

## THE PICKLED WATCH.

The New York Ledger says: The other day we met Wiggins, and he had a silver-cased watch—hunting cases at that. We had known Wiggins five and twenty years, and never knew him to carry a watch before. We asked him where he got it. He gave us a nod and a leer, and said he'd tell us. "Last fall," he continued, "I killed the old brindle cow, and put the best part of her into the beef barrel. She was fat and the beef was nice, and I had high unto a full barrel. I didn't want to make it very salty, so I set it out in the shed, where the frost might touch it and keep it; and you'd better believe it made good eatin'."

"One day my wife says to me—says she—'Wiggins, 'pears to me our beef is goin' mighty fast.' I went and looked, and, sure enough, it was goin'—goin' rather faster'n I thought it ought to. I've noticed it low'nin' out accountably this long time," said my wife. "Somebody is stealin' it. Why don't you set a trap?"

"But my neighbors were all kind-hearted kind of folks—though one or two of 'em might be just a little inclined to poke around where they didn't belong—and I didn't want to hurt 'em. I concluded, however, that it would be best to put the barrel, with what little of the beef was left, down cellar—and I did it."

"Well, when the beef was all used up, and I went to clear out the barrel, I found this watch in the pickle. It looked to me like Tom Grammon's watch. Tom had worked for me considerable, and I had seen him have the watch, or one very much like it. When I saw Tom, I showed him the watch, and he said right off it was his."

"How did ye lose it?" said I.

"I carried it in my pocket without any chain, and must have dropped it out when I was stoopin'," said he.

"Well," I said, "then you must have been stoopin' over my beef barrel, for I found it in the pickle!"

"With that Tom looked kind of sheepish, and I guess he saw the twinkle in my eye."

"Let me look at that 'ere watch again," said he.

"He looked at it a little while, and then he handed it back to me."

"On the whole, Mr. Wiggins," says he, "I guess that ain't my watch arter all. It must belong to somebody else. And with that he walked off."

"I carried that watch to our jeweler, and he found that the cases had shut so tight that the work hadn't been pickled a bit; and for a dollar he cleaned it up in good shape and set it runnin'. It's a first-rate timekeeper, and I reckon that whoever took my beef paid all it was worth."

HOW TO MAKE HENS.—People would better understand this matter if they considered for a moment a hen to be, as she is, a small steam engine, with an egg-laying attachment, and thus there must be a constant supply of good feed and pure water to keep the engine and its attachment up to its work. In addition to keeping before hens, who have complete liberty, a constant supply of pure water, summer and winter, I have found that during the cool and weather of fall, winter and spring, a dough, compounded as follows, fed one day and then intermitted for two days, to produce excellent results:

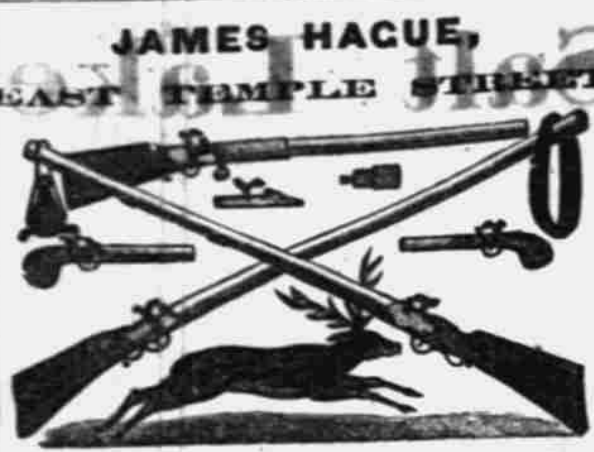
To three gallons of boiling water add half an ounce of common salt, a teaspoonful of Cayenne pepper and four ounces of lard. Stir the mixture until the pepper has imparted considerable of its strength to the water. Meantime the salt will have been dissolved and the lard melted. Then, while yet boiling hot, stir in a meal, made of oats and corn, ground together in equal proportions, until a stiff mush is formed. Set away to cool down to a warmish. Before feeding, taste to see that you have an overdose neither of salt nor pepper, and to warrant the hens being imposed upon with a mixture not fit to be eaten. The hen must not be saltier than to suit your own taste; nor so hot with pepper that you could not swallow it, were so much salt, too much lard and too much pepper, and beware, too, where the seasoning is not too high, of feeding this dough too long at a time. Let the hens be fed one day fully, then let it be omitted and the ordinary feed given two days, and so on, and the result will be found satisfactory. Take notice.—Hens fed this way will be a good deal less inclined to set than when fed in the ordinary manner.—Country Gentleman.

CHEESE VS. BEEF FOR FOOD.—Aside from economizing labor, the cheese factory system has developed another great principle—the means of producing cheap food. An abundance of cheap, nutritious food is essential to the highest civilization of any nation. Poverty and crime always accompany a scarcity of food. Cheap food is one of the elements of the intellectual progress of our population is attended by a scarcity of meat, and the price is already beyond the means of the poor, and this difficulty must be still further increased. It is an urgent question what other form of animal food can be substituted for beef. In the opinion of the speaker, the dairy must be the means of solving the difficulty.

To illustrate his meaning more fully, Mr. Willard drew a comparison between the relative cost of producing beef and cheese:

A good steer, at four years old, will produce a 1,000 pounds of beef and three would produce 3,000 pounds net. A good cow will yield from 500 to 600 pounds of cheese per year. Taking her product at 450 pounds per year for twelve years, allowing nothing for the first two years of her life, gives 4,500 pounds of wholesome food. In other words, three steers representing twelve years growth give 3,000 pounds against 4,500 pounds from the cow in the same time.

A pound of cheese being equal to two pounds of beef in nutritive value increases the difference still more, giving 9,000 pounds of food from the dairy to 3,000 pounds of meat. The loss of bone and cost of cooking add still another item to the difference. Willard's address before the Vermont Dairymen's Convention.



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