

**Gossip** About Women, Their Children and Their Home.

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North America (de'cd in 1899)	136,990,000
Europe (de'cd in 1899)	80,154,000
Asia (de'cd in 1899)	35,575,000
Africa (de'cd in 1899)	10,830,000
South America (increase in 1899)	45,728,000
Australia (increase in 1899)	21,232,000
World (de'cd in 1899)	195,638,000

The profits of hog killing, writes Charles Haines of Ohio, are in getting to market promptly and often. No breeder or feeder loses anything by constantly keeping his hogs in a condition ready for market. Care, judgment and skill pay proportionately as well in raising porkers as thoroughbreds, but remember that life is too short to waste in feeding scrubs. The lower the price of pork the more important it is that the farmer have the best machine to work up corn at a profit. Pigs intended for pork should be crowded as rapidly as possible to be the most profitable. The advantage of growing improved stock does not lie merely in its better adaption to the market wants and to the fact that it will respond more promptly and continuously to feed. The early age at which it matures is one of the sources of profit to its owner. Early maturity is chiefly a question of feeding for generations with a view of making rapid and continuous growth, the early maturing quality being transmitted as it gradually increases by heredity. Breeding at an early age also probably has much to do with the creation of so far that the results will be inconsistent with full and healthy development, but if this be avoided early maturity is one of the most valuable attributes of the improved animal.

As to the feeds and manner of feeding, nearly every breeder has his own way about them. I have never been an advocate of cooked feeds for hogs, young or old. Humanity is accustomed to being fed on the main on cooked food, and because it is more palatable to man it has been assumed that it is more palatable and even more digestible when fed to domestic animals. This is by no means clear, however, and in fact the results of numerous experiments are all the other way with but few exceptions. More than a dozen different series of experiments have been undertaken to determine what effect cooking or steaming has upon the flesh or fat making power of various feeds, and in nearly every one of these the result showed that a given amount of gain uncooked than cooked, with a possible exception in the case of potatoes, in which the proportion of albuminoids is very small and the starch very large I would say provide your hogs with good, wholesome feed, changing the feeds frequently. Do not feed corn alone, but with it give slops made from ground feed. In the winter when the weather is very cold feed liberally of corn at night and no slops unless they are fed warm, as the corn will help to retain the animal heat, the slops having a tendency to cool and chill the animal. In the morning, when they have the day and warmth of the sun (if there be any sunshine) in which to exercise and retain the animal heat, I would feed slops and less corn. This manner of feeding will keep them cool. They will worry less thrive better and give good results. Another thing I would rake up and burn to a charred condition all the corneobs, water the charcoal thus obtained and sprinkle it with salt and sulphur. This I consider one of the best (if not the best) preventatives of hog cholera and other diseases known among swine. In the winter provide your hogs with shelter and warmth, in the summer with good shade.

Very beautiful are new silks for fancy waists. A quality of pure Lyons taffeta is the foundation of these goods, its dyes ranging through all the liquid tones of porcelain and pastel blues, magnolia white, corn yellow, etc., and on this advantageous surface will be worked all sorts of machine embroidery in almost every variety of design, usually worked in black or white.

In a good many homes "mother and the girls" seem banded together. It may be natural, perhaps, that father and the boys should be on the other side, but most fathers are too busy to be very much in the pleasures or duties of their sons, and so in one way or another the boys scatter off into company of their own choosing, leaving mother and the girls to pursue their feminine employments, well content so long as the boys don't make a noise in the house and come in early enough to prevent the neighbors from talking.

"North of the Virginia border line I presume no well bred child to-day is permitted to say 'Yes, ma'am,' and 'Yes, sir.' A good many parents insist on 'Yes, Mrs. Brown,' or 'Yes, mother,' 'No, father,' or 'No, Mr. Robinson.' But this fashion of address is supposed to be English, and the best authorities now inform us that across the water the mode has changed to plain yes and no without the added substantive. I prefer the old fashion of deference," says a Good Housekeeping writer. No servility is implied in 'madam' or its abbreviation 'ma'am,' but it carries in it a recognition of the greater dignity of the older person.

Engagement rings are chosen nowadays for their oddity. Some of the strange, mysterious looking rings are really odd; some of them only look so. A few of them have an interesting history: they all look as if they ought to have. The history can be made, however, by the wearer, and undoubtedly these massive rings, with their rich dull stones, have a fascination that the gleaming solitaire does not possess. Moreover, they are less expensive. A good looking ring, without stones or merely small ones for dragon's eyes, can be bought for from \$15 to \$30, and a really beautiful one, with an uncommon looking gem can be bought for from \$25 to \$50. Every young man who has had to buy a diamond for his sweetheart knows that \$50 does not buy much of a sparkler.

However small a visitor's room may be, it is always advisable to squeeze a writing table into it. Many people prefer writing in their own rooms, where they can be quiet and undisturbed, and a hostess should see that they are duly provided with writing materials. The inkstand should be full, the paper rack and blotting book well supplied, new pens should be in the holders, there should be a penwiper and also a calendar with the correct day of the month indicated and a waste paper basket under the table. If the room be large enough for two people, two small beds are preferable to one large one. A screen should always be placed in a room when the people are going to occupy it.

It is also a wise plan to place a night light on the mantelpiece. Many people habitually use them.

Here are a few "don'ts" which house wives would do well to bear in mind if they wish their rooms to be not only in good taste, but artistic as well:

Don't overload your rooms with furniture or pictures.

Don't choose elaborately designed curtains, hangings or tablecloths for a room with a floral paper.

Don't waste your money on a wholesale accumulation of cheap bric-a-brac (so called). It only helps to gather dust and dirt.

Don't choose plain curtains with a plain carpet and a wall paper.

Don't choose a blue paper and white paint for a room with a cold—i. e., northern—aspect.

Don't buy imitation of good things in the way of furniture. If you cannot afford the originals, do without, and content yourself with something which is what it professes to be.

Don't indulge in painted milking stools or painted drain pipes.

Don't waste your money on plush brackets, plush cup and saucer holders or painted tambourines.

Don't drape your looking glasses with art muslin, or, for the matter of that, with anything at all.

Don't tie bows on the backs of your chairs.

Don't indulge in tidies of any kind.

Don't paint wreaths of flowers upon your parlor looking glasses.

Don't imagine that the plenitude of furniture means a well furnished house. It does nothing of the sort.

Don't buy cheap saddlebag, velvet or plush furniture.

Finally, buy the least amount of furniture you can do with, and let it be of as simple a design as possible, and your house is sure to be well furnished.

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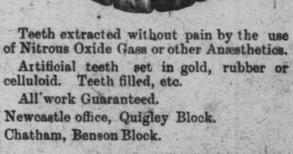
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