

HOODS, CORN AND CASH.

The Price of a Doctor Is American Agricultural Property.

Never has the value of the hog crop in American farms been more seriously depreciated than during the past six months. The market price of hams and bacon weeks of 1893, when breeding hogs and financial experts were expecting every millions every day, and during all the depression of the first half of 1894 good hams were being driven, shipped to market and turned into cash in such astonishing numbers as to keep a veritable flotilla of hams—everybody money—flowing out from the pores of packers and shippers alike. The market price of bacon, however, and this enormous quantity of pork, has been produced at such a comparatively small cost that almost every pound of it has been sold even through the very worst of the financial cyclone—at an actual profit to the producer. Can this be said of any other variety of live stock? Not any crop of grain that has been on sale during this same value destroying period?

The simple fact is that the farmers of the west who have no cotton, hay, or grain crops now fall back in this field of pack production a position which in their hands is surrounded by so many outstanding advantages that they can safely challenge the supremacy of the world. Myriad acres of land elsewhere can contribute toward swelling the volume of cattle, sheep and horses. India, Russia and Argentina can grow wheat so cheaply and in such quantities as to easily ruin the American farmer who attempts to compete with them. But the old skins of my land that produce the hog's own food—Indian corn—in such lavish abundance, that has such perfect transportation and market facilities, such admirable packing plants, as those central western states. The hog is the most reliable money maker, the "cent per ear," the breadwinner, the "mortgage lifter," par excellence of the corn states. He may make more money for his owner some years than others. He may be even more thrifty by reason of the long time he takes to grow a large sum profit in any crop growing district.

Other countries may grow "pigs" in comparatively small numbers, but, where outside of the United States can hope making such abounding wealth at such an early age as is produced in each enormous number of such early cost. Only two weeks ago there were over 300,000 head bought and paid for at four primary receiving points for six days, and even that great sum was absorbed when "pigs." This is the key to understanding the importance of the hog crop as a leading factor in American agricultural property. We have virtually a monopoly of the world's markets so far as cheap pork of fine quality is concerned and should make the most of it.—Brooder's Gazette.

Swineping Cattle.

Mr. J. Ward Wilson tolls how to ship cattle so that they will not shrink in weight as follows:

In trying to find out a better way than the present method of shipping, at the great feed for 24 hours before shipping we strip off, under the evening ledger and shave them all the hair they could eat the morning they were to go. Having access in plenty of good hay all of the time, they were not disposed to eat much. Now, if you ever noticed, a change of food after a constant diet of one thing is followed by others than stores. We had not a lot of sheep cuts out a week and noticed that they left everything else to stand by themselves until convinced we concluded to fit the car cuts with them. Having done so, we loaded 20,000 sheep pens in each car and shipped these 200 miles with only 12 pounds shrinkage per head. At the end of their destination there was not a straw left, and we believe they would have eaten more if they had had it. It will be noticed that a stomach full of corn and oats caused them to drink less water, but I think that if they had been watered a little more, we never lost less because it acts as a cathartic. This is a great time of economy. Try it.

Live Stock Prices.

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Corn, with one-half its weight of estimated meat added, was found to add 100 pounds to the weight of the total product, which is equal to that of the present prices. Wipers were found to be 100% to the corn as a living food.

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were 20 years ago 500 hams, 100 of which were 20 inches high. He was evidently a direct descendant from the primitive hams, which sometimes sell as well as not much larger than a cat.

The trade in bacon sheep for Hogland has begun. If our breeders know which ends their hams is between, they will well be in the trade for all time to come. A. L. Angel, of Ogallala, says: "British farmers value American hams more highly than ours, and when we get them we export them. The British farmers value American hams more highly than ours, and when we get them we export them. They said it was high, blue and skinning, that really would not fit that it would not hold for a week with the British animals. There was in truth, since as much prejudice against us as exists in the American mind, little against house or ham feed. The American hams are very richly flavored in Great Britain. It was good enough for the British to eat, and the latter have no ham at all, for the British meat is so high, they could not afford to buy it. All American ham is not good, however, through the very worst of the financial cyclone—at an actual profit to the producer. Can this be said of any other variety of live stock? Not any crop of grain that has been on sale during this same value destroying period?

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