

OUR MILK CHURCH.
Devoted to the Dairying Interests of Jasper County.

WHEN THE COWS COME HOME.

I love the beautiful evening,
When the sunset clouds are gold;
When the barn-fowl seeks a shelter
And the young lambs seek their fold;
When the four o'clocks are open,
And the swallows homeward come;
When the horses cease their labors,
And the cows come home.

When the supper's almost ready,
And Johnny is asleep,
And I beside the cradle,
My pleasant vigil keep,
Sitting beside the window
Watching for "pa" to come,
While the soft bells gently tinkle
As the cows come home.

When the sunset and the twilight
In the mingling hues are blent,
I can sit and watch the shadows
With my full heart well content;
And I wish for nothing brighter,
And I long no more to roam,
When the twilight's peace comes
o'er me,

And the cows come home.

I see their shadows lengthen,
As they slowly cross the field,
And I know the food is wholesome
Which their generous udders yield:
More than the tropic's fruitage,
Than marble hall or dome,
Are the blessings that surround me,
When the cows come home.

—MARY E. NEALEY.

COMMENTS ON DAIRY TOPICS

It is very natural to look upon dairying as a means of bettering our conditions. That is all right. There is not much danger of the dairy business being over done. Now then how shall we proceed? Usually we think that if five cows will pay, ten will pay the same per cent. and so on. This is a mistake. We all have certain capacity for business, and while one man might handle 50 cows successfully, another might fail, but could handle 25 all right. The man that can make five cows average 300 pounds of butter in one year is by no means sure to make ten cows average the same. We must begin with a few cows and learn how to feed and care for them, and then we can tell whether we can handle more. In fact each man has a limit as to the number of cows he can handle successfully.

FOOD FOR COWS.

There is a great deal said now days about feed for cows. In fact there is so much theory presented by our dairymen, especially those who sit in the editorial sanctum, and who never milked a cow or fed one or who could not tell which cow gives the butter milk and which the sweet milk. Theory is all right, that is if given in small doses, but when you crowd a whole column full of theorizing on the products of different ingredients of a ration of a cow, it costs too much time and trouble. The old cow will dry up before you can put your theory into practice. Just a little common sense in feeding and close watching of results will teach any man what to feed and how much.

A SUGGESTION.

We have too much brush land in portions of Jasper county, the returns of which do not equal the taxes. Trim out the underbrush, let the sunshine in and sprinkle blue grass and timothy seed. In this way you can keep a piece of timbered land profitable, the sappings growing more rapidly than when choiced by undergrowth, and at the same time make very fair pasture. This requires but little extra labor and there is no better milk producer than a luxuriant growth of blue grass. The great advantage of this over other grasses grown in this locality, is the fact that it is the first green carpet seen in the spring, and the last to leave us in the autumn.

SOLES ARE COMING DOWN.

Half-soles used to be 75 cents; now 60. Ladies' half-soles used to be 60 cents; now 45 cents. Nailing, per pair, 25 cents, now 15 cents. Other work in proportion. Also handle ladies' and gents' over gaiters. S. HEALY.

MONEY TO LOAN.

I am prepared to make loans through a New York firm of \$1,000 or over 5 years, 4 per cent.; 10 years, 3 per cent., first mortgage security. Make your applications early.

T. H. GEER, V. S.

NOTICE.

I wish to inform the public that, I have disposed of my dairy stock. I am now making feeding and boarding horses a specialty. Please give me a call.

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