

Then the farmer's cow will be one that will give a fair mess of milk, raise a steer that will make beef profitably and will herself fatten readily when dry, will be able and well broken to do farm work; and in addition to these things, will be one of which the young man of the family will be proud, on the Fourth of July or other gala days, to rig up with a shining harness and hitch to a fine carriage and take out his best girl for a ride through the country at a spanking pace with the stars and stripes streaming from the end of each of the 7-foot-spreading horns and, when they come into town, it will literally be with "colors flying." When in town, if it should be necessary for this couple to practice economy, when they needed refreshments, the steed could be milked and they could be refreshed without cost.

When I got to that point, I stopped to sharpen my pencil again, and while sharpening, I lost the thread of my thought and was not able to pick it up again, but I do say and insist that I have been logical anyway, if nothing else. Thank you.

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DISCUSSION.

A Member: Hasn't the Wisconsin Experiment Station demonstrated that a double-purpose cow is a successful experiment?

Mr. Goodrich: I didn't say to the contrary in this paper.

The Member: We have been wasting money supporting their experiments, according to your argument.

Mr. Goodrich: I haven't anything to say about it. I have given you my experience; then I have given you the other side of the question and followed it out on to its logical conclusion. The cow can do even more things than I have said. She can raise a buffalo robe on her back. There is no telling what the possibilities of the cow are, as long as improving her in one direction does not interfere with her ability to do other things.

A Member: Does the dual-purpose cow belong to any particular breed?

Mr. Goodrich: I don't think she does. I don't believe that the special purpose dairy cow belongs to any particular breed; I know she doesn't. As fine dairy cows as I ever saw I saw in the Shorthorn breed; their ancestors had been registered Shorthorns a great many years. What I call a dairy cow is one that will bend all her energies to turning food into milk. She is of the dairy type, the dairy form, and she is a good dairy cow individually, no matter what breed she belongs to.

A. Member: What about her calf?

Mr. Goodrich: That is another question. If her ancestors for a great many generations on both sides, sire as well as dam, are good dairy animals, then if she is properly mated her calf would stand a good chance to be a good dairy cow, if—there is a great lot of ifs in it—if it is brought up right. You can spoil it easy enough.

The Chairman: Do you recommend this last cow to the farmer?

Mr. Goodrich: At the time I wrote that paper—I talk just as I think at the time, and I write just as I think—just at that moment, I would, probably; but I have backslid again and got over onto the other side.

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The following report of the Secretary was submitted and adopted.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report:

The total expenses incurred during the past year amount to \$3,749.63, which is \$190 in excess of the amount expended during the preceding year. These expenditures may be classified as follows: