

# THE FARMERS CORNER.

## Raising Thorough-bred Pigs

It may be thought there is no difference in the management of thoroughbred and ordinary pigs; and to a certain extent this is true. But we all know that, as ordinarily managed, a very large number of young pigs are lost every year. How often do we hear farmers say, "My sow had a litter of ten pigs, but the brute killed half of them." In many cases the loss is even greater than this. Sometimes sows will eat their own pigs, but the greatest loss occurs from the sow, unintentionally, lying down on the little pigs and crushing them to death. With ordinary pigs the loss is sufficiently aggravating, but with thoroughbred pigs of great value, the loss is peculiarly vexatious and discouraging.

There is no way of preventing a sow from lying on her pigs. There is nothing for it but watchfulness and care. All mechanical contrivances are useless. It is generally recommended to place a rail horizontally all around the inside of the pen, about a foot distant from the sides and some eight or ten inches from the door of the pen. The object of this is to prevent the sow from crushing her little pigs against the sides of the pen. It was thought that the little ones could run under the rail and escape. Nearly all my pens are so constructed, but I can see no advantage in the plan. We all want to provide a farrowing sow with straw or leaves enough to keep her comfortable. Sometimes we use straw that has been run through a cutting-box, and sometimes we make use of it the full length. I do not know that it makes much difference which is used, though I formerly thought the chaffed straw was better. One thing I know—no matter whether you use long straw, or short straw, a sow about to have pigs will push the straw under the rail, until it is as firm and compact as the sides of the pen would be if no rail was there. A little pig, if caught against this compact mass of straw, would be as certainly killed as if the sow lay against the sides of the pen. You cannot cure a sow of this habit. She knows what she is about. She wants her little pigs to get to the teats; and the only way she has of accomplishing this object is to prevent them from getting on the wrong side of her, by placing her back firmly against the sides of the pen. If necessary, she will use every bit of straw there is in the pen for filling up the space under the rail where she makes her nest. If you give her straw enough, the rail is an advantage, for the compact straw under the rail makes a warmer nest, but it is otherwise useless.

The great point in the management of farrowing sows is to make them as quiet and gentle as possible. If you are raising thoroughbred pigs, make pets of them. The sow, when about to have pigs, should be placed in a separate pen for several days in advance, so that she shall become quiet and accustomed to the pen. Her food should consist principally of warm water with a little grease in it, with say a quart of bran to a ten quart pail of water. There is nothing better for her, after she had her pigs, than this same warm water and grease, gradually made richer by the use of more bran and of meal. A few hours before farrowing the milk always comes into the teats. It is a good plan, especially in the case of thoroughbred sows, to accustom them to the presence of some one in the pen. There is nothing a sow so well likes as to have her teats rubbed or milked. By a little gentleness, and by rubbing and milking her teats, it is an easy matter to make the sow lie down.

In the summer-time, I frequently let my sows farrow in the field, and almost invariably without loss. The sow makes her own nest in a fence corner, and manage the matter quite as well as if the best of us were present to direct the operation. Do not conclude from this, however, that the less you look after your breeding sows the better. The weather is warm, the sow is living on succulent grass, and everything is favorable. More pigs are lost from cold than from all other causes combined. It is useless to try to make the pens warm by artificial means, for in this case you are almost certain to get bad ventilation and to do more harm than good.—*American Agriculturist.*

## Dots Farming Pay?

The proceeds of the Stratton farm, containing 320 acres, situated two miles northeast of Lincoln, Nebraska, will sum up about as follows for the year 1882:

Grains—Five thousand bushels of corn, 1,000 bushels of oats, some sugar cane; vegetables, 250 bushels of potatoes, 10 tons of turnips, 3 tons of beets, 13 wagon loads of field pumpkins and squashes, and an abundance of garden vegetables of the finest varieties.

Hay and Pasture—Two hundred tons of hay; on the farm are two fenced pastures, one of wire, that kept eight head of cows, some young cattle, and would have supplied as many more; the other of board fence, in which run 20 head of horses.

Fruits.—There was an abundance of grapes, also good variety of small fruits; a lot of peaches, the first bearing of three hundred trees; a few apples gathered from an orchard planted four years ago, consisting of 2,000 trees.

