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Butter Making in Winter. "Winter Butter" has no very invariable reputation anywhere, and compared with that made in June, seems an entirely different article.

1. The character of the food is changed from green and succulent herbage, to dry hay, or more generally corn-stalks and straw. There is really very little butter in the latter.

2. The season is changed from mild and warm to cold, bleak, and uncomfortable. There is a constant demand for fuel to keep up the animal heat; this is partly at the expense of the butter product.

3. The management of the milk becomes difficult. If kept in a cellar, and a little above freezing, the milk becomes bitter before the cream rises; if allowed to freeze, the cream rises at once, but is injured in quality, and will produce very white butter; if kept in the kitchen pantry, where very warm during the day, and cold at night, it does not rise well, and is apt to be bitter and acid.

Other reasons might be mentioned, but they will readily suggest themselves to the reader. Let us see what can be proposed to remedy the difficulties.

1. Feed well—not dry food alone—but grain and roots, as a substitute for grass. Carrots, turnips, beets, cabbages etc., are all useful in keeping up the quality of the milk. Let their fodder be cut, and some nutritious slops be provided, if roots are not to be had, and it is well to cut the fodder in any case.

2. The comfort of cows should be carefully attended to. While they suffer from cold and flood, or foul air, they cannot yield as good milk as when in warm, calm stables, or in well littered and sheltered yards. Water should also be provided—it is the more needful when dry forage is consumed—and it should be so arranged that every animal could drink at will. A supply of salt is also necessary.

3. It is difficult to get a proper temperature for raising cream perfectly in winter. Some butter makers scald their milk when first drawn from the cow—others let it stand twelve hours, and then place the pan containing the milk in a longer one filled with boiling water—allowing it to stand twelve hours longer, and the cream raised perfectly. It is said that more and better butter can be made in this way than in any other.

Churning in winter, as usually managed, is often a serious operation. The cream stands too long generally—becoming very sour and bitter. Or, it is too cold and frosts up filling the churn but produces no butter though churned for hours. Let the cream pot sit near the fire for a few hours before churning, stirring it occasionally, that all may get warm alike, and when it is at a proper temperature, 55 degrees—feeling a little warm to the finger—the churning will be an easy half-hour's job, and the butter as yellow and hard as the season will admit of.

We have found that cows generally give better milk, when fed on well-cured corn fodder, than on second rate hay, and with a "mess" of roots, apples, or pumpkins, would yield milk of very fair quality. Attention to securing a supply of proper food for cows, and better care of them, would go far to redeem the name of winter butter from its present character.

Predictions for this Year. The following sagacious predictions are made for the year 1858. Through the whole course of the coming year, whenever the moon waxes the night will grow dark.

On several occasions during the year the sun will rise before certain people discover it, and set before they have finished their day's work.

It is quite likely that when there is no business doing, many will be heard to complain of hard times, but it is equally certain that all who hang themselves will escape starvation.

If bustles and hoops go out of fashion, a church pew will hold more than three ladies.

If dandies wear their beards, there will be less work for the barbers, and he who wears moustaches, will have something to sneeze at.

There will be many eclipses of virtue, some visible, others invisible.

Whosoever is in love will think his mistress a perfect angel, and will only find out the truth by getting married.

Many delicate ladies, who no one would suspect, will be kissed without telling their mas.

There will be more books published than will find purchasers, more bills than will find payers.

If an incumbent of a fat office should die, there will be a dozen feet ready to step into one pair of shoes.

If a young lady should happen to blush she will be apt to look red in the face, without the use of paint; if she dreams of a young man three nights in succession, it will be a sign of something; if she dreamt of him four times, or has the tooth-ache it is ten to one she will be a long time in getting either of them out of her head.

Dinners and entertainments will be given to those who have plenty to eat and wine, and the poor will receive much advice gratis, legal and medical excepted.

He who marries this year, will run a risk, especially if he does it in a great hurry.

He who steals a watch, gives tattlers occasions to gossip, and will be apt to involve himself and pride in disagreeable relations.

Many young ladies, who hope for it, but little expect it, will be married; and many who confidently anticipate the glorious consummation, will be doomed to wait another year.

Finally, there exists little doubt that this will be a most wonderful year, surpassing in interest all that have preceded it.

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