

Drives 300 Hogs 165 Miles to the Market

STOCK shippers have lots of complaints about slowness of trains, holdups at junctions and switches, most of them just complaints and then again some of them "just complaints."

Very rarely does any one think of improvements that have taken place and everybody seems ready enough to give the transportation devil his due amount of cussing, and then some.

But how would you like to tackle the job of getting 300 hogs to market 165 miles on foot, through sagebrush and sand?

That's the problem that had to be met by Mr. Frank Clerf, who lives on the old Devine ranch, Harney County, Oregon, 165 miles from the railroad.

The distance from his home ranch to Winnemucca, Nev., is 165 miles by trail, and they drove 300 hogs this entire distance over the desert and sagebrush with loss of but one hog. They sold two to ranchers on the way which became slow, and one just naturally got lost entirely.

They delivered the balance in good condition and were sold in Winnemucca. The hogs ranged from light weights to fairly heavy and had been raised in alfalfa pasture on the Clerf ranch.

Mr. Clerf said that by evening of the first day the hogs became somewhat footsore, but after a day or two they got used to the hiking game and drove like a bunch of cattle. At night they were tired enough so they would bed down in the desert where there was no water. Feed was hauled in wagons for the hogs and 19 days were taken for the trip.

When you consider the character of the country and the tremendous distance traveled, this must be pretty near a record.

Dairy-House Should Be Separate From the Barn

IN every case where a considerable portion of the farm income is derived from the sale of dairy products a building should be provided to be devoted exclusively to their care.

The essential features which should be retained in any plan are a room just large enough for the actual needs, a floor, a wall and ceiling which can be easily, quickly and thoroughly cleaned; a good drain to carry away waste water; a suitable method for heating the house in cold weather; plenty of light and ventilation; convenient arrangements for washing, scalding and drying dairy utensils, and a good tank and water supply for cooling the milk or cream. This building or dairy house should be convenient to but entirely separate from the barn where the milking is done.

In case a special dairy house cannot be provided the milk or cream should be handled and stored in a clean, light and well ventilated place, free from strong odors of any kind.

Curing the Kicker.

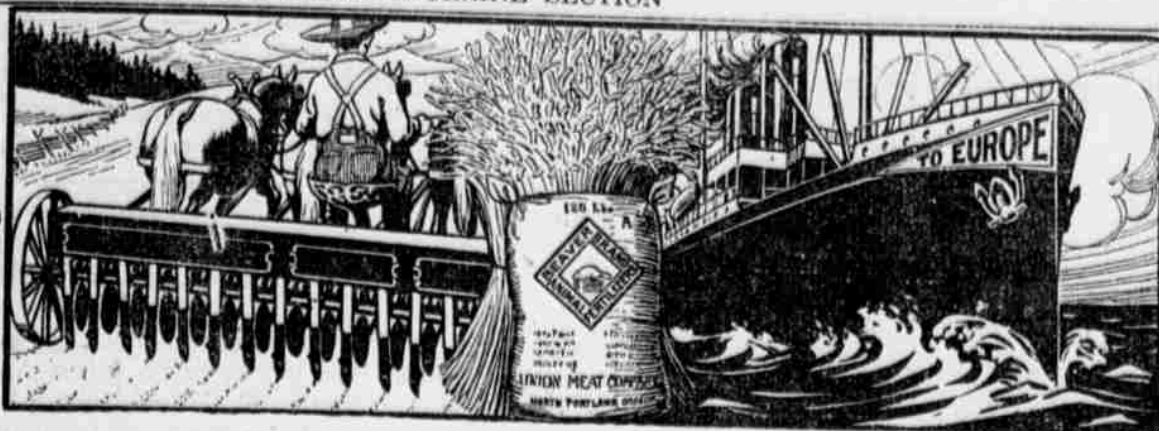
Generally speaking, there is one unfailing cure for the kicking cow, and it comes out of the same medicine chest as the sure remedy for a sick hen. Both involve a serious shock to the animal, but in the long run it is cheaper to sell the cow to the butcher, and turn the hen into fertilizer, than to fuss with them.

However, there would be no mean cows if all the calves were properly trained; which is the same as saying there would be no wickedness or poverty in the world if all the children were brought up to appreciate the value of virtue and efficiency.

A calf handled from infancy needs no "breaking." She just takes naturally to being a dairy cow as though from instinct. If you do acquire by some mischance a kicker, she may be cured by the right brand of kindness; not mushy sentiment, but firmness, poise of manner and a soothing voice and touch at all times—accompanied with the right proportion of caution.

A rope fastened tightly around her body just in front of the udder and the hip bones will sometimes stop her kicking. When she lifts her hind leg to land upon your anatomy, the rope tightens and hurts, and she gets to thinking so persistently about that rope that she forgets all about her meanness.

Tying her hind legs together or tying a foreleg close up to her body will keep her from kicking. Another way easily managed for a regular kicker is to fasten a rope or strap securely at the back of the stall or stable at the right distance from her heels. At the end of this strap fasten a heavy snap. Around



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her right hind leg fasten a strap holding a ring. When ready to milk fix the snap into the ring.

There is one method which never yet worked in converting a wicked cow into a model of propriety, and that is to beat her up with the milking stool or to caress her with a No. 11 boot. This may relieve the feelings of the attendant, and as such has a doubtful value, but it most certainly will put a cow's nerves on edge and spoil her for dairy use.

Most cows protest with their feet when a milker hurts their teats. A

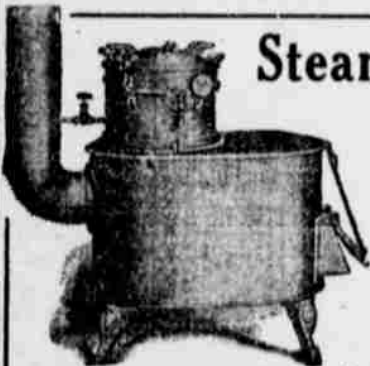
little care during milking may save a lot of excitement.

Dairy Notes.

Don't compel the dairy cows to stand out in the cold rain and snow. It will surely decrease the milk yield.

There is no community where dairying in one form or another cannot be carried on with a profit.

Milk is a wonderful absorbent. It acquires most easily the odor of adjacent objects. Keep its surroundings clean.

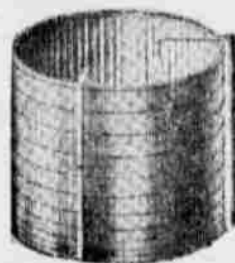


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