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AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPREAD THE FLOW."

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is invited. Address all communications to the Editor of the Maine Farmer, 100 North Main Street, Portland, Me.

CAN THE COST OF CROPS BE REALIZED IN FEEDING STOCK?

From H. L. Leland's "Farmers' Column" in the *Providence Observer*, we copy the following suggestive article:

"Last week we talked of the loss that too often comes in feeding stock, and promised to attempt to point out a more profitable way in feeding so much of farm crops as are fed at home to the farm stock. In beginning the subject, we have first of all to take down and take a careful inventory of the crops grown, to determine their cost to him."

As an example to illustrate, suppose farmer A has this year harvested 35 tons of hay, and he has also grown two acres of corn, and four acres of mixed grain. We will not take into account other crops raised, as these will include nearly all that will feed out to stock. What is the cost of growing these crops? How much does it cost to produce a ton of each? In the last report of Maine Agriculture, Secretary McKee gives the cost of a ton of hay as \$11.30. This may be a little high, and in fact at \$10 a ton makes the hay cost farmers at \$10 a ton. What is the cost of growing an acre of corn?"

We will make the following estimate, and hope our farmers who may have figures will set right if we place the estimate too high or too low.

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DAIRY GRANULES.

How many farmers outside of regular dairymen ever take time to test their cows and calculate whether or not they are profitable and paying for their keep? After you have secured good cows, feed them scientifically, and practice all of the arts of fine butter making, you still may not be making money because your milk is too rich.

I think the salt added to the butter in the granular state through the butter more evenly than the other way, and the extra water in the butter prevents more scoring action on the butter to injure its grain. Butter having little water in it is easily damaged by working to the injury of its grain.

In this work of improving the dairy the farmer should not neglect the getting of the best milk possible for the use of his herd. Often these can be obtained quite as cheaply as young calves, and can be safely shipped by express to almost any part of the country. In this way the cost need not be very great and then the farmer can grow up the animals as he shall consider to be best in his particular branch.

The milk-producing powers of Short-horns have not been kept up to the former standard. While the demand for good dairy cows has increased, the supply has not kept pace with it. Formerly, the deep milking Shorthorns are now few and far between. Even the earlier milking breeds have been largely supplanted by the newer breeds. In the last report of Maine Agriculture, Secretary McKee gives the cost of a ton of hay as \$11.30. This may be a little high, and in fact at \$10 a ton makes the hay cost farmers at \$10 a ton. What is the cost of growing an acre of corn?"

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TERESA.

By Captain C. A. CURTIS, U. S. A.

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The conversation was here interrupted by the appearance of Cain, who announced that dinner was ready. The lieutenant conducted his companion to his cabin, where plates were set for two. The valleys around in game, and the commissary storehouse, hung with venison and the fall and until the recent snowstorm the company hunters had been diligent in laying in supplies. Through Cain the company had learned of the lieutenant's proposed dinner to his guest, and they had voluntarily taxed their culinary skill to the utmost to do him credit. A couple of trout, fresh from the brook, a small lamb, a piece of venison, and a pheasant were the principal dishes. The officer's camp chest had been exhausted of its resources in the attempt to do honor to Don Teresa. Cain had achieved several original efforts while the lieutenant's guests were waiting upon the table with a zeal never exhibited in the service of his employer. It is perhaps unnecessary to mention that Raymer contemplated the beautiful girl sitting opposite him with an inward hope that the present moment might be prophetic of a future relationship. She showed no evidence of having been seduced from the society of gentlemen, but she was a woman, and as such she was not without her own attractions. Conversation for awhile ran upon commonplaces, but before long the lieutenant again took the lead, and he was again leading through his camp at that day to the Rio Grande trail that day.

I had been visiting my mother's brother, Father Gutierrez, in company with a cousin of his, Sister Josepha, who, with another sister, went to the Rio Grande to visit him at the convent. I was on the trail with them when I was to accompany them to Santa Fe.

"You recognized me at La Rosa?"

"Yes, I know all or nearly all of the officers at Santa Fe by sight. They were pointed out to me from the palace windows from time to time. Then I saw you on your journey, and I recognized you for the convent girls, and more recently I saw you ride across the fields at Santa Fe and into the plaza to rescue the Navajos."

"You were at my uncle's, of course?"

"I was on the roof of his house with the sisters. We had begged uncle to interfere for the protection of the Indians, and he and the sisters went to the chiefs of the Navajos and the Pueblo Indians and tried to prevent the outrage. It was useless. We were glad to see the soldiers appear in the distance."

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