

BUTTER IN HOT WEATHER.

You Can Pack It Successfully if You Observe Precautions.

The tubs being properly prepared beforehand, we are ready to pack the butter, which should be done by putting a little at a time in the tub and filling it solid, so as not to leave any airholes in the butter. The tubs should be filled up level full and all around the edges should be scraped down about half an inch to leave room for some brine to form. Make the top of the butter smooth and even. Put on the circle so that there are no wrinkles in it, so that when the buyer comes to examine it it will look neat and attractive. Don't have any dirty, greasy finger marks on the edge of the tubs either outside or inside. Wet the circle and put on salt enough to cover it all up; fasten the cover down with three or four tins securely tacked down; stencil your tubs always on the same place on the cover so that it will look neat, and keep your tubs clean, as the appearance of the package will help sell the butter.

I have omitted some of the minor points in butter making, such as straining the milk and cream, preparing the tubs before packing the butter, and the amount of salt required, but all up to date butter makers understand these things. They must be attended to in their proper place, as it is attending to the minor details of butter making that makes or mars a butter maker's reputation. After your butter tubs are properly stenciled set them in your refrigerator and see that it is well supplied with ice to keep the butter in good condition until shipping day. Keep the refrigerator dry, so the outside of the tubs will not mold, and your butter when it gets to market will grade as western extras, even in the warmest weather.

I will close with the same as I began. Everything about the creamery must be thoroughly clean and you must have good milk to begin with if you make butter that is fancy during the warm weather. I have followed the above method of making butter so far this summer, and every pound of it has sold in New York as western extras and brought the highest price on arrival. And now, Mr. Butter Maker, if your butter has gone off in flavor during the warm weather we have had, you are at fault, or something about the creamery is, so you had better hunt up what- ever is the matter and apply the remedy, which is cleanliness. With good milk and to know how to properly do the work from start to finish and see that you do it every day, your butter will be alike from day to day and all through the season just the same.—G. B. Lawson in Creamery Journal.

Bad Name of Our Butter Abroad.

Mr. J. D. O'Leary, who was for a number of years one of the local government butter inspectors in Ireland, writes:

"I was surprised, on coming to this country, to find the American butter of so fine a quality compared to the stuff that goes to the English market as 'American butter,' which is merely reblended, fraudulently packed, a disgrace to the product of any country and a gross slander on the American butter maker. This sort of butter was made in Ireland for years. It destroyed the reputation of Irish butter, until the people took the matter up. It was to put a stop to this stuff being put on the market as Irish butter that I was appointed butter inspector for the port and borough of Sligo—a task which I well completed before leaving that district. American butter took last place and worst name of any butter in the market."

This statement of Mr. O'Leary is but confirmatory of what every one knows who is at all conversant with our foreign butter trade. We have no decent butter reputation abroad. Even our finest makes could not be sold as "American." It is all owing to the gang of swindlers who infest our butter trade in the great cities. They have no pride or patriotism to sustain. They belong to the same gang as the filled cheese crowd. What they are after is a dishonest profit. Canada has looked out for her own rascals and swindlers and has built up her reputation to the highest for fine cheese. She is now at work along the same line in regard to her butter trade. She proposes to capture the English market for that product, just as she has for cheese.—Hoard's Dairyman.

Dairy and Creamery.

The dairymen of Alameda county, Cal., are wanting to know the reason why so many of their cows are condemned and killed because of alleged tuberculosis. It is not surprising. The cow doctors of this country, who now call themselves veterinarians, have simply gone crazy and panicky on the subject of tuberculosis. While there have been numerous undoubted cases of cow consumption, much of it has existed in the minds of so called scientific men and nowhere else. There is nobody more apt to shoot off at a tangent and produce a senseless panic than just the man who calls himself a scientific expert.

Professor Soxhlet of Munich has discovered that sunlight shining in milk has a very deleterious effect on it. The blue and violet rays especially produce a real chemical decomposition, apart from ordinary souring. The same destructive influence is exercised on butter by the sun rays.

A co-operative creamery in Indiana last year paid its patrons \$12,049.03 for milk. Both butter and cheese were manufactured and the total business of the factory for the year amounted to \$15,584.05. It is not an exceptionally large creamery, but it is an exceptionally well managed one, paying even in these hard times 10 per cent profit to patrons.

Points in making a creamery pay are to run it economically, keep everything exquisitely clean and learn shrewd management in disposing of its goods. To sell creamery products successfully is half the battle. The other half is to make a good article and prevent small and large wastes.

A Family Affair.



STRAINED RELATIONS.—Truth.

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