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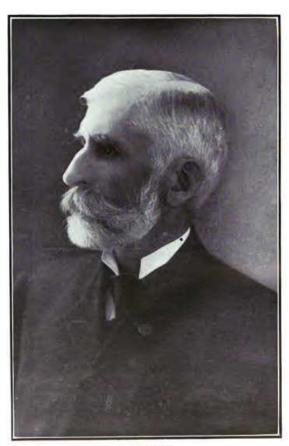
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PREFACE.

The author dedicates this little book to the boys, hoping that it will help them to see the opportunities in the field of agriculture, and especially in dairying, the most profitable branch of agriculture when its possibilities are developed.

The young man who fits himself by education and training to master the details of farm work is sure to succeed. I fully believe there is no field open to the young man that offers as great opportunities for the development of character, and for the acquisition of good health and a competency as does agriculture.

We have just commenced to open our eyes to the opportunities. Keep in touch with the agricultural colleges and experiment stations where experts are working out problems in their special lines, and remember that the educatedpractical farmer is in the future to be looked up to by all classes. He is to be the only lord in this country. 2 B

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CHAPTER I

THE DAIRYMAN.

The successful dairyman must be a gentleman (gentle man). If he is rough and brutal with his cows he cannot secure the best results from them, as they will not do their best for the man who is unkind to them. In case a man cannot control his temper when milking, cannot resist the temptation to pound the cows with the milking stool, he should have a milking stool made so long and heavy that it cannot be used as a club. When I lived on my farm I used a stool with a low part for the pail to rest upon and another part of sufficient height for the seat. This kept the pail off the floor and clean on the bot- tom, and is easier and better than holding the pail between the knees or allowing it to sit on the floor.

It would, I am sure, be appreciated by the cows if we should secure women milkers, as they are always kind to the cows. I never saw a woman abuse a cow, but I have seen men abuse them shamefully.

Ill Effect of Abuse.—I suppose abuse affects the cow the same as it does the human being.