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Dairy Notes.

There are firms in Chicago that are selling what they call first-class butter below the Elgin prices. An investigation reveals the fact that much of this butter is process butter. Some of the men that have been buying it have found samples of it that were very rank. In one case, on a sample being returned to the retailer, he replied that he had no objection to taking it back, as he could always get rid of it at the boarding houses, no mater how rank it was. The moral of this is that process butter is not by any means the thoroughly converted article it professes to be.

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Our readers will take notice that a new preparation is being pushed onto the market, which promises to relieve the too frequent cures of some of their hard-earned money. The preparation is set forth as having wonderful properties, by which rancid butter is made sweet and delightful to the taste. The men that are advertising say that it will take the worst butter and make it "pure, sweet, nice and elegant." The manufacturers only ask that the farmer shall trust them sufficiently to send $5 and they in return will forward enough of the preparation to treat 500 pounds of poor butter. Let it alone. No honest man can afford to touch such goods, and no chemist has been discovered or can be discovered that will make rancid goods into first-class butter.

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Temperature is of immense importance in the making of butter. Too high a temperature is bound to deteriorate the product. No man must expect to make a good marketable product if he churns at 80 degrees or above as is sometimes the case in the summer time. Low temperature is necessary to ensure good grain and excellence in other respects. The old method used by some of our grand-mothers of pouring in hot water to raise the temperature and make the butter come gives grease. It may be all right on the farmers' table, spread on hot home-made, but the expert buyer of butter to be placed before people that are willing to pay good prices for it, insists on having a grain that is unbroken. Among our best butter makers it is the practice to cool the milk to about 55 degrees before churning, and then keeping the churning room at that temperature so that the temperature of the cream will not rise during the churning process. This applies to cream that has been raised by the shallow setting process and to separator cream where the per cent of milk with the cream is very small. The larger the per cent of milk in the cream the higher must the temperature be to do the best work. Where cream is mixed with say one-fourth milk the temperature will need to be as high as 60 degrees at this time of year.

Shelter for Hogs.

E. H. Andrews writes to American Swineherd: "The best shelter for brood sows in summer is small, movable houses 8x8, without any floor and only one small door, moving the houses on new ground occasionally and putting in fresh straw bedding. Five sows can sleep comfortably in one of these houses. The objection to large hog houses is that there are too many open places where a cold draught sweeps through, subjecting the hogs to colds. I think a board floor a bad place for sows in pig to sleep, and much prefer the ground. A feeding floor will soon pay for itself in any country. We are not subject to much mud in this country, but we have something worse to contend with, and that is dust. Through the extreme hot weather the dust is inhaled into the lungs to a greater extent than breeders are aware of, thus causing a great amount of sickness. I think we should provide feeding floors and a cool place to avoid dust for summer sleeping quarters."

Composition of the Egg.—Water enters into the composition of an egg to a large extent, 73 per cent being about the average, or in about similar proportion as found in the potato. The color of the egg is usually thought to denote richness, the dark brown colored being much sought after. This is undoubtedly a mere matter of fancy, as little, if any, difference exists. In the case of large and moderate-sized eggs, we have ample proof, by the cook's simple method of demonstrating this, without further scientific corroboration, that the largest eggs are the most watery. Take large eggs and fry them side by side, with others, and notice on the one hand, the considerable amount of sputtering and frizzling which goes on with the large eggs in their expelling the superfluous moisture. The white of the egg is represented by pure albumen, a nitrogenous body when coagulated, which it does on heating to about 158 degrees Fahr., and above it is insoluble in water. Now, this is one of the most perfect forms of albuminoids in existence, and is most valuable as a food.—Ex.

Carpet Wools.—Carpet wools are the cheapest, coarsest and harshest sorts of wools. In commerce they come principally from Russia, Turkey, Greece, Turkey-in-Asia, Persia, Peru, Chili, etc., also from the mountainous districts of England and Scotland. Carpet wools approach more nearly to hair than other wools. The only wool of this sort produced in the United States is that grown on the original Mexican sheep of the great southwest. Few of these Mexican sheep are now left, for they have been improved out of their original condition by cross-breeding. But they constitute the foundation stock of most of our western flocks—flocks that now produce superior clothing or combing wool.—Ex.

Raising Pigs in Egypt.—In Egypt pigs are raised chiefly by the Copts (Christians) of the upper Nile country, and are bought by Greek and German butchers for sale in the large towns where Europeans reside. Egypt being a Musselman country, the breeding of pigs is not an extensive industry. Besides the native strain a breed is imported from Malta. The native pig fattens with difficulty and rarely weighs over 250 pounds. They are fed on corn, beans, clover and slops.

