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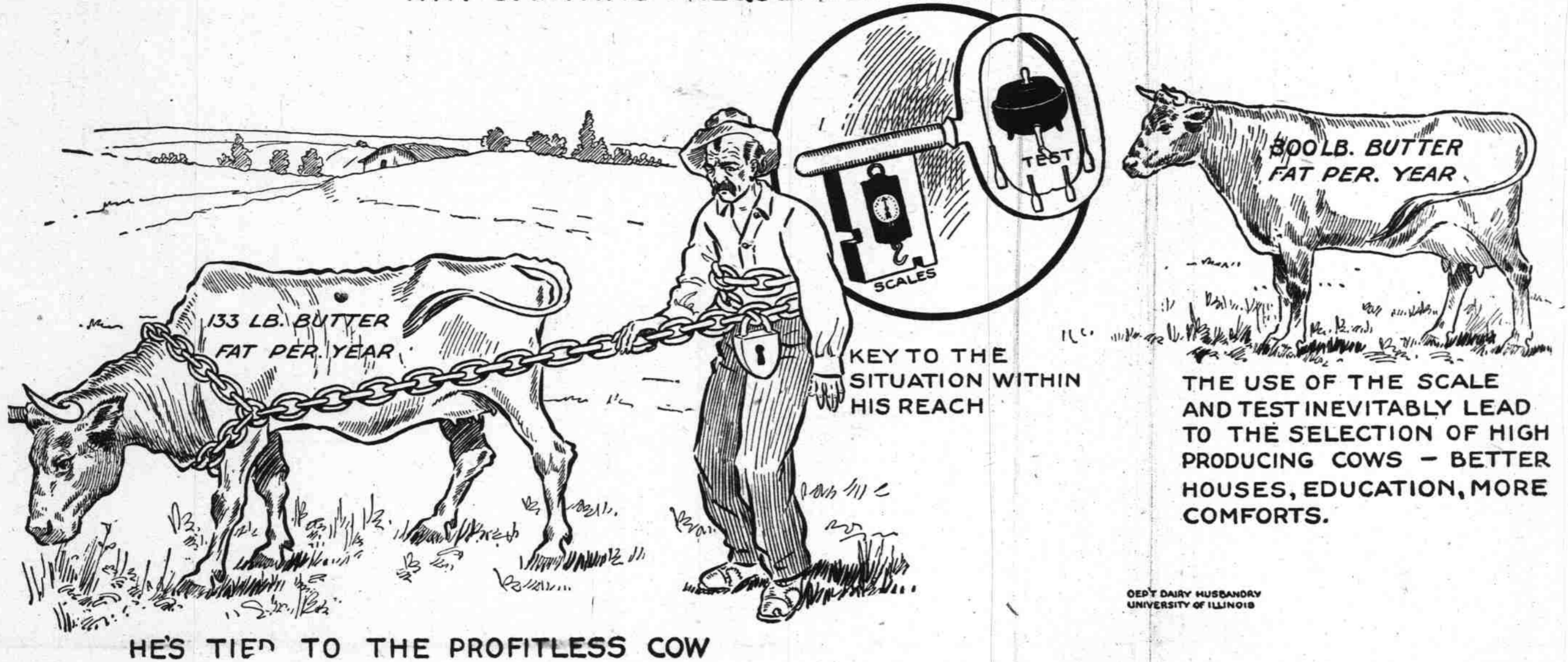
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WHY DAIRYING FREQUENTLY DONT PAY-



DEPT DAIRY HUSBANDRY UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

HE'S TIED TO THE PROFITLESS COW

[By courtesy of Tri-State Farmer and Gardner, Chattanooga, Tenn.]

THE DAIRYMAN'S CASH REGISTER.

Look at this cartoon a moment. A cow that yields less than 300 pounds of butter a year is unprofitable to the dairy. Experience has repeatedly demonstrated this fact to dairymen. If you are bound by lock and chain to the unprofitable kind there is a key within easy reach that will release you. It is the Babcock test—and a pair of scales. With this test you can in a few minutes determine the butter value of the milk given by any cow in your herd. The test will register the cash that is in your milk—it will enable you to tell what your products are worth; it will show you now, without waiting a year, which of your cows are unprofitable and ought to be eliminated; and it will show you which cows are most profitable and therefore best to select for breeding purposes in building up your herd. A Babcock tester, as Prof. Kendall explained last week, may be bought for \$4 or \$5, and where one man doesn't care to go to this expense on his own account, several neighbors might club together—a sub Alliance, Farmers' Union, Cotton Association, Tobacco Association, etc. Use the test and scales. For giving a correct commercial rating to your cows they have Dun's or Bradstreet's beat a mile.

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THIS WEEK'S PAPER—SOME RANDOM COMMENTS.

Again we have come to know what a tight fit feels like—it is about all we can do to get into our 16-page clothes this week. However, we have tried not to slight our reading matter columns, our policy being that The Progressive Farmer readers must always have a square deal. And next week there will be twenty pages again. There are two dairy articles this week good

enough to go in a dairy special, which we were unable to print last week. One is by Mr. R. L. Shuford, who writes to Progressive Farmer readers out of the fullness of a fourteen years' experience in dairying. The other is by Col. I. C. Wade, of Georgia, who tells on page 14 some of the reasons why the South should become the dairyman's paradise.

The value of a bank account—how it helps the man who owns the money, helps the bank, and helps the community, is splendidly told on page 3 by Mr. Joseph G. Brown, President of the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh. This article dealing with the business side of the farmer's life is one no reader—certainly no reader who hasn't a bank account—can afford to miss.

How to shear a sheep—after reading the science and common-sense in Mr. French's article one is almost made to feel that he possesses the art already and that the caption should have been "Sheep-shearing made easy." Following Mr. French's directions causes the sheep to lose fewer scalps and the fleeces to be in better condition. One captivating thing about this article is that you don't have to be a sheep-owner in order to appreciate it; Mr. French's happy style attends to that.

State Lecturer Cates—one of the most captivating and effective speakers in North Carolina keeps up his work for the State Farmers' Alliance as will be seen from page 13, while on the same page are a number of other reports of County Alliance meetings.

A letter from Mr. Cotton Moore to Mrs. Farmer goes straight at the marrow in several important topics. Note the comparison in which Mr. Moore uses the illustration of the city of hungry spindles. And being the first number in the month, this week's issue contains an exceptionally full, specific and helpful treatment of the subject of farm work for the month by our Mr. Parker and Dr. Butler.

Mrs. Walter Grimes is still adding beauty to the farm home. From the subject of flowers her pen glides gracefully to that of furniture and furniture fashions for the country home, in which her ideas and suggestions are fresh, bright, and helpful.

And the Two-Minute Health Talk is composed of golden health nuggets—there is the gold of helpful, hygienic common-sense in every one of them. In fact, every department contains something with pith and point to it. If we are short on pages, only sixteen, we have tried our level best to make them a "sweet sixteen."

ANNOUNCEMENT TO RURAL CARRIERS.

Mr. Max D. Miller, of Candler, N. C., has been elected by the Executive Board to succeed Mr. S. R. Dunn as President of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association, Mr. Dunn having resigned both as carrier and as executive head of the Association.

Let us give Brother Miller our heartiest support as president of our State organization.

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