Hogs.—There were fed hogs, of which about 1,000 were sold early in the fall at \$7 per 100 lbs. live weight.

Weeds.—None were allowed to grow on the farm. All the drives and avenues, as well as highways bordering on the farm, of which there are two miles and a half, planted with maples, were kept mowed and free from weeds; also a well-kept lawn with a good variety of evergreens and shrubbery.

Besides all this, the rise in value of the farm would be about equal to 40 per cent. on all investments.

Does farming pay?

## Hot Water for Insects.

A writer in *Gardening Illustrated* says that hot water may be employed to great advantage in destroying the green fly (and other insects) on pot plants, and for those who have but a few plants it will prove more convenient than fumigating. There is a margin of many degrees between the lowest temperature that will destroy the insect and the highest the plant will bear without injury, but 130° is a good medium, or as hot as the hand can be held in two seconds. In some experiments recently

made and reported elsewhere, it has been found that 150° is about as high as any common plant will endure, and some insects may require as great a heat, while on others it may have little effect. The temperature should be such, in using the water for the small pot plants, that they may be plunged in it and withdrawn immediately. It is well to experiment on the plants of less value, and observe the effect on the following day.

## Save your Melon Seeds.

When one meets with an especially fine melon upon the table, he is desirous of securing the seeds. Indeed, the only way in which a strain of melon can be kept up to its standard or improved, is to select seeds from the best specimens. In raising melon seed for the market, the growers allow the fruit to get much riper than is desirable for eating; this gives a great yield of plump seeds, which are more perfect than if the fruit were taken in its best condition for eating. In the operations of the kitchen, the contents of the melons are sure to be thrown away, and whoever would save seeds from them, must attend to the opening of the fruit himself. Place the contents of the best melons in a bowl or other convenient vessel, cover them with water, and allow them to stand for a few days to ferment. They should be looked to and stirred every day, and when it is found that the seeds fall from their attachments to the bottom of the vessel, the refuse is to be removed, the seeds washed, and spread out to dry upon boards or a cloth. The seeds of water-melons are much less likely than those of melons to be perfect at the time the fruit is in eating condition; hence seed-growers allow water-melons to get dead-ripe, or rotten-ripe, before they separate the seeds. Of the seeds separated when the fruit is eaten, a share will grow. Such seeds should be collected, washed, and dried. In sowing watermelon seeds of any kind, it is well to recollect that a large majority are worthless, and to be liberal accordingly. With cucumbers, allow a few of the earliest and best sowed to ripen on the vines for seed. All others, if not wanted for use, should be removed, and not allowed to exhaust the vines uselessly. When thoroughly ripe, gather the cucumbers and cut them lengthwise scrape out the contents into a vessel, and allow them to ferment until the seeds are freed from mucilage which surrounds them, and can be washed and dried.

Cut grass or clover for the hogs that are confined. Parsley, a very succulent weed, is greedily devoured by them. Green food keeps them healthy and makes them fatten faster. A diet solely of corn is too heating and predisposes them to disease.

## MORSELS FOR SUNDAY CONTEMPLATION.

To rule one's anger is well; to prevent it is better.

He who foresees calamities suffers them twice over.

Rest satisfied with doing well, and leave others to talk of you as they please.

Disparage and depreciate no one; an insect has feeling and an atom a shadow.

He is the best accountant who can cast up correctly the sum of his own errors.

The man who is generous to a fault is usually the one who is the owner of the fault.

Anyone may do a casual act of good nature, but a continuation of them shows it is a part of the temperament.

Never be above your calling, or be afraid to appear dressed in accordance with the business you are performing.

We should never make enemies, if for no other reason, because it is so hard to behave towards them as we ought.

Singular that the world miser, so often expressive of one who is rich, should, in its origin, signify one that is miserable.

There is nothing so universally commended than a fine day; the reason is that people can commend it without envy.

Receive no satisfaction for premeditated impertinence; forget, forgive it, but keep him inexorably at a distance who offered it.

Emotions are stars that guide only when the heavens are clear; but reason is the magnetic needle that directs when stars are hidden and shine no more.

