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HOW THEY GOT AHEAD OF THE OLD FOLKS

(Original.)
Miss Julia Wardwell had breakfasted and was attending to her canary when the postman arrived and left a letter for her.
"Good gracious!" she exclaimed. "Mamma to be married! 'Sorry she can't come home quite as early as expected.' 'Mr. Arbuckle.' 'Hopes I'll not be naughty about it.' 'What in the world am I to do? I can't get used to a strange man in the house. I'll'—"
A maid entered and handed her a card on which was written, "Henry Durand Arbuckle."
"Well, I declare," the girl went on with her soliloquy, after telling the maid to say that she would be down soon, "this is 'disaster following fast and following faster.' I hardly learn that I am to have a stepfather when I am called to face him. I wonder if mamma has gone and made a silly of herself by taking a young man. She always disliked old ones. So I suppose she's got a boy. Heigho! I wish I had some one to marry myself."
She prinked a little before the glass and then went down into the drawing room. A handsome young man of twenty-five arose as she entered. He looked rather embarrassed and stammered a few incoherent sentences.
"Beg pardon, Mrs. Arbuckle—I mean Miss—no, Mrs. Wardwell, for calling so early. I have but a few hours in the city, and"—
"You are quite excusable, Mr. Arbuckle. I received a letter this morning"—
"So did I. Quite charmed, I assure you, to find so young a person. I feared"—
"And I am quite surprised in you."
"I think I shall love you very much. My mother died when I was but four years old, and I have no remembrance of her."
Miss Wardwell looked surprised. "His mother!"
"I remember my father," she replied, "and I'm quite sure no other man can take his place, but"—
"You will not object to the love of a son?"
Miss Wardwell paused again. "The love of a son! Is mamma to marry a lunatic?"
Meanwhile Miss Wardwell had taken a seat on a sofa, and Mr. Arbuckle, who had taken a chair, got up and sat down beside her.
"You have no idea," he said, "how charmed I am in finding so agreeable a young person. I'm sure we shall get on famously. You will find me dutiful, obedient, loving."
"And I," she replied, "am equally pleased. Just before you called I made up my mind that I couldn't endure"—
"Same here. We have both felt alike. How delightful to have dis-

satisfaction turned to pleasure! Oh, mother, let us"—
"Mother!" she exclaimed, drawing back. "What do you mean?"
"I mean that father couldn't have chosen a more satisfactory stepmother for me."
"Stepmother! Why, I'm to be your stepdaughter."
"What do you take me for?"
"Mamma's new husband that is to be."
"Are you not Mrs. Wardwell?"
"I am Miss Julia Wardwell. Do I look old enough to be your stepmother?"
"This is very astonishing. I supposed I was calling on father's fiancée."
"And I supposed you were my mother's fiancée."
"Father wrote me that Mrs. Wardwell would arrive in the city yesterday and, as I was passing through, asked me to call on her."
"I have just received a letter from mamma saying that she has been delayed. I supposed she had chosen a young man. She has never liked old ones."
"Well, well! Upon my word! And you're not to be my stepmother after all!"
"I should say not! And you're not to be my stepfather, and I'm to have an old man in the house! I'm disappointed."
"And I'm to have an old woman for a stepmother."
"I shall not live with them."
"Nor I."
"I shall take apartments and live alone, with a maid and other servants."
"You can't do that."
"Why not?"
"You're too young—and pretty."
"Oh, dear! I'm disgusted."
"So am I. I shall go into bachelor quarters."
"Why will parents make themselves happy by making their children miserable!"
"It's very selfish of them."
"They've had their fling and should defer to their offspring."
"I'd like to get ahead of the governor. It would serve him right."
"I'd marry a clown to get even with mamma."
"I wouldn't mind helping you out."
Miss Wardwell turned away her head. Her stepfather that was to have been moved closer.
"Do you know when our parents are to be married?" he asked.
"On the 1st of July, mother says Your father has business in England in that month, and they are to sail as soon as married."
"Very well. We'll beat them by two weeks."
"Father's a fool."
"So is mother."
"They'll quarrel."
Kisses here interferred, and the dialogue became unintelligible.
HARRIET B. LEE.

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Practical Methods in Planting For Early Spring Flowers.

