Agriculture.

TREATMENT OF HEIFERS.

We neglect our heifers; as well might we neglect our cows, as the treatment of the heifers tells upon the cow. We neglect our heifers, and we begin early-when they are calves. They are too often left to take care of themselves after being turned out to pasturage, only a little cold milk given, and skimmed at that. But skimmed milk is good, as it contains casein, which is wanted for muscle. It should, however, be well warmed, as otherwise it is apt to lead to the scours.

Shelter is one of the first things of importance to a calf. It is not accustomed to storms, and its limbs, which are tender, will suffer if it is not sheltered. Here we are very negligent; we should accustom our calves to the stall or shed-begin early to fix the habits of the cow. The best feed, aside from tender grass, is bran, oatmeal, milk. The feed should be regular, once or twice a day, and in small quantities, for it will not do to fatten or pamper a calf; this must be avoided.

After being accustomed to the grass, which, if it is clover, is all the better, little else need be given ic. Grass contains all the elements necessary to growth, it carries the whole calf successfully. But it must be good grass-a clover meadow is the best-and the calf ought to be kept there till the crop is cut, which should be early; and this same clover, dried, should be fed to the calf in winter, and it needs little else besides. But you must have, to do well, grass cured with all the elements in a soluble state. There are farmers who raise their calves in clover lots with success who feed nothing else besides. But, if it is necessary, feed bran, etc., as above indicated.

The first year is the critical time; that passed (successfully) there is little difficulty afterwards. But there is some: care must be taken; the proper feed is to be given, and regularly, and proper shelter secured early in the fall. Indeed the old habit of running to shelter in the summer must not be broken up; for now is the critical time; the heifer is to be made a cow at two years of age, and bad treatment or neglect will often defeat this, and the loss is a year's fodder. It is true, the animal grazes during this year, but she also will not make so good a cow as if brought early into the lacteal habit. Many dairymen prefer a two year-old cow's first calf to that of a three year old. Experience says they are best for the dairy. And in order to get them to a fair size, it is necessary that they receive careful attention. In this way there is great profit in raising our own dairies .- Ex.

BEANS.

Beans like a dry and rather light soil, though they will do well in any garden roil, if not set out too early in the spring. Nothing is gained by planting until the ground is tolerably dry and warm. The Dwarf varieties grow from twelve to eighteen inches in height, need no support, and are planted either in drills or hills. The drills should be not less than a foot apart, two inches deep, and the seed set in the drills from two to three inches apart. The usual method in hills is to allow about half a dozen plants to a hill, and the hills two by three feet apart. Rows are best for the garden. A quart of ordinary sized beans is about fifteen hundred, and will sow about two hundred and fifty feet of rows, or one hundred and fifty hills. Hoe well, but only when dry. Running Beans are generally less hardy than the Dwarf. The usual way of planting is in hills, about three feet apart, with the pole in the centre. of the hill. A very good way is to grow the running varieties in drills, using the tallest pea brush that can be secured conveniently. When the plants reach the top of the brush, pinch off the ends. The effect will be to cause greater fruitfulness below. In a stiff soil, especially, the Lima comes up better if planted carefully with the eye down. - Vick's Guide.

Never plow if it can be avoided, or go on to the ground for any purpose, when it is wet and sticky. Keep the furrows straight, and if possible, reverse them at every plowing, so as to keep the land

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