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PUTTING UP ICE.

It is most important to lay in a supply of ice for the dairy. In the hot to keep milk and its products in a sweet and wholesome condition, but becomes a pleasant and easy one. In private dairies ice is almost a necessity, and even when milk is sent to to the vat. When cutting ice, it is important to secure it before it is too thick, as then the blocks are much more easily handled in cutting, in packing and in removing from the icehouse. The with eight-foot posts would be ample. rough timber. Hemlock is excellent. three feet apart, is considered best, but single boarding on inside of studs will do. In the first case fill the space with sawdust, and in the latter case leave a greater space inside for sawdust. The roof should be tight to exclude warm rains in summer. Where a door is to be placed leave the space between two studs without boarding, allowing, however, a space on each stud for lengths of board which will form the door. The icehouse must be well drained, as water melts ice, and for this reason do not dig down for a floor, but rather raise it from the surrounding level. This may be done by laying a floor of poles, placing the larger ones near the walls and the smaller in the center to make a slant inward. This gives drainage and causes the ice to press against itself instead of against the walls.

The tools absolutely necessary for cutting and handling ice are very few, being simply a pair of grips, an ax and a crosscut saw with one handle. However, a frame for lifting blocks from the water to the sleighs is very convenient and may be made thus: Procure two poles, one long and the other shorter and forked at one end. Drive the short pole, forked end up, into the mud somewhere near the hole from which you are cutting and fasten the long one across it, large end to the hole. Hang your grips to the large end and with a rope pull down the small end and swing the blocks on the sleigh. In packing the ice first throw several inches of sawdust or straw on the floor and then place a layer of ice blocks, leaving a space of eight or nine inches between them and the wall all the way around. Now fill every crack and crevice with finely broken ice. Break it thus: Lay a block bottom up on the pile and strike it with the flat of your ax, when it will be found to powder easily. Follow this layer with others similarly treated, always leaving a space clear next the wall. The door of the icehouse must be put in as you fill it by laying in the places left for them lengths of board on the inside. The space-between the ice and the walls should be filled with sawdust as you go up, but this may be done later. The pile may be covered with sawdust, tan bark, straw, hay or cornstalks. The outside door should swing on hinges and be tight. In removing the ice for use, take off from the top always and cover well what is All the small potatoes should be boiled at the recent Vever sale in Paris. This left each time. Several farmers may and given to the hens, who will greed- is the highest price yet obtained for work together in putting up ice with great advantag eto each, for once the tools are procured and a hole cut the labor of securing it is comparatively easy. These few points should be remembered particularly: Cut early, so as to easily handle the blocks. Have a pile in the icehouse not smaller than 6x6x6 feet. Pack tightly. Fill in with sawdust, cover the pile and shut the door as soon as filling is completed Keep the pile covered well all summer and the door tightly closed. In cutting a block of ice cut a deep notch and then strike sharply with the ax and in the center of the notch, when the block will split clean, and waste will thus be avoided.

SELECTING HEIFERS FOR COWS.

ing to produce general characteristics the eggs. of dairy excellence, it cannot be wholly depended upon. It is not every heifer calf from good or even registered plying the bulk necessary to thrift and stock that it will pay to keep and rear for the dairy herd. No metter how far back this registry goes, the breed- not displace. er of cattle will sometimes be surprised to find heavy, coarse heads and the thick, bull-like neck, which, to the experienced eye, shows that the mating | will be found to give better results has been unfortunate, breeding back to than where one grain alone is used. characteristics of some long-forgotten ancestor who flourished before the dairy excellences of cattle had been thought of much importance. In such cases the sire and dam that thus bred | silk in the front of the bag. Upon the back ought never again to mate. Per- silk is painted a face. It may be haps the fault was not exclusively in fancy head or the likeness of a friend. either, but in the combination of blood. Girl friends paint each other's faces upin which the undesirable qualities of each were represented in the offspring. An experienced breeder can decide before the calf is even a week old whether it will be best adapted for beef or it, is unique. It's top of chased gold dairy purposes. The true dairy animal will have a somewhat thin neck, though with its taste of sweets. it should compensate for this apparent indication of lack of vigor by having wide nostrils and a deep chest. The dairy animal quite as much as that for the shambles, and indeed more than noted for his resemblance to Apollo, that, needs to have good lungs and good digestion. The calf ought not to be too greedy for food, but it ought to be always ready for what is set before it. There is a peculiar softness in the skin of a good dairy animal that the skin of a good dairy animal that the experienced breeder will quickly notice. We have always found in native

cheon, also, if broad and well marked, is a good indication. We have seen some deep milkers that had small escutcheons, but we never saw a poor milker that had one that was well developed.