Don't send dirty or stained eggs to market, and be sure all are good and fresh.

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No. 23.

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No. 25.

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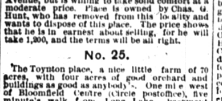
A PIG



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Domestic Exports Decrease.

Washington, June 14.—The value of the principal articles of domestic export during the month of May was $50,345,679, a loss of $22,776,892 compared with the same month last year. For the eleven months ending May 31 the total was $667,869,281, showing a decrease of $79,565,807 compared with a similar period of the previous fiscal year.

Dewey May Not Accept.

Washington, June 14.—It is reported here that in an unofficial cablegram to a friend in this city, Admiral Dewey has expressed his determination to decline the gift of a home from the American people. A fund, if raised for that purpose, the admiral will take and invest in a home for sick and disabled sailors.

Think Kruger Will Yield.

London, June 14.—Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, was not present in the house of commons Monday to answer questions concerning the Transvaal. Consequently the situation is practically unchanged. The cables, however, substantiate the view that President Kruger is preparing to yield.

Plumbers Quit in Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 14.—Over 200 steamfitters, representing every plumbing shop in town, are on a strike for higher wages and for a uniform scale for Cleveland workmen. The men want an eight-hour working day with $3 per day for steamfitters and $1.50 for helpers.

Gov. Pingree Denies It.

Detroit, June 14.—The story printed here about Gov. Pingree's retirement from politics came from a close friend of his excellency. The governor himself emphatically denies the truth of the statement.

Want Their Wages Increased.

Anderson, Ind., June 14.—Window glass workers and flint lamp chimney blowers have decided upon their wage demands for this year. They will meet the manufacturers about the first of the month.

Socialists Win in Italy.

Rome, June 14.—In all the municipal elections throughout upper Italy the monarchists have suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of the socialists and clericals.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. Notice is
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, made on the 13th day of May, 1899, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of JAMES LEY, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate office in the city of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 15th day of November next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court, on Wednesday, the 15th day of November next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Dated, May 15, A. D. 1899.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON, May10-June16 Judge of Probate.

CHANCERY SALE.—In pursuance and by virtue of an order and decree of the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland, in Chancery, in the state of Michigan, made and dated on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1899, in a certain cause therein pending wherein Galucia G. Gibbs, administrator of the estate of Margaret E. Sullivan, deceased, is complainant, and Cornelius Sullivan, administrator of the estate of Peter L. Sullivan, deceased, Cornelius Sullivan, Henrietta Sullivan, Hettie J. Allen, Harry Sullivan, the unknown heirs of Michael Pearsall, Robert Parks, George P. Morse, William Boyd and Gilbert Ayers are defendants. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County House, in the city of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, and state of Michigan, (said Court House being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said county), on **Friday, the 30th day of June, A. D. 1899,** at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, all that certain piece or parcel of land in township of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan, known and described as follows: Forty acres of land off from the south end of the west half of the south west quarter of section twenty-two (22) in town two north of range seventeen east, Michigan.

Dated at Pontiac, Michigan, this 16th day of May, A. D. 1899.

FRANK L. COVERT, Circuit Court Commissioner, JOHN H. PATTERSON, Solicitor for Complainant. May16-June30

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of ALEXANDER McKINNEY, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said estate, and six months from the 23d day of May, A. D. 1899, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present the same to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 23rd day of June, 1899, and on the 23d day of November, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day, at the Exchange Bank, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

A. PARTRIDGE, } Commis'rs.
EUGENE BROOKS, }
May26-June23

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—In the matter of the estate of ALVIN D. SHADBOLT, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 27th day of December, 1898, by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Exchange Bank, in the village of Birmingham, in the county of Oakland, on SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. all the right, title and interest of which the said Alvin D. Shadbolt died, seized in and to the following real estate, situate and being in the village of Birmingham, Oakland county, Michigan, and more particularly described and described as follows: Lots eighty-five (85) and eighty-six (86) and thirty (30) feet off the east side of lot eighty-seven (87) Merrill's Plat of the village of Birmingham, Mich., except forty-two (42) feet off the south side thereof. Said lots above described being in M. D. Masters' Addition.

AMERICUS WHITEHEAD, Administrat'r.
June16-July28

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for said county of Oakland held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac on the 13th day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN PARKS, deceased.

