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In 1876 a man in Jefferson county came to me and said: "I have been trying to make some money out of my herd of cows. They are grade Shorthorn cows, and the best I can get them to do is 150 pounds of butter per cow, and I have worked hard." Now, he asked me what he should do, and he said very feelingly: "I can't stand it to work the year round for such small results. Shall I sell off these cows and go and buy dairy cows?" "I think not," I said. "Well, what will I do?" I said: "You want to raise dairy cows, don't you? You don't want to fool away your time with poor cows. You want good cows." "Yes." "Well, you go and buy the best Jersey bull that you can find—and if you pay a good, high price for him, the better—and put him at the head of your herd." He did so. He paid \$200 for a very fine, prepotent, strong blooded Jersey bull. Now, my good farmer friends, I want to show you something. When the daughters of that sire came into milk, at four years of age, his average was 275 pounds of butter per cow. That is what blood did when bred in the right direction. In one remove from that bull it made a difference of 125 pounds of butter per cow.—W. D. Hoard, Wisconsin, Before Dairy Convention.

Beautiful Young Cow.
The subject of the illustration, from Holstein-Friesian Register, is the beautiful young cow Johanna Bonheur, bred by W. J. Gillett, Rosendale, Wis. It is evident that individual excellence and performance are strongly blended in this animal. As a two-year-old she made an official test of 14.2 pounds of butter in one week and 50.8 pounds of milk in one day. In eleven months at the same age she produced 12,028.6 pounds of milk. As a three-year-old she was given an official test eight months after calving and in seven days produced 13 pounds



JOHANNA BONHEUR.
of butter and in one year at the same age produced 16,193.3 pounds of milk. She was recently tested again in her four-year-old form and made 22.2

pounds of butter in one week, her milk for the time averaging 4.23 per cent fat. Her best day in milk at this age is 73.1 pounds.

The sire of Johanna Bonheur is the noted Sarcastic Lad, champion at St. Louis, and the sire of about twenty A. R. O. daughters. His dam, Belle Sarcastic, has an official test of 25.5 pounds of butter in one week, and his grandam, Rosa Bonheur V., has an official test of 25.6 pounds. The dam of Johanna Bonheur is Johanna De Kol II, who sold for \$1,000 cash and who had an official test at four years old of 24 pounds of butter in seven days.

Soiling Crop For August Sowing.

Our first soiling crop harvested in the spring is rye. It is one of the most useful, and yet it is unsatisfactory to many because it is not cut soon enough. To get the best out of it cut just as soon as it begins to come into head. Then it is very digestible and palatable, but quickly loses in digestibility. Sow one plot in August, fertilizing well. The heavy fall growth causes the plants to store up nitrates ready for spring use, and the plants start up quickly, reaching the feeding stage five or six days earlier than a second plot seeded late and less well fertilized. In this way the feeding period of rye can be made to cover four ten to sixteen days.—Professor Voorhees of New Jersey.

Persistent Milkers.

The cow that gives a pailful and a half twice a day when she first freshens may not be the most profitable cow in the herd. Another that gives only three-fourths of a pailful is possibly making more money. The profitability of the milker depends upon three things—the quality of the milk, the persistence of its flow and the amount. The second point is frequently overlooked. Every cow should have some time each year for a rest between the milking periods. The cow that is never dried up will not last as long as the one which takes a rest of from four to six weeks. We admire the persistent milker, but she must be handled carefully by a capable dairyman. Otherwise she will be milked up to the last day, thus sapping her vitality and abusing her ability.—Kimball's Dairy Farmer.

Rearing Calves.

In the first place too much emphasis cannot be laid on the practice of a dairy farmer always, as far as possible, breeding and rearing his own calves, paying the greatest attention to selecting calves from the best butter producing cows. The productiveness of a herd can be greatly improved in a few years by this practice and there is less risk of introducing disease, says an American Cultivator writer. To fill up the places of old cows and those which prove unlucky or unprofitable young helpers to the number of one-third or one-fourth of the total herd should be available each year.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Promises are pleasant things, but grocers don't receipt your bills for them.

The prayer that is made with both hands is the one that is most apt to be answered.



Not to have been evil seems to be the idea of achievement that many people have.

A dictionary is a large book that most people have lying about to give an air of learning to the establishment.

A young and pretty sister is a delightful thing to have if she is some other fellow's sister.

It is not a bad idea to count those people your friends who successfully keep out of your way.

Calls to duty are of various kinds, but those are easiest heard which have the largest salary attached.

Fearlessness usually has its root in ignorance.

Some people try to get to heaven at excursion rates.

Music For the Masses.

There are several kinds of music That are rated pretty fair. Some of it you have to pay for, Some of it is free as air, But no music is so glad some As the bright and cheerful tune That comes floating round the corner When the whistle blows at noon.

Slowly drags away the morning In the office or the shop; Time is certainly a laggard, Almost threatening to stop; Heavy grows the pen and ledger, Saw and hammer take on weight, But they fall down when the whistle Opens up the noonday gate.

In the piercing intonation Of the message that it sings There are promises in plenty Without any kind of strings— Rest, rag chewing or a saunter And a pipe or two, no doubt, Not to mention the substantial That the dinner pail pans out.

There are melodies in plenty That assail our weary ears— Ragtime, classic, steam pianos And the music of the spheres; There is piping in the gloaming, There is laying at the moon— But they're every one back numbers When the whistle blows at noon.

Suitable.



"What was Adam's last name?"
"I never heard he had one."
"Seems to me he did."
"Must have been Mudd just after he was evicted."

A Hurry Up Job.

While it will be some years before we will be able to sail the Panama canal, picking Panama hats from the bushes along the banks, yet the decision of congress to make it a lock rather than a sea level canal may hasten the time so that some of us now living may reap the benefits of the labor.

A sea level canal looks the nicest on paper, but somehow it is hard for us to take much of an interest in a project that will be completed in the year 4000 or thereabout.

How do we know what kind of a race will be inhabiting this country by that time? If it is the Chinese they might thank us for the trouble of digging the canal, but what would we get out of it?

If we started to build a sea level canal airships might have put boats out of business by the time it was done, and the people might at once proceed to fill it up, so as to make use of the ground for raising garden truck.

Thought it Was a Sewer.

"He had a nice little business, but the octopus came along and swallowed him up."

"I should think he would have a case against the city. They ought to be compelled to keep the streets in better shape than that."

Steady Companion.

"Haven't seen Mrs. Lighthouse for several days."
"No; her bark is on the sea."
"Say, that woman can't go no place without taking that pug dog of hers."

Want Some One to Talk To.

"Why do old maids like cats?"
"Old maids are women."
"You don't say! But what of it?"
"Cats make good listeners."

Not in a Book.

"I suppose they lived happy ever after."
"Where did you get that notion? Didn't I tell you they got married?"

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