A good deal depends on the way calves are brought up. The best heifer days of summer great care is required | calf may easily be spoiled by being fed fattening food or by semi-starvation before it is a year old. Neither extreme is desirable, because both are inwith abundance of ice at hand the task jurious to digestion. If this is ruined in calfhood the cow will be a poor eater, and therefore a poor producer, as long as it lives. Starving calves is less common than it used to be, when a a factory it must be cooled and kept | run at the straw stack with corn stalks cool all the way from the milk pail twice a day was, with a very little hay, expected to take the calf through its first winter. There is nothing in this ration to make growth, and the calf cannot eat enough to keep up its con-dition as to fat. Some kinds of nitrogenous food should be given in sufficient amounts to help make the caricehouse need not be large. For a dairy | bon of the corn stalks digestible. That of ordinary size eight feet square and of the grain straw will not be digested, and not much of it will be eaten, as its carbon is mostly woody fibre. The icehouse may be made simply of It does not cost much more to keep logs, put up in log cabin style, or of a yearling well through its first winter, have been killed since it happened. and the result is that the animal gives a profit on its winter's keep, instead Boarded on each side of 2x6 studding, of being worth even less in spring than it was when put up in the fall, as a poorly kept calf is sure to be.

HEN FEED.

bran, etc., to the exclusion of animal a large majority an offer of \$50,000 substances and green or vegetable for such a library. substances and green or vegetable foods, such as clove rowen, grass, cabbages, beets, turnips, etc. The grain bin is usually well filled and handy of access; so the feeder, being in a hurry her his benediction. and despising "bother," just takes what grain he wants and throws it to the in his own county. The Guildhall Lifowls, and that makes an end of the matter. This is not the best policy. Grain is a very heavy, hearty, heating and concentrated staple of diet, and was never intended to be fed stock without other addition. We see this fact quite clearly when we consider that every plant has more weight of stem and leaves than of seed. Cattle, grazing, are obliged to consume a great deal more grass or hay than seeds or grain. In other words, for the good of digestion and health, they must eat much husk in order to get the few takes the hint.

To use dried clover chop it finely, whether a person is dead or not. steam by covering with boiling water, and wrapping it up tightly to retain the heat for several hours; then after draindainty winter appetizer that all poultry delight to honor. All the so-called roots in the regular morning mash, as they has come up in a superior court in are boiled and mixed with grain. Ireland or England. Every cultivator of these crops has seconds" of little value, that he can who raise nothing of the kind themlow figure every fall.

Next comes animal food, which is to go hand in hand with vegetable food, to supplement and fortify the grain ration. For animal food fresh, juicy, lean meat and cutgreen bone is to be preferred. The boiled pressed scraps of rendering works have lost about all the goodness they ever had.

FFED MORE VEGETABLE FOOD.

Vegetables and green food of all kinds | ing parties and suppers. will assist greatly in keeping the fowls in good condition during the winter. ily pick them to pieces. The same is true of turnips. Parings of all kinds of vegetables will be readily eaten.

Poor worm-eaten apples will give a hung where they can peck at it will also appreciated. Clover hay or corn fodder cut to half inch lengths, scalded and sprinkled slightly with corn meal supplies a very good and economical ration.

Peas and beans cooked and thickenhens, so is sweet ensilage. Beets and carrots from a splendid winter relish while onions are popular and exceedingly healthful. If fed in moderation there is not the slightest fear that the While there is much in good breed- last named will affect the flavor of

The great value of these vegetable the congregation. foods lies not merely in their power to tempt the appetite, but in their supities most of them are inferior to the grain which they should supplement,

Variety, too, is an important feature which should also be considered in supplying the grain, for mixture of corn, oats, wheat, buckwheat, barley, etc.,

MINIATURE RETICULE.

