

On the Farm

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Keeping Records of Dairy Cows
It is well known that there is vast indifference in the amount milk different cows will produce. One cow may yield three times as much milk as another (or a third) in a year. Food. One cow may be losing its money as another in an adjoining stall is making for him.

Clearly it is desirable to keep the most productive cows, this means that systematic record must be kept. No cow should be retained unless she is profitable. At the Mississauga experiment station one Jersey cow produced three times as much milk and butter per year for three years as another cow that was her half-sister. The difference in the cost of feeding the two cows was not great and both received the same care.

The Illinois experiment station tested the herds of farmers and found the same prevail. The best aged cows are better in a respect than the poorest aged cows. They found at least one of the cows in the ordinary herds to be unprofitable. Many herds in other localities have been tested with the same results. It is the rule rather than the exception for cows in the same herd to differ widely in the milk produced. What the cow owner needs to know is, first of all, how much milk each cow produces, and second, how much butter fat it contains.

A good spring balance scale, a supply of milk records, and a milking outfit are all that are essential when keeping milk and fat records. A good spring scale is the best for ordinary farm use. One that can be purchased from any dairy supply house for about three dollars will answer every purpose. Scraps, may be obtained on which the dial is divided into pounds and ounces, or pounds and tenths as preferred. The latter is more convenient in adding up the totals. This style of balance is provided with a hand of pointer which can be adjusted to stand at zero with any ordinary milk pail. This enables the weight of milk contained in the pail to be read directly without subtracting the weight of the pail.

The Kicking Horse

The cure of a踢ker's difficult task. There are many remedies advised, but even the best is sometimes ineffectual. It may arise from vice, or from excessively nervous disposition. One of the common appliances used is to swing a battle-ax raw behind the horse, so that he may kick until he is tired without doing injury to himself. The battle-ax will swing to and fro, and irritate to the point of perspiration that there are more profitable ways than kicking.

DESTITUTION IN SERBIA

1,000,000 Suffering, and Children Die From Starvation. While the misery and want of the people of Serbia have been brought vividly before the minds of the Canadian people, very little has been heard about the devastation and distress in the country that had hardly recovered from two wars before it was plunged into the vortex of the world struggle. No proof is needed of the terrible state that Serbia is now in, and those who have lately returned from that country give a terrible description of devastation, poverty and suffering.

Metropolitan Pimirtir, supreme head of the Serbian church, described recently the distress of the civilian population in the following words: "Today one million Serbians, one third of the population, are suffering every possible sorrow. They are destitute of everything. Since the beginning of the war, when their lands were turned into battle-fields, they have endured terrible privations, and their sufferings have been still greater during the war, because the first invasion took away a great proportion of the peasants, who remained behind to provide food for the families of those who were fighting."

Women, the mothers, wives and sisters, and the children of a nation, are suffering now, because of the second invasion, and more Serbians still are being driven from their homes. In six of the most fertile districts no less than fifty per cent. of the children are dying from lack of nourishment, from cold and exposure, and medicine, from cold and disease. In the invaded villages, everything has been pillaged, and the unfortunate refugees who are compelled to flee, return to their homes, they will, in the majority of cases, find nothing in the shape of houses or food. A fund has been started and contributions may be sent to the Fund, Bank, trustee, and Racel Fund, 63 Queen Street, London, S.W., England.

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