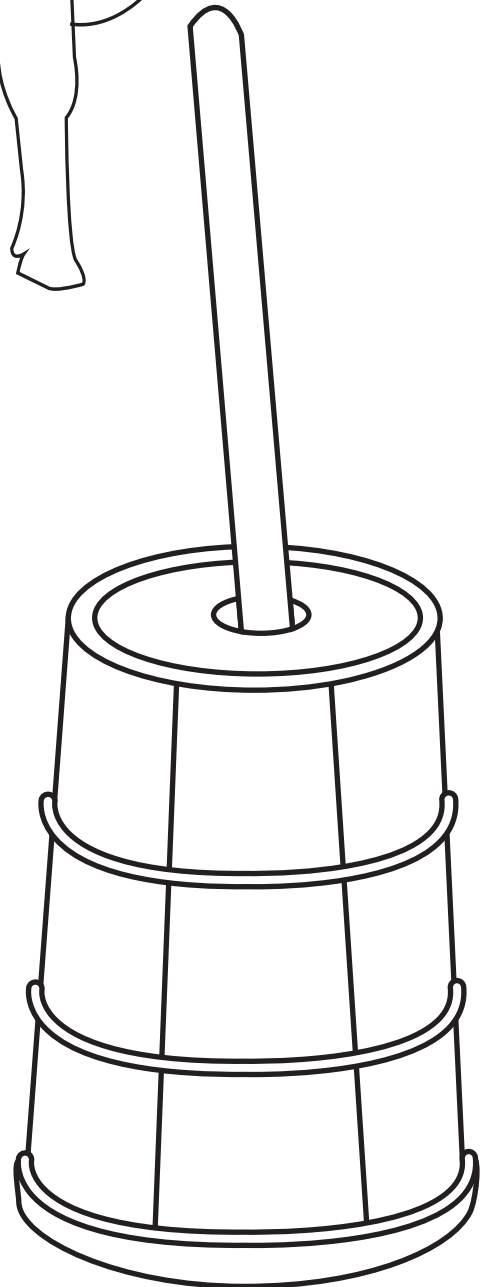


Making Butter, a Weekly Chore

Families with cows used to make butter weekly. Without any preservatives butter went bad much more quickly.

After a cow is milked the cream is separated and churned in a butter churn seen on the right. Churning the butter will cause it to thicken and clump. When clumping occurs, the butter fat can be separated from the butter milk. Butter often had to be made more often than one day a week.



Wash Your Clothes with Pure Soap!

In the 1800s, washing clothes by hand could take all day. To wash clothes, people rubbed them on a washing board with a soap bar like this and water kept in a tub or bucket. Then, they were hung up outside on ropes known as clothes lines. Clothespins (pegs) were used for hanging the washing outside to dry. If it was raining, a place near the fire is used to get the job done.



Ironing Without Electricity

Irons looked very different before electricity. The iron had to be heated on the stove or over a fire and very carefully used on the cloth. Ironing was important since using a washboard often makes clothes extra wrinkled.

