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The Farm.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Experiments in pig-feeding.—Our good friend, Mr J. H. Grisdale, of the Ottawa Experiment-farm, has been making several very interesting experiments on the feeding of hogs, not only to discover the most rapidly fattening combinations of foods, but also to find out which combination produces the best quality of meat.

Three lots, of six pigs each, were selected for the purpose; not all of the same breed; there being among them, crosses as well as pure-bred hogs.

The food combinations were: 1. Mangels, and a mixture of grain, consisting of $\frac{1}{2}$ corn, and $\frac{1}{2}$ equal parts of oats, pease, and barley; 2. Clover and the same quantities and kinds of grain as above; while the third lot received the grain alone. In all cases, the grain was ground and given dry, water being supplied in a separate trough.

As might have been expected, the mangel fed hogs did not turn out very well as regards quality, they being classified by the packer to whom they were sold as "poor," "medium," "fair," and one, "good"; the four of those fed on grain alone, went under the heading of, respectively, one "good," two, "very good," and one, "excellent"; while the only two of the clover and grain lot that were tested, were classified as "very good."

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