

**OF INTEREST TO FARMERS**

**BREAD NEEDS KNEADING, TIME AND TEMPERATURE**

Good Loaf Must Have Right Amount of all These—Sour Bread if Dough Rises too Long.

Poor kneading and improper rising spoil lots of bread, says the state college of home economics at Ithaca. There are other causes of poor bread, the college admits, but these are the main ones. Over-kneaded dough becomes sticky and will not rise well during the baking. If the dough is not kneaded enough, the bread is likely to be streaked and poor in texture and it may contain lumps which might have been worked out. The dough should be kneaded until it is smooth and elastic and does not stick to an unfloured board. Little bubbles appear just under the surface of the dough when it has been kneaded sufficiently.

Time and temperature are the big things in the rising of bread. If the rising continues too long it makes a very porous loaf with little flavor, and the loaf may flatten in the baking and settle over the sides of the tin. If the dough is left to rise too long, the bread is apt to be slightly sour. Bread which has risen too long before baking has a pale crust and a porous crumb with broken irregular air-cells, and when cut it crumbles badly.

A small flat loaf is usually the result of under-rising. Such bread has a dark crust with blisters just under the surface. If the temperature at which the bread is put to rise is too high, the dough rises quickly at first and then very slowly, and the bread tends to be full of small holes and have a poor flavor. Too low a temperature makes the bread rise very slowly. The most satisfactory temperature for the growth of yeast is from 77 to 95 degrees F.

**BULL BIG FACTOR IN MAKING HERD**

Most Important Single Animal in Building up Good String—Watch Him Carefully.

The bull is the most important single factor in the breeding efficiency of the herd, says the state college of agriculture. The bull is often the means of spreading infections in the herd and should be watched more carefully than any other one member of it. The college enumerates several points to be remembered on buying or caring for the herd sire. "A bull should always be purchased from a herd as free from breeding troubles as possible. A bull may be backed by wonderful breeding and at the same time be worthless as a breeder. It is advisable to have a newly purchased sire examined by a veterinarian before putting him into regular service.

"The bull must not be too fat, but he must be kept in good flesh, and one way to do this is to give him plenty of regular exercise. A tread-mill or tread-power will help keep him in good trim. "Do not turn the bull out with the herd, as this makes it impossible to keep accurate check on him. It is vital to have an accurate record of his services, and to follow thru on the results of each one. There is generally something wrong with the bull which is classed as not a sure breeder. A bull of this type may breed some of the cows successfully, but as a general rule he is a menace to the herd.

"The bull should at least have as good care and feeding as the cows of the herd."

**Around Our House**

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

When you see a person who shows little consideration for other people's property, you can be pretty sure that his early training is to blame. In a house where everybody uses everybody else's belongings, borrowing without asking, and treating each other's possessions with little care, how can a child acquire any sense of respect for what is another's? A grown-up who disposes of a child's belongings without consulting him cannot expect the child to overlook the injustice of being punished for taking the grown-up's belongings without asking. Only by giving the child control over what belongs to him and respecting his wishes with regard to his property can you teach the child to have consideration for other people's property. In homes where mother's things, father's things, sister's things and brother's things are clearly defined and the ownership is respected by everyone, respect and care of personal belongings, one's own, and those of others, become a matter of course.



**The Golden Cup Returns to Sallie**

"I wanted to tell you that you looked like Hsuan-Tung at the dance," he broke the silence. "You know my knowledge of history," I complained. He smiled slightly. "You remember the little boy ruler, the last king of the Manchu dynasty who held the fate of China in his youthful hands?" "Uh-huh," I nodded. "Well, Sallie, as far as I am concerned, you are still like Hsuan for my fate is in your slender palms. Do with me what you will. I only know that I love you more, much more, than life itself and in deep humility, I have come to tell you that my entire happiness depends on whether or not you will be my wife." He was asking me to be his wife! Oh, why could not this have happened before the intervening heartache and despair? "But, Curtiss," I answered, "what of Anne? Surely you're not going to throw her aside on account of that scandal at camp?" "What scandal—and how did you know?" He asked in surprise. "She told all of us about it at Valerie's the other day. But, Curtiss, your arms should have been big enough for her and her mistakes too." "Sallie, precious, you don't understand. It wasn't the scandal that ended things there. It was my love for you. All thru the dreary months your face was ever before me and I was haunted by your sweetness and a thousand irresistible characteristics that are a part of your adorable self. When I had thrashed things put in my mind, I regarded your indiscretions in their proper light and knew them for the mischievous pranks of an impulsive child." "But you would never have broken off with Anne if it had not been for that scandal your brother told you about," I replied. "And, oh, Curtiss, I'm so weary of men who idolize a woman as long as they think she has a spotless past and then when it comes time for truths, are too small of soul to understand." "But, my darling," he interrupted, gently, "what has that to do with us?" "Everything. It was that same fear of scandal that made you willing to put OUR love aside in the first place and turn to Anne." "But—" "No, let me finish, please, because I can't marry you, Curtiss, and I want to tell you why. Even if I have to sacrifice my happiness, it would be better than making the heart of me ashamed by breaking faith with my ideals. You see if you believed in love as I do, you would have loved me in spite of any mistakes that after all have helped to mould me into what I am. Don't you see that you would have loved me because I am I and hand in hand with your love for me would have gone faith in my ultimate ability to achieve the qualities that you admire."

I looked far out across the waves not wishing to meet his absorbing gaze, for I loved him so, and with his eyes gazing deep into mine, I could not have had the strength to tell him that our paths must lie apart. "God knows I've been a blundering fool!" he cried with sadness in his voice, "but I don't want you to think that I've ever doubted my love for you once, sweetheart. The thing that drove me from you was not lack of faith but a hide-bound admiration for a certain sort of conduct that I had been reared to expect in the girl who became my wife. But," he continued, "once away, I realized how impossible it was to ignore my heart's desire. I saw too that my warped perspective had been due to the environment of my youth. I came back, Sallie," he reached over and took both my hands, "to beg your forgiveness on my knees. I went to Anne at once and told her of my love for you and released her from our engagement. For to have married her under the circumstances would have been most unfair. Then," he continued, "I hunted for you and followed you to the Clancyes to ask you to be my wife, but remember how you wouldn't listen, dear?" "I couldn't let the potatoes burn," I replied, looking down at the gleaming sand. "How big and fine and charitable you've been to those people at the plant," he reminded, then back to the subject again, "Oh, I don't blame you for not wanting to hear anything I have to say. I have acted the cad. I'm not discounting that." "You mean by telling Anne that you knew the story about her at camp?" "Amazement gleamed in his eyes. "You don't think I'd do a thing like that!" he exclaimed. "That's what she said." (To be continued.)

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