On application of George Parks, administrator, for the examination and allowance of his final account and settlement of the estate.

It is ordered that Friday, the 7th day of July next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulate in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON, June16-July7 Judge of Probate.

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A spinster says the opportunity is more of en a failure than marriage.

The swallow has a larger mouth, in proportion to its size, than any other bird.

They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.—Sir Phillip Sidney.

No doubt Columbus imagined the world was round because it failed to treat him altogether square.

If a man is as busy as the day is long it is sometimes well to turn the searchlight on his right record.

The highest value of an English postage stamp is £5. The stamp is of oblong shape, and very seldom used.

An eminent astronomer says that for communication with the inhabitants of Mars we should require a flag as large as Ireland and a pole 500 miles long.

In this country placing the thumb to the nose and extending the fingers is a sign of derision. Among certain hill tribes in India it is the most expressive manner of showing respect.

WISDOM.

The less of routine, the more of life. —A. Bronson Alcott.

When men are pure, laws are useless; when men are corrupt, laws are broken. —Disraeli.

People who do not know how to laugh are always pompous and self-conceited.—Thackeray.

Every library should try to be complete on something, if it were only the history of pinheads.—Holmes.

The character of a family can pretty easily be read from the weekly wash.

Nothing is so exasperating as the memory of misfortune that was all our own fault.

The little street band has a very brazen way of playing before lager beer saloons.

The smudge from a black glove can convert a beautiful woman into a veritable horror.

Frills are so fashionable that a woman can be forgiven if her temper gets ruffled at times.

The woman who doesn't own any furs is spared the worry about moths destroying them.

There are none in the world ready to confess that their influence by any possibility could be bad.

A man never fully realizes the joys of home until he sits at his own table and criticises his wife's cooking.

The tinkle of the ice in the pitcher is the pleasantest music when the thermometer is on the upward move.

Some persons are so perverse that they do not enjoy strawberries when they come within their purse range.

The stage-struck girl receives a severe shock when she sees for the first time some popular matinee idol off the stage.

The greatest offense you can give the really hospitable woman is to fail to eat heartily of the food she sets before you.

Remarkable Feat of Penmanship.

To write a long chapter of Genesis on a post card, in addition to selections from Shakespeare and Dickens, and the whole of "Home, Sweet Home," is a feat of penmanship of which any one might be proud. This was some time ago accomplished by a bank clerk, with a fine steel pen and with no aid from magnifying glasses. In all, there were more than 10,000 words, while so beautifully was the work done that many people have been able to read the writing with the naked eye.

Flash of Inspiration.

A young Frenchman who had been in this country but a few months, chanced one day to step unexpectedly into a parlor match of an unusually explosive character, the result being a loud donation like the crack of a pistol. "Ah!" he exclaimed, with a knowing air and a shrug of his shoulders, after he had recovered from the shock of surprise, "zat ees what you call ze whole shooting match'—ees eet not so?"

A Gigantic Wine Cistern.

At Asti, in California, last year, a cistern 14 feet long by 24 feet wide and 24 feet deep was formed in a hillside for the storage of wine. The immense tank was lined with concrete two feet thick and coated inside with a glaze as impermeable as glass. To preserve a uniform temperature it was covered under three feet of earth. Wine kept in this cistern for more than four months was perfectly preserved. The capacity of the tank is 50,000 gallons.

Good Word.

A little Irish maid, fresh from her native isle, has furnished her New England mistress with many a new phrase. "The sun has hard work to shine this week, Nora," said the lady to the maid who was dusting her room one gloomy day. "It comes out for a few minutes, and then the clouds hide it for hours, again." "Yes, mim," said Nora. "It's what you'd call bashful weather, mim, now isn't it?"

Rare Old Coin Dug Up.

In an unusual find of valuable coins and trophies, dug up in Hungary by a plowman, the prize piece was a gold coin of the ninth century, bearing the bust and name of King Ottokar of Bohemia. Many other specimens of that century's mintings were found, all in fair state of preservation.

Salisbury as a Miner.

Lord Salisbury, England's prime minister, once handled a pick and shovel. During the great Australian gold craze he set out as a gold-hunter, and the hovel in which he lived as a rough, red-shirted miner is still standing.

Monster Needle Manufactory.

The largest needle manufactory in the world is at Redditch, Worcestershire, England. Over 70,000,000 are made there weekly.

Shrinking Fast.

If Spain keeps up her present pace and direction she will soon be down to a size suitable to a boy king.