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My farm was an inheritance, and consists of 120 acres ^{of land} in the town of Brookfield, Waukesha Co. When I began my farming operations it had been rented for twenty years ~~or more~~, and was in a ~~ruinous~~ condition.

My early ~~attempts~~ ^{efforts} were made when scientific farming was ~~held~~ ^{regarded} in ~~contempt~~ ^{as ridiculous} by the majority of the people. ~~They~~ ^{They} look upon lace curtains in a dairy barn. In fact ^{they} ~~with~~ ^{in the same spirit} ~~that~~ ^{as} some people ^{of the present time} regard lace curtains in a cow barn.

Now, when I look back, I find the time has passed so pleasantly and swiftly that I can scarcely realize that the start was made in 1894. One common cow produced cream for ~~my~~ ^{the dairy} experiments during my freshman year in butter-making. The following spring two pure-bred Jersey cows and an eighteen months old heifer was secured. These formed the nucleus of my present herd which now numbers over 100 head of choicely bred cattle.

Many animals bred and raised on Sunny Peak Farm have received gratifying recognition in various showings. more than 100 prizes and a number of gold medals ^{have been awarded} ~~are~~ credited to this herd. At the State fair, National and International Dairy Shows.

A number of animals have been shipped to Japan and several Agricultural colleges have selected specimens for demonstration work.

For the first few years the product was made into butter and ^{at a fancy price} sold to private customers ~~at a fancy price~~.

All this butter was made by myself but as the herd increased, the ^{quantity} ~~amount~~ was more than I could ^{well} handle without assistance, and, as the amount of profit would not enable me to secure the services of a first class butter maker, I decided to sell cream.

For more than eight years ^{of Milwaukee} The Plankinton House was supplied with cream from my dairy. Since then the

2. Quick Ice Cream Co, have taken
all the herd could produce.

I think mine was the first
sanitary barn in Wisconsin
for which I became the proud
owner of pure bred Jerseys, my
barn was whitewashed, the
floor scrubbed, windows ^{and curtains} washed
cattle brushed and petted
and every thing done to make
the barn as sanitary and
attractive as possible.

At that period my methods
were considered so unusual
that a number of prominent
publishers thought ^{that} the sanitary
barn, tenderly cared for cattle
and other innovations ^{might be} worthy
of general interest, and the
consequence was that
Sunny Peak Farm, the gentle
cattle and its happy owner
were given a world wide
range of publicity.

^{about that time} General Burchard, who
was then Secy of The Dairymans

Association, cordially urged
me to write a paper for their
annual meeting, which was
held at Watertown. It was the
first dairy meeting I had ever
attended and the first ^{real} dairy
talk I ever made. This talk
met the approval of Gov. Hoard,
Dean Henry and other progressive
people who were earnestly
striving to develop the dairy
possibilities of Wisconsin.
Since that time I have had
numerous calls to speak at
different Agricultural meetings
in this throughout the country.
For eight years I was a regular
member of the Wisconsin
Farmers institute force, giving
practical talks on different
~~phases~~ ^{topics} of farm life, such as
Cattle raising, Dairying, Poultry
and Home making.
For two seasons I worked with
the Farmers institute corps of
South Dakota, and a season
in each North Dakota and New York

5 I have given talks at special meetings in, Vermont-Connecticut, Mass. Mississippi, Illinois, Iowa, Arizona, California, Oregon, Canada and a talk on Poultry in Paris where I was given the aid of an interpreter. In 1912 was honored by Gov. Mc Gowan with an appointment on The Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture. During 1915 The Wis. Agricultural Exhibit at The P. P. I. C. was placed in my charge. In connection with this beautiful letter from Gov. Philipp thanking me in behalf of The State for ~~my~~ services rendered the State. ^{At the close of the fair} The exhibitors in The Palace of Agriculture, as a mark of esteem, presented me with a beautiful Amethyst brooch. Throughout the years of my work I have ~~been~~ ^{prospered} ~~blessed~~ ^{and been} with many valued honors, and ~~have prospered~~ for all of which I am sincerely grateful.

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