to go out any time now. Even if we have quite a cold snap, yet they will not be harmed. I have had the ground freeze several inches deep after the peas were sprouted, and it never hurt them at all.

Spread out your seed potatoes and let them sun awhile. It will improve them very much. If the sprouts are short and green and thick they will go right to growing as soon as the potato is planted. You can gain at least a week in earliness by sunning the potatoes this way.

Told the Truth.

The editor of an Indiana paper grew tired of being called a liar so he announced that he would tell the truth in the future. The first issue thereafter contained the following:

"John Jones, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Bellville yesterday."

"John, Smith, our groceryman, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty, dusty and noxiously odoriferous. How can he expect to do much?"

"Rev. Chump preached last Sunday night on 'charity'. The sermon was punk."

"Dick Sims died at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. The fact is, he was drunk, and whiskey is what killed him."

"Married—Miss Sallie Adams and Henry Hatch, last Saturday evening at the Baptist parsonage. The bride is a very ordinary town girl who doesn't know any more than a jack-rabbit about cooking, and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means, and she has a gait like a fat duck. The groom is well known as an up-to-date loafer. He's lived off the old folks all his life and don't amount to shucks. They will have a hard life."

The paper had no sooner reached the public than a committee was sent to him bearing a petition asking him to continue in the good old way and stated that they believed him to be a truthful, honest man.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS ON RURAL ROUTES

In reply to a communication of Stephen Lyle, of Muskingum county, Ohio, in which he states that the order suspending service on rural routes on holidays should be revoked, on the ground that it delays the delivery of a considerable quantity of mail. The fourth assistant postmaster general says: After due consideration of the matter, in view of the fact that rural letter carriers are not allowed any leave with pay, it was decided to suspend service on all rural routes on the following holidays: New Year's day, Washington's birthday, Decoration day, Independence day, the first Monday in September, known as Labor day, and such as the president may designate as Thanksgiving day. Under the regulations postmasters are

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AN OFT TOLD TALE OF OPPRESSION AND FRAUD

Nothing that has not been heard many times before about the criminal methods of the Standard Oil company and the disgraceful complicity of the railroads with the odious Rockefeller trust has been brought out in the hearing before the interstate commerce commission in this city. It is the same revolting story of inquisitorial cruelty and oppression that makes one think of medieval persecution in the king-ridden countries of the old world and almost gasp in amazement that such things can happen in

a land where the people boast of their liberty.

There is nothing new in the story. It is an oft tale—quasi-public corporations which derive their right to existence from the state corrupted and intimidated by an insatiate monopoly, and converted into agents of fraud and oppression; the employment of what are called the "best lawyers" to defend lawbreaking in its most dangerous form, and patronizing scorn for the officers of the government of the United States.

It should never have been necessary to tell the story but once. The first complete and authentic expose of the Rockefeller conspiracy against trade and its collusion with the railroads should have marked its overthrow.

But the tale loses nothing by repetition. It becomes no less hateful by reiteration. The country must feel a little deeper twinge of shame every time it hears it. Let it be related again and again, until the inherent decency of the nation can stand it no longer and until the American sense of honor is aroused to swift and successful revolt.—Kansas City Times