There cannot live a more unhappy creature than an ill-natured old man, who is neither capable of receiving pleasures nor sensible of doing them to others.

Affection in any part of our carriage is lighting up a candle to our defects, and never fails to make us taken notice of, either as wanting sense or sincerity.

It is doing some service to humanity to amuse innocently; and they know very little of society who thinks he can bear to be always employed either in duties or meditations without any relaxation.

## Sat Upon by a Wasp.

A party of picnickers were enjoying themselves at High Bridge. They were a party of ever so nice girls and ever such gallant fellows. They had everything in the way of edibles that heart could wish for, and they were having a right royal time. The girls talked with their mouths full of pickles and pie, and the fellows made jokes about the ham sandwiches and the other fruit. Suddenly a huge wasp entered the meeting and became one of the party. He alighted on a buxom girl's shoulder. One of her companions saw it and shrieked:

"There's a great big bug on your shoulder!"

"It's a wasp! Sit perfectly still or it'll sting you!" screamed another girl.

"Oh, Charley! do come and take it off," pleaded the girl, as she turned red, white and blue.

Charley had evidently been sat upon by a wasp, for he remarked that "it wasn't his wasp," and went up into the woods to have a smoke. The wasp finally flew away, but the subsequent silence between the erstwhile lovers was so dense that they might have heard their hair grow, and Charley paid his own fare home and one fellow had to pay for two girls.

## WITTY AND OTHERWISE.

Ranks high—Old butter.

Always on foot—The ankle.

Not by a jugful—The teetotaler.

A man of wide views—The sailor.

The salesman's mission—Commission.

Coming to a head—A flying brickbat.

Devoured by inches—The bologna sausage.

A hard nut to crack—A restaurant doughnut.

Bathers who sit in the sun become blistered. It is a rash act.

The power behind the throne: The muscle of a ball-tosser's arm.

Puns on that new nihilistic, unrealistic play are considered "Vera" dizzy.

"For whiskey" and "Against whiskey" are the coming issues in Georgia.—The man who runs against whiskey will be apt to get floored.

"No," said the college man, "I don't care a coupon whether I get a degree or not; I've got my skull and cross-bones pin, and that's a passport into any society."

Eve must have had a good deal more time in which to do her housework than the modern woman. She had no looking-glass to be running to every half hour.

## The Governor-General.

The Governor-General certainly deserves credit for the loyal manner in which he has attempted to discharge the duties of his position, and he will leave the Dominion with the respect of all parties for the impartial manner in which he has invariably conducted himself in connection with the many delicate duties he has been called upon to perform. If Canadian life and society has been as unpleasant to him as to his royal wife he certainly had the good sense to conceal his feelings in the matter. The general impression is that he has rather enjoyed his reign in Canada, and he would have cheerfully extended the term had it been the desire of the Imperial Government for him to do so.

The fact that another member of the Queen's family has expressed a willingness, if not a desire, to become the successor of Lord Lorne, gives strong indications that the office has been rather a pleasant one to its present occupant. It was probably a wise decision, however, of Mr. Gladstone not to make another appointment just now from the Royal household. The experiment was rather a venturesome one in the outset, and now that it has proved fairly successful it may be just as well not to venture on it too soon again. The novelty of the situation is now gone, and at least such an appointment is attended with a good deal of embarrassment all round, even when the political waters are flowing smoothly on both sides of the Atlantic. Should a storm occur from other causes, or should any misdeed or mistake of judgment of the person appointed create a storm, the result would be most unfortunate. Probably had Gladstone been at the helm of affairs instead of Disraeli seven years ago the venture would not have been made at all. As it is few have any reasonable grounds to regret it, but it may be better just now to let well enough alone.