We were taught that the little bulb, the snowdrop, also the tulip, crocus and hyacinth, would be benefited (if ripe when taken up) were they kept in a dry, cool place and planted again in the fall, but I have thought that some of them, the tulips in particular, would bloom better the second year if left in the ground—flowers nearly as large and twice as many of them.
We covered a large bed of tulips when ripe with some three inches of good loam and planted therein bedding plants for the rest of the season. In cleaning up in the fall we took off about one-half of the added loam before mulching for winter. The next spring we had the finest bed of tulips we ever grew.
In planting bulbs we follow the old fashioned method of having a little sand under each bulb. Most of the bulbs and tuberous rooted plants that we know dislike and will not do well in a sticky soil. Make it porous and rich, and there will be no doubt of the results.
The lilies, like the peony family, should not be disturbed except to separate them and to renew the soil which has been exhausted after growing them for a few years. This should be done when the foliage is ripe and begins to turn yellow, keeping the bulb out of the ground as short a time as possible. A good mulching will be beneficial to our native bulbs and necessary to protect *L. longiflorum* and *L. lancifolium album*, which are not quite hardy enough for our winters.—Charles E. Keith.



Rose is a bovine matron of rare attainments. She has been growing old now for several years, but has manifested no intention of retiring from the activity of a remarkable career.

The peculiar, perhaps unparalleled, record of this cow is that for ten years she has produced an average of 384 pounds butter fat or 448 pounds butter per year. This is 1.23 pounds butter for each and every day of the 365—yes, of the 3,650 days. Her largest record for one year was the enormous yield of 580.6 pounds of butter fat, 677.3 pounds, or more than one-third of a ton, of butter. This was worth, at 22 cents per pound, \$149.

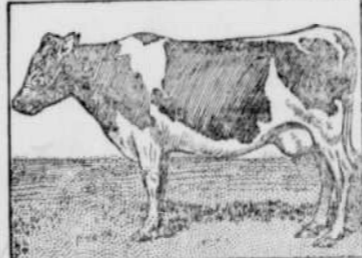


ROSE, AVERAGED 384 POUNDS BUTTER FAT. In the same herd is another cow bearing the unearned title of Queen, and she has another record—a six years' record of 152 pounds butter fat or 167 pounds of butter per year. While this is almost a fourth better than the average cow in the United States, yet Rose produced two and a half times as much butter fat as Queen for that long period. And in an exact comparison for one year Rose made more than three times as much butter fat as Queen from exactly the same feed, both in kinds and amount and with the same care.

Rose was purchased by the Illinois experiment station when she was four years old, and she is now past sixteen. She was picked up among the cows offered for sale for \$50. Her record here given is for ten years in succession, including the times when she was dry, and she has been doing practically as well since.

Her longest milking period in this time was one year and eleven months, completed when she was fourteen and a half years old; her shortest, one year and ten days, and the average one year five and a third months. In this time she produced seven calves, four of them being heifers.

At 25 cents per pound for butter fat or 22 cents per pound for butter the annual income from Rose is \$96 and that from Queen \$38. The income from Rose is \$58 more than that from



QUEEN, AVERAGED 122 POUNDS BUTTER FAT. But this does not represent the difference between these cows to a man in the practical dairy business.

If the market price of feed is such that it costs \$35 per year to keep a cow—and Queen's keep cost all of that—Queen would return an annual profit of \$3 and Rose a profit of \$61, or as much as twenty Queens. If the price of feed were \$37 per year Queen's profit would be \$1 and that of Rose \$59, or as much as fifty-nine cows like Queen.

This means that Queen is entirely out of the list of cows worth keeping; there is absolutely no business in keeping her a single day.—Wilber I. Fraser.

The Silo Pays.

The value of a silo is hardly known in some of our dairy districts. Many farmers in the dairy business, when one speaks to them about a silo, will say it is easy enough to talk silo on paper, but it is not profitable to build one.

I will say that the economy in feeding a cow is not in saving feed. The more you can get her to eat and digest the more she will make for her keeper.

If you feed little you lose the value of that, but if you feed generously she makes you a profit.

The first thing is to procure feed and a place to keep it. In having a silo your feed is cut and put in at a time when it is in the best condition.—Kimball's Dairy Farmer.

Cooling the Milk.

Immediately after the milk is separated the cream should be cooled down to the temperature of good cold well water. This can be done by setting the cream can in a tub of water and stirring the cream until it is of the same temperature as the water. The water must be changed occasionally to keep the cream at this temperature until ready for shipping. It does no particular good to cool the cream and then allow it to become warm again before shipping.

The Secret of Success.

The superiority of butter made in Denmark is known the world over where butter is sold. Many investigations of Danish methods have been made and the conclusion is that cleanliness is the secret of the success of the Danish dairyman in making butter.

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