

ABORTION IN COWS.

By Dr. David Roberts, Wisconsin State Veterinarian.

Many a valuable cow has been disposed of at the price of a canner for the simple reason that she has aborted, and for fear that she might contaminate the herd she has been disposed of at a loss in this manner. To substantiate this statement your attention may be called to Yexsa Sunbeam, a Guernsey cow, which has long held the world's record. This cow was bought out of a stock yard by one who knew a good cow regardless of her history and surroundings, and I contend that there are Yexsa Sunbeams being sold real often as canners, and the mere fact that a canner can be developed into the world's champion butter producer is all of the proof that is required to satisfy the average person that wonderful work can be accomplished with cows if they receive the proper care and attention. For this reason do not dispose of cows because they have aborted, or have had misfortunes that would lead you to believe that it would be easier to dispose of them as canners than to give them a little special attention and develop them into healthy, profitable animals.

Disposing of a cow that has aborted in a herd does not necessarily free the herd from exposure, and for this reason there can be no possible gain in disposing of such an animal, as they are usually disposed of at a sacrifice.

Invariably a cow that has aborted retains the afterbirth. This is often permitted to rot or slough away. The animal is then rendered a hot-bed for the germs of disease to propagate and multiply. If such an animal is not fit to live, why should it be fit to die and be consumed by human beings? Unless a cow is advanced in years, it will pay the owner handsomely to give her

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A PAEAN TO THE HEN.

The committee of ways and means has met to consider a revision of the tariff. Let them not forget the hen! The party is pledged to protect infant industries, and certainly raising a brood of small chicks comes into this class. It is a thankless life, that of the hen; she literally picks up a living where best she may, getting up early enough to catch the foolish worm, which should have stayed in bed. For luncheon she perhaps finds the luckless potato bug, which deluded itself with the thought that it was hidden from her vigilant and hungry eye; and for supper she has some half a handful, mayhap, of gravel to drive away the sleepless nervousness that comes from an empty stomach. Her only luxury is a dust bath in the middle of

the road, whence she is aroused by every passing vehicle. Not a stray dog but considers it his right to flutter her.

Yet withal, what more faithful friend of man? And what so amiable, in her work? She lays her egg, not with the sullen languor of the hired man faring to the field, but with cackle jocund and triumphant, a true song of prosperity, chanting the story of that national product which annually reaches a value greater than the combined capital of all the banks in the Union. We outrage her motherly longing with an incubator, and delude her maternal hopes with a door-knob. And after this unselfish existence, what? She is incontinently seized by the neck and hurried to the barnyard guillotine against the day when the parson is invited to dinner. In his lengthy grace the parson prays for the heathen in foreign lands, but never a word for the repose of the soul of the hen smoking so savorily before him. Funeral rites? Lucky is she if her head escapes the family cat.

Let our tariff tinkers see that the hen gets her rights. In the name of the American breakfast, think of what a hen union, followed by a strike, would mean! Let our statesmen at

least protect her against competition with the pauper hens of Europe.

They entertained at dinner one night. Charley didn't have a chance to say much, for one of the party was a fluent French scholar and ordered the dinner. This worried Charley and his bride.

After the coffee the bride leaned over and whispered: "Charley, you must ask for the bill. Ask for it in French and show them how well you can speak it. Be sure, now."

Charley puffed up. He beckoned to the waiter. Everybody paid respectful attention. "Garcon," said he—"Garcon, dejeuner."

The new Danish law permitting women above 25 years of age to vote is ingeniously contrived to disfranchise the fair sex, for how many women are going to admit that they are over 25? The horrid men who passed the law must have known that it would be practically inoperative.

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