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That section is bound to prosper in which the number of silos used is increasing and the number of dairy cows increasing and their quality being improved.

Nine times out of ten the pupil who causes most trouble in school is the one that runs wild at home—that is, has not been brought up to have a proper regard for parental authority and discipline.

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#### Market Quotations

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Beef live, per lb.	5 to 5½c
Beef, dressed, per lb.	10c
Hogs, dressed, per lb.	8 to 10c
Fat hogs, live wt.,	7c
Stockers.	6c
Veal, fancy	12c

**GOT RID OF THE LOAFERS.**  
Down in Douglas county, Neb., west of Omaha, some of the farmers who kept cows were not getting the returns they thought they ought to, considering the work they put in, so they formed a cow testing association. The proprietors of twenty-one herds, including 435 cows, united in the formation of this association and hired a man to go from farm to farm to look after the work of testing the samples of milk. He also weighed the feed given each cow and recorded its cost. One day of each month was spent by the tester on the farm of each member of the association. When the year was over the results brought to light by this systematic testing opened the eyes of the members of the association. It was found that the best ten cows of the 435 earned a net profit during the year of \$1,032, while the poorest ten cows showed a profit of but \$57.32. Among the best ten cows the yearly profit ranged from \$123 for the best cow down to \$92.02 for the tenth best. In the batch of the poorest ten cows the returns varied from a profit of \$13.57 to an actual loss of \$13.73. Another instructive fact brought out was that the ten cows that gave the \$1,032 profit ate but little more food and got no better care in other respects than the ten cows that made the poorest showing. Before the first year was up with this association eighteen silos were put up by the different members, they having discovered that milk can be produced by silage cheaper than in any other way. One of the mysteries of American farm management is that in so many sections patrons of creameries will shun along from year to year milking good, bad and indifferent cows and paying little or no attention to whether this or that cow is making \$10 or \$100 a year or whether, in fact, she is being kept at an actual loss. It would be well if creamery managers as well as those in charge of the dairy departments of the state agricultural colleges would impress upon the farmers in their territory the necessity of forming such cow testing associations and weeding out the loafers, as did the farmers in Douglas county, Neb.

There is now on the market a mouse trap which women somewhat lacking in nerve can set without danger of getting their fingers pinched. Incidentally it might be mentioned that there are some men who will appreciate the improvement noted, for the writer has seen 'em who wouldn't any more dare to set a mouse trap than a rabbit.

Before the cold weather sets in and the rats make preparations for their winter quarters it is an excellent idea to put just as many of them out of commission as possible. They are unmitigated pests, and every means of reducing their number to the lowest possible should be made use of. The average rat will consume or spoil between \$1 and \$1.50 worth of grain in a year, and in view of this none of them should be permitted to live.

Buttermilk cheese, a method of making which has been discovered by the Wisconsin Agricultural college, is said to possess a nutritive value equal to that of a pound of lean round steak. In this connection attention is also called to the fact—most pertinent in an era of unusually high prices—that two and one-half quarts of skimmilk or buttermilk contain about the same nutriment as a pound of raw steak and cost about one-fourth as much. The housewife who finds it necessary to economize should keep this fact in mind and make use of it.

Breeders of dairy cattle will be interested in the following facts in connection with the sales of several herds of Illinois Holsteins, attention to which has been directed by the Illinois College of Agriculture: One hundred and seven pure bred cows without official milk and butter records brought an average price of \$288 a head, while 171 cows of no better breeding, but with official records, brought at the same sales an average of \$465 per head. The figures presented show that buyers were willing to pay an average of \$177 per head more for cows with records of actual performance.

**ABOUT GOOD SEED CORN.**  
In probably every section of the corn belt there are this year those who have had the job of tending and who will pick little more than a half of the yield of corn that the land ought to have produced simply because of carelessness in securing the supply of seed ears last fall or carelessness in caring for them after they were gathered. There seems to be no getting around this fact in connection with the seed corn business—that if the supply of seed is gathered before Oct. 1, dried out thoroughly before cold weather comes on and is stored in a place where it will not gather dampness during the winter it is sure to show strong germination powers. There is no question about the fact stated. The bulk of the trouble that corn growers have with poor seed is due to trusting to luck and selecting the seed ears at husking time or storing them before they are properly dried or where they will gather moisture and have the germ weakened or killed by subsequent freezing. These are the A. B. and C of the seed corn question and ought not to be difficult for any one to understand.

**ONE BIG LEAK.**  
Owners of cream separators should find the following facts presented by the Indiana state experiment station suggestive: "Some very exhaustive tests were carried on recently at the Purdue experiment station, showing that there are tremendous losses from the incorrect operation of cream separators. In these tests it was shown that incorrect separator speed will cost the dairyman who has twenty cows a large amount of money in a year. The average cow produces 3,500 pounds of milk, or 70,000 pounds for the herd. Run through a separator correctly operated, the butter fat would amount to 2,954 pounds, or 3,446 pounds of butter, which at 30 cents a pound amounts to \$1,033.80." If a separator is operated at the lower "guess" rate of speed, as shown in the Purdue tests, only 1,689 pounds of butter would have been produced. At the same rate per pound this would bring the dairyman only \$509.70, or a loss in a single year of \$524.10. This loss is sustained simply because of the need of a cream separator speed indicator—because the dairyman guesses at the speed of his separator.

Some pretty good authorities on corn hold that the fact that an ear is not covered clear to the tip with kernels is no reason for discarding it for seed purposes, their contention being that the plant started out to produce a larger and more vigorous ear of corn than the soil and weather conditions prevailing permitted. This idea is not in accordance with the advice usually given as to selecting for seed ears only those that are filled with kernels to and over the tip, but there seems to be some reason in it nevertheless.

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