

Agriculture, &c.

HOW TO MAKE BUTTER.

Mr. JOHN F. CROWE has handed us the following communication, as embodying the results of his own experience and his opinion on a very important matter, both to butter makers and butter consumers.

Mr. Editor.—A few words on making good butter, and the cause of so much rancid or bitter butter being brought into our markets. It is about as easy to make good as bad butter.

I find that where cheese is made, the butter is almost invariably rancid or bitter. Although I never witnessed the course pursued at such a place, but I think that when they set the milk over night previous to making cheese in the morning, instead of putting all the previous night's milk in the cheese as it should be, they skim off the cream to make butter, and so taking a long time to gather a churn full, the cream becomes rancid or bitter, and if so, the butter will be the same.

In order to make good butter, one very essential point is to have all the dishes perfectly sweet, second all the milk should be churned, and that just as soon as it can be prepared. It should not stand over two days in warm weather, if it can be churned every day so much the better.

If butter-makers would just adhere to the above directions, I think they would be surprised how much better their butter would be, and they would secure a much quicker sale.

JOHN F. CROWE.

The N. S. Journal of Agriculture very properly laments the absence of evergreens in and around the city of Halifax.

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Persons troubled with corns will find great relief, and sometimes absolute cure, by the application of a slice of lemon to the affected parts, secured by a strip of cloth, on going to bed.

MESSENGER ALMANACK. February, 1870.

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