A miniature reticule has a circle of on satin and set them in the little hand

bag they carry.

As a drawing room ornament, the little reticule hung over the back of a chair, with a miniature painted upon or filigree unfolds to disclose a bottle of refreshing salts and a bonbonniere

HIS STRANGE RESEMBLANCE.

A certain farmer, who is by no means

In the pig pen? Thanks!
And, as the man moved in the direcstock that a yellow skin around the tion indicated, the boy shouted:
bag was an indication of good qualit- I say! You'll know, him, 'cause he's ies for milk and butter. The escut- got a hat on!

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE, FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly-Interesting Happenings of Recent Date.

A horse car line to the Pyramids has been authorized at Cairo.

Prince Ernst von Windischgratz, who was robbed by Corsican brigands a month or two ago, died recently of consumption at Ajaccio. M. Levat informs the Academie des

Sciences that steel tempered in commerical carbolic acid is much superior to that tempered in water. Fishing in the lakes of Killarney

seems to have been destroyed by the recent bog slide. Only seven salmon One of the potsherds, inscribed with the name of Themistocles, with which the Athenians voted for his ostracism in 471 B. C., has been discovered at

Islington refuses to have a public li-The majority of fowls get far too brary even when it can have one for much grain, such as corn, oats, wheat, nothing. The parish has rejected by

> Mlle. Conedon, the Paris young woman who is in communication with the Angel Gabriel, has moved into Belgium, where the Bishop of Liege has given

A prophet is not without honor save brary in London has refused to accept a bust of the late Joseph Whitaker, whose "Almanac" is one of the most useful books ever devised.

Marseilles is worked up because the city authorities have ordered the street venders, and especially the fishwives, to employ the ordinary scales instead of the old-fashioned Roman balances they had used from time immem-

Fifty thousand marks have been appropriated to the Russian budget to the development of the practical uses of the Rontgen rays. Prof. Friedrich Priceville, first Wednesday in each coveted kernels. From this the feeder of Vienna announces that he is able month. by the use of the rays to find out

Masses said for a dead man's soul are a charity, and therefore no legacy ing off the surplus wet, we have a duty need be paid on money left for that purpose, according to a recent decision of the Irish Court of Appeal. -turnips, potatoes, etc., come into use It is the first time that the question

Frau Bohme, alias Mother Sedan, the save to feed to his fowls, and parties German camp follower who distinguished herself by giving birth to a selves can purchase their supplies at a son on the battlefield while the fight was going on, has died at Gorlitz. Her boy was christened in the trenches around Paris, Crown Prince Frederick Agency promptly attended to. Searches made standing godfather. standing godfather.

> Paris is gloating over the detention in quarantine at Bougival of a little London steamer having on board some cargo that came from Bombay, as it brings out the fact that Paris is now a seaport, Bougival has been hitherto famous chiefly for demi mondaine boat-

> Daubigny's "Banks of the Olse" was sold to an American for 68,000 francs a Daubigny at auction. Three Corots sold for 32,000, 30,000, and 28,700 francs, and a little Meissenier 6 1-4 by 41-2 inches brought 94,000 francs.

A British Dr. Rainsford recently zest to their appetites, and a cabbage presented himself at a county ball at Chelmsford and delivered an address serve the same purpose. Pumpkins are to the dancers on the wickedness of their ways. He said he could not understand people enjoying themselves when there was a judgment to come. After he had withdrawn the dancing

Church cars are a recent Russian ed with bran are excellent for laying improvement. They are intended for the Siberian Railroad. The cars look like ordinary first-class carriages, but the windows are shaped like those of Court Sales and all other matters promptly Byzantine churches. One-third of the attended to-highest references furnished space shut off by the holy gates, is f required. devoted to the priests, the rest is for

One-third of the Duchesse de Montpensier's estate goes to her grandson, egg production; in mere nutritive qual- the Infante Luis Fernando. The rest is divided between the Comtesse de Paris and Prince Antonio de Montpensier. The palace of Sant' Elmo in Seville is bequeathed to the Archbishop of Seville to be made into a seminary, Orchardvill P.O., or a call solicited and \$1,000 is given to the Pope, on condition that he will say mass for

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