EXPERIENCES AND OBSERVATIONS IN LIFE ON THE FARM.

The Leading Points of a Perfect Pig—Disease with Accompanying Pictures of Sick of Diseased Bacon—Suggestions for Breeders and Consumers of Pork.

Following are points of a perfect pig: 1. Neat to the head. 2. Light in the neck and shoulders. 3. Deep in the breast and around the ribs. 4. Thick in the loin. 5. Stout in the thighs. 6. Short in the legs. 7. Long silky hair. This type of animal should be aimed at, whether thoroughbred or half-bred or common long ears are kept. Large bones, coarse ears are almost invariably deficient in milking properties and indicate a tendency generally, and from their unwildness they frequently overlay and crush their young. As size always attracts notice from the dam, it is very important that this factor should receive due consideration, and when this can be supported by only just the requisite amount of bone we have of necessity the most economical animal in every way.

SIDES, SHIPS OF BACON.

1. Sweet starve. 2. Fat quarter. 3. Middle quarter. 4. Hind quarter. 5. End of neck. 6. Middle of neck. 7. Thick back and ribs. 8. Prime back and ribs. 9. Loin. 10. Fillet. 11. Shoulder. 12. Prime streaky. 13. Thin streaky. 14. Flank. 15. Middle of gammon. 16. Knuckle of gammon. 17. Fat end.

If carefully studied in connection with the figures underneath it the accompanying diagram will explain more clearly than words the desirability of having certain parts of the hog improved and increased in weight, while the less available parts may be correspondingly reduced, and this without detriment to the constitution or formality of the animal. For instance, readers will know that the fore end, marked No. 17, is the lowest priced part of the side of bacon. It is therefore desirable to reduce in weight as much as possible. On the other hand the parts No. 9, the loin, is high priced, and it is important that the weight of this be increased.

It is desired to emphasize what was designated in the beginning as point three, "deep in the breast and around the ribs." Looking at the from the consumer's point of view, a pig which is deep in the breast and around the ribs will of necessity produce a larger quantity of fine class bacon, viz., prime back and ribs, prime streaky. This is one of the most valuable parts of the animal, and it is therefore desirable to add as much as possible to its weight. From a breeder's standpoint the pig that is deep in the breast and round or well sprung in the ribs will certainly be a good feeder, because he has plenty of room for his stomach, liver, heart and all the main organs. A pig that is long in the legs is nearly always flat in the ham and lacking in plumpness. Good hair is an indication of strength of constitution as well as lean meat.

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Bees Absconding for Lack of Food.

A frequent cause of the desertion of bees from their hives is short stores. The preventive for this state of affairs is apparent, and yet amateurs are always asking what to do. There is no better advice, perhaps, than that given by Root in his book on bee culture, namely: After the bees have swarmed out and are put back into the hive give them a heavy comb of sealed stores if you can; if not, feed them a little at a time until they have plenty, and be sure that they have brood in the combs. If necessary give them a comb of sealed larvæ from some other hive, and then feed them until they have a great abundance of food.

Chicken Cholera.

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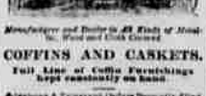

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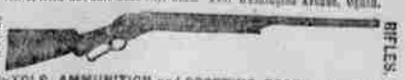

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