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Too many make a mistake in not raising calves until of an age to sell for veal. It is a question with me whether it does not pay better to keep calves until near Christmas and then sell, says a New York correspondent of Farm and Home. One thing is sure. Let a farmer once work up an honest trade for such meat, and, like genuine fresh eggs or gilt edged butter, he could put on a stiff price and still find a ready market.

Most farmers in this section kill their calves when a day or two old and sell the hides for 60 cents or \$1, according to size and weight, while the mother's milk must go to the pigs for some time, as it is not fit for butter or cheese. Now why not adopt the practice that is beginning to come in vogue here of feeding this milk to calves until fit for use anywhere, then giving warm, sweet skim milk, with a little finely ground grain mixed in as the calf grows older? Soon one will have an animal on hand with a decided market value.

Calves must be kept dry if they are to thrive, and a run on the ground in the open air is as good for them as an occasional tulle for their owners. My father always fed a little sulphur about once a week, and I never remember his losing a calf with the disease called blackleg. A little salt in the feed once in awhile is also food for them. We turn them out into a dry, well fenced piece of meadow as soon as the weather is warm enough and provide a good shelter from the sun and storm. Unless there can be running water in their quarters it is kept in a trough for them and removed every day. They are well fed, and it is surprising how soon they attain marketable size.

**Alfalfa Ensilage.**

A late Colorado bulletin of farm notes gives some tests made of alfalfa as an ensilage plant. "One test," says the bulletin, "was made with the alfalfa put in while wet in the field, the silage with the alfalfa cut to quarter inch pieces, as we cut our corn for ensilage. The whole alfalfa showed a spoiled layer three inches thick on the top and an inch layer around the side nearly all the way down. The ensilage of the bottom and middle was excellent and was readily eaten by the cows and calves. Its loss in the total weight was 19.7 per cent, but its loss in feeding value was probably a little larger.

"The other silo was filled with cut alfalfa. The next day the silo was covered with two thicknesses of building paper and one of boards and weighted with stone to about 55 pounds per square foot. When covered, the ensilage was better than the hand could bear. Two days later the temperature had fallen to 83 degrees F., and in two days more it had fallen to that of the air. The ensilage shrank and settled a good deal. When put in, it contained 33 per cent of dry matter. On opening, the silo showed two inches of spoiled ensilage on top and half an inch on the sides. The spoiled ensilage was 73 per cent of the total weight. The loss in dry matter was approximately 10 per cent."

**Change in Milking Time.**

A New Jersey correspondent of American Agriculturist says that he was unavoidably absent not long ago and left the ten cows that he usually milked when at home to be milked that evening by the boys who milked the others. As they milked the others first and his 45 minutes later than the usual time they gave their full amount that night, but when he milked the next morning they shrank from one to three pounds each and not quite as much at night, but it took from Thursday morning to Friday night to bring them back to their normal yield as a result of that one change of the persons who did the milking and the variation from the usual hour. The scales in the stable are what tell the story of such mistakes as that, though we learned the same thing years ago when we were away from home overnight and left a man to milk the cows we had been milking. He was as good and careful a milker as we were, but when we counted the quarts and pints sold the next morning we found an average shrinkage of about a pint to the cow. And this happened not once, but several times, in four years.

**Like Unto Raspberry Vinegar.**

"The next time you are at a soda water fountain and are in doubt what to take," said a rotund authority on summer beverages, "order lime juice and raspberry sirup in a tall, thin glass with plenty of fizz. It's the nearest approach to that good old fashioned drink, raspberry vinegar, which they used to have in the country when I was a boy, of any thing you can find in this trolley-automobile-neurosthenic age. On a hot day it will make you think of shady woods, their cool brooks and the old swimming pool, the one you liked so well."—New York Sun.

**Value of Breeding.**

The real dairy farmer demands of every calf that he intends to rear that it be "well born." He is wise enough to understand the value of heredity. He proposes to give the calf, male or female, all the advantage that comes from being well born. He does this because it is to his own advantage. This is not saying that every calf that is well born will turn out a profitable animal.

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