## The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army recently had a great display in Toronto. It was their first anniversary, and quite a large number from the localities west of here came by trains to take part in the demonstration. There were street parades, bands of music, the hallalulah lasses, the shouting men, and the other displays common to the "Army." In the evening it was announced that "An exhibition of living wonders" would take place in Shaftesbury Hall, and an admission fee of 10 cents was charged to witness it. These "living wonders" consisted of the "saved" members of the Army, who gave their testimonies. There can be no doubt many of them are wonders to themselves, and to others as well, compared with what they were a year or so ago, before the Army found them out, and the moral results in this connection with such a class of people, as many of them were, are certainly creditable to those concerned. It seems a pity, however, that the over zeal of so many prompt them to make exhibitions of themselves as are calculated rather to bring the whole work into ridicule than to favorably impress the people in its favor. At Shaftesbury Hall hundreds of spectators sat by the hour amused, and sometimes convulsed with laughter, the wild speeches, and sometimes wilder antics of the liveliest of the "living wonders." Few, if any, went away with increased respect for the Army there as a religious movement. We regret it much on that account, for any movement tending to reform drunkards, and restore to decency the debased, is a movement in the right direction. It is just possible that some persons whom the churches have not reached, can only be reached by appealing to their highly emotional nature, but surely it is hardly necessary to run the whole thing so deeply into the ground.

It is probable that similar exhibitions were made by some of the men in by-gone days in the saloons and bar-rooms, stimulated by a very different kind of "spirit," and from that stand point it is more desirable to witness them jumping, shouting, swinging chairs, or rubbing each others heads, than after the old fashion, but if it must be done at all the great unsaved had better be spared the sight; it does them more harm than good to witness it. Can it be that it was any thing so wild in appearance as this that caused some in other days to believe that these men were filled with wine?

## Maryland to the Front.

The Hon. Oden Bowie, Ex-Governor of Maryland, President of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Co., also President of the Maryland Jockey Club says: Both in my family, and in my private stables, as well as those of the City Passenger Railway Co., I have for several years used St. Jacobs Oil most satisfactorily." Such a statement ought to convince every reader of this paper.

Mrs. Stowe has it in mind to write a new novel, the scene laid in Florida, and the title *Orange Blossoms*, purposing to illustrate it herself. She hopes never to be too old to write love stories. She reads none of the modern novels, because the romance is eliminated.

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To make life's harmony complete, Both joy and sorrow in the strain must meet. In the summer and the fall, the urchin climbs the garden wall.

For green apples, in his frolic; He will eat his fill, till, very ill, He's doubled up with Colic.

The antidote is Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry—an unailing remedy for Colic, Cholera Morbus, Cholera Infantum and all Summer Complaints. (30)

Trials and sufferings are only to be regretted when they have proved too severe to be borne.

The well-known drug firm of Ormand & Walsh, Peterboro, writes that Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry is one of their "standard summer medicines, and has a good sale." An unailing remedy for all forms of Bowel Complaint. (26)

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Hamilton, January 18th, 1883.

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## What is Catarrh?

Catarrh is a mucous-purulent discharge caused by the presence and development of the vegetable parasite amoeba in the internal lining membrane of the nose. This parasite is only developed under favourable circumstances, and its morbid state of the blood, as the bright corpuscle of tubercle, the germ poison of syphilis, mercury, toxemia, from the retention of the effete matter of the skin, suppressed perspiration, badly ventilated sleeping apartments, and other poisons that are germinated in the blood. These poisons keep the internal lining membrane of the nose in a constant state of irritation, ever ready for the deposit of the seeds of these germs, which spread up the nostrils and down the fauces or back of the throat, causing ulceration of the throat; up the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping the proper structure of the bronchial tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death.

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What the Rev. E. B. Stevenson, B.A., a Clergyman of the London Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, has to say, regard to A. H. Dixon & Son's New Treatment of Catarrh.

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DEAR SIRS,—Yours of the 13th inst. to hand. It seems almost too good to be true that I have been cured of Catarrh, but I am I am I have had no return of the disease and never felt better in my life. I have tried so many things for catarrh, suffered so much and for so many years, that it is hard for me to realize that I am really better.

I consider that mine was a very bad case; it was aggravated and chronic, involving the throat as well as the nasal passages, and I thought I would require the three treatments, but I feel fully cured by the two you sent me, and I am thankful that I was ever induced to send to you.

You are at liberty to use this letter stating that I have been cured at two treatments, and I shall gladly recommend your remedy to some of my friends who are sufferers.

Yours with many thanks,  
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