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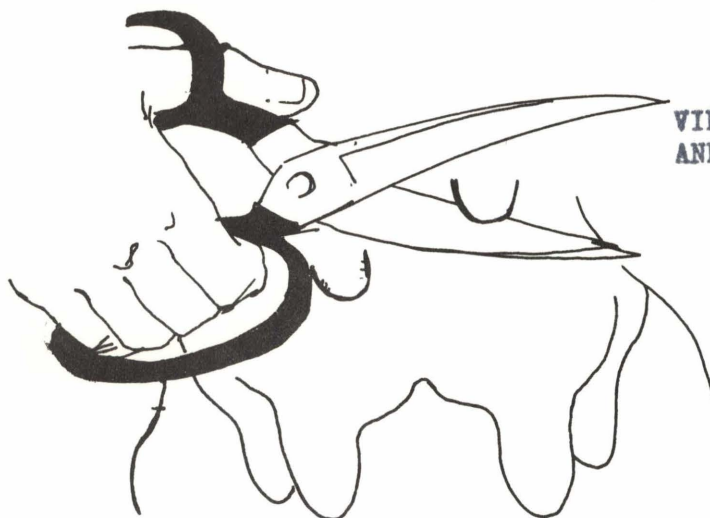
Dairy Guidelines

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Removing "Extra" Teats

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(Rear view of udder enlarged for clarity)

1. Many heifers are born with "extra" teats.
2. These are usually located to the rear of the 4 normal teats--but not always.
3. Extra teats should be removed while the animal is young (1 to 6 months old) before it leaves the calf barn.
4. Be absolutely sure to remove only extra teats.
5. Remove extra teats this way:
 - a) Identify extra teats to be removed.
 - b) Wash udder with warm soap and water.
 - c) Wash udder with disinfectant solution.
 - d) Stretch "extra" teat and hold firmly, with one hand.
 - e) Use sharp, disinfected scissors.
 - f) Paint cuts with tincture of iodine.
 - g) In fly season--observe animals following operation. Paint wounds with pine oil to repel flies.
 - h) Disinfectant powder may be effective to control bleeding.
6. Many dairymen have their local veterinarian remove extra teats as a routine practice when he vaccinates heifers or is on the farm for some other purpose.

