

THE CHEESE-MAKER'S TEST.

1. I am to that maketh up thy milk into cheese; thereby putting the shekels into thy pocket; therefore I command that ye honor and love me, you, and your wives and daughters—especially the latter.

2. Thou shalt not say unto the cheese-maker or his assistant, "Why dost thou me in the weight of my milk?" lest he arise in his wrath and punch thy snout.

Remember the Sabbath day to bring thy milk early to the factory, for he that tarrieth long in the morning putteth me back in my work, and causeth much profanity, yea, even so.

4. Thou shalt put no water into thy milk, lest when thy dividend cometh not, and going forth to seek it thou comest unto the committee, they shall say unto thee, "Dost see anything in our optics of an emerald color? Thou wilt get no shekels here for thy milk, not if this court knoweth herself, and she thinketh she doth; moreover, if thou setteth not this thing up we shall make it red hot for thee."

5. Thou shalt not kill thy "dokins" and leave the carcasses thereof to rot near unto thy barn-yard or other place where thou dost thy milking, for the stench thereof tainteth the milk.

6. Thou shalt not bring unto the factory any sour milk, or tainted milk, nor the milk of a cow that is lately calved; for from such milk cometh forth lively cheese.

7. Thou shalt not carry off more than thy share of whey. One hog carrieth food unto the rest.

8. Thou shalt cause thy cans to be washed every day, the seams thereof and cover, for a filthy can is an abomination in my sight, and I will vent my wrath upon the head of him who bringeth it.

9. Thou shalt not bother the cheese maker, saying unto him, "When shall I receive another dividend?" for verily I say unto you, he neither knoweth or careth a continental about it.

10. Thou shalt not say unto one another concerning me, "Lo! hath not this Phillistine of a cheese-maker a soft thing? He getteth big wages and worketh not hard;" for verily I say unto you, that's a "whopper," for he getteth up early in the morning and laboreth till late at night. Moreover he worketh on the Sabbath day. May the Lord have mercy on him.

What Made Her Leave.

A Janesville young lady, wishing to write some poetry on Tobacco, thought it would be a good idea to go to a warehouse and learn all she could about the culture and cure of the weed. She did so, and the proprietor, a young man, answered all her queer questions pleasantly, and showed her about the building. After looking through the shed and putting several leaves of "choice Havana" in her satchel for future reference, they came to the basement. "Down there," said the proprietor, "is the stripping room, where

"The what?" said the visitor.

"The stripping-room."

"Well, excuse me!" uttered the young lady, and she left the premises so suddenly the young man couldn't explain.

Costly Burial.

The burial of a relative in Timor is a very serious and expensive business. It involves a gift to the deceased from all his blood relatives, and in return a burial feast. If the deceased is a man of rank, this feast is a matter very often of ruin to his family. The festivity must be given and at the same time the hospitality is expected to be extraordinarily lavish. Consequently it often happens that the day of the funeral is indefinitely postponed for months and even for years, until the family had time to accumulate sufficient wealth of cattle and substance. In the meantime the corpse is inclosed in matting and housed either in a tree or a hut and left to itself. Then for days there is a savage banqueting and reviling, and the interment at last is carried out.—*Anglo-Japanese Review.*

It is said that farmers are never too poor to buy lightning rods or patent rights. There is much truth in the remark. If any people are galled out of their eyes by those sharks, they are our farmers, and in line cases out of ten the money is wasted; few lightning rods are of any service, and where one incures protection fully a dozen invite disaster. As regards patent rights, none of them are beneficial to farmers. Just think a moment before buying and try and remember if you ever knew a neighbor who made any money out of one, and then recall the names of those who have lost. If farmers wives would train up a breed of dogs to destroy all peddlers of lightning rods or patent rights who come on their premises, they would save many a dollar for their husbands.

Would Mather Fight.

While on a prospecting tour in Colorado we stopped all night at a stage. Next morning we sat down to one of those dreadful breakfasts that we found nowhere but in the West. Colored coffee, yellow biscuit, and pork swimming in lard.

Indians were reported as being in the neighborhood. The landlord proposed that he would send his son with us across the range as an additional protection against the savages.

"Will he fight?" asked Maj. Smith.

"Fight?" replied the landlord, "Well I should say so. Why, he'd a darn sight sooner fight than eat breakfast."

"Yes," said the major, glancing at the breakfast table; "I wouldn't wonder; so would I."

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