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WITH BUTTER AT 23 CENTS.

S. D. L. of Maine writes that he has

100 acres of cleared land, 40 acres of

it in pasture and the remainder under

rather poor cultivation, but will produce

full crops of early corn, oats, buck-

wheat, peas, etc. He has nice cows

and 814; meadow hay 25; cotton seed

may \$24; and butter 23 cents by con-

tract. He does not know whether

under such circumstances, it would pay

to continue dairying.

We do not like the circumstances and

think he can change them. (1) We

would test these cows and every one

unless it is a likely heifer, that will not

give evidence of producing 250 to 300

pounds of butter a year, we would get

rid of it. (2) We would build a silo in

one of the barns. (3) We would grow

quite considerable quantities of clover

and timothy, and use the silage as a

grain to feed in place of corn meal and

cotton seed, using the meadow hay cut

in the place of the silage. (4) We would

get rid of the 814 cows. With peas and

oats, peas and oats ground, and bran

fed with the corn silage, the silage now

made the 60 cows keep, and 20 cows

But under no circumstances keep any

that will not, as we said at the begin-

ning, yield 250 to 300 pounds of butter

annually. Then we would buy a small

tractor and plow, using the bull or

horse to do the plowing. That would

enable us to get all the better for

cows put in the milk. Good cows, such

as we name, and raising all the feed we

could, would make good profit, if well

handled, with but a few cents—

HARRIS'S DAIRY.

A correspondent of Harris's Dairy

writes: "I filled a silo last fall and did

not put any water on the corn as it was

seems to dry for ground feed to mix

well with. Would it be advisable to put

a little water on it now in the pit? The

silage was made from whole corn cut

from crop planted for corn, yielding

about ten barrels of corn per acre. Have

been feeding silage with bran and

ground oats and corn meal, and the

shredded straw the cows would eat.

The cows seem to be a good deal con-

tented and making on an average 20

pounds of butter a year. Can you

suggest a remedy?"

Would not advise putting water on the

silage in the pit, as it would do no

good. It will do better for the cows

if it is well taken out enough

silage for a day's feed the evening

before, and wetting it down a little, mix

the silage with bran and ground oats.

It is evident that you are feeding sil-

age too much corn and other car-

bonaceous material. This is clearly seen

in the fattening of the cows. Leave out

either the oats or the corn meal, in-

crease the bran and add a pound of oil meal to

each cow. It is better to have a silage

that will produce a pound of butter

per cow per day than to have a silage

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ALL RULES HAVE THEIR OCCASIONAL

EXCEPTIONS.

THE COST OF CHANGING BUSINESS OR

TRADE—THE CITY MECHANIC AND

THE FARM AGAIN.

The question whether a mechanic in

the city should give up his business and

take a farm in the country, and if so

whether to buy a large or a small one, is

attracting considerable attention. From

an enterprising dairyman and gardener

near Providence I have received the

following note in regard to articles re-

cently published on this subject. He

says: "Now if I were to advise the

mechanic who thinks of giving up his

profession in the city where he is getting

\$70 a month I should most emphatically

say just stay where you are.

If he leaves the home where he has

brought up his children, reared and

built a home, and laid by a nest egg for

the proverbial rainy day there will be

nothing but disappointment for him

from A to Z. When a man leaves his

life-long home for a new one he is

most sure to regret it if he is getting

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FROM PARIS, MAINE, TO PARIS,

FRANCE.

No. 9.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY AND ST. PAUL'S.

(From our Special Foreign Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENGLAND.

We take it for granted that the first

place you will want to visit is renowned

Westminster Abbey, and that you will

be "had been there a good many times,

but had never seen anything of it."

Not that it is a very old building, "let

me tell you, looking for a pillow."

But, frivolity aside, dear friend, if you

have pictured the poet's corner as a

sacred spot in the corner of a quiet

churchyard, where you can kneel over

the grass-grown grave of the poet you

must have worshipped and water it with

your tears of grief for the loss of your

privilege, and perhaps pluck a blade of

grass nurtured by the sacred dust to

send home to some loved friend, you

will be disappointed for there is no

churchyard, no grass-covered mound, no

headstone whereon you trace the name

of the one you most adore.

I say the name, for all names for

which we search, are Alfred Tennyson,

and simple, gentle, tender, though per-

haps a little more of the "olden time,"

Burns. We are not for your Cyprians,

