

the pigs given corn and separated milk and of those fed on corn and whey, both lots showing less leaf and more thickness on the belly, with a good proportion of lean. If anything, the corn and whey lot were firmer in flesh.

The experiments showed that 1 gallon of separated milk equalled in feeding value a little less than 2 gallons of whey; that it is much more profitable to turn the skim-milk and whey into pork than to sell them at the prices named above; that where separated milk and whey can be purchased at those prices and used in conjunction with the same value of corn, the quantity and quality of pork will be greatly increased, without any increase in the cost price. As seen above, in feeding value, corn and whey stood first, followed by corn and skim-milk, with corn alone far behind.

In another experiment to ascertain the relative values of barley-meal and corn-meal when fed in equal weights, together with equal quantities of whey, the flesh of the barley-fed pigs was leaner and set better than that of those fed on corn-meal. The latter, however, was of good quality and sold equally well. Corn-meal, moreover, proved a more profitable food and produced a greater weight of increase than barley-meal. No better prices were paid for the barley-fed pigs than those fed on corn-meal, although the former were pronounced better for the "curing-trade." So long as this is done, there is no encouragement for the feeder to feed the dearer feed—barley.

Household Matters.

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GIVING PRESENTS.

It seems quite a matter for doubt, as to who is the happier person, the giver or receiver of presents.

The giver has the happy anticipation of the gift for many a day in which happy hours have been spent in devising and executing all sorts of nice things to be distributed amongst dear friends on the coming festivities.

The working out, and watching the exquisite little articles as it were grow.

Especially is this the case where the work done is by one well skilled in the art of carrying out the beautiful designs of fruit, or flowers, on linen

or bolting-cloth with the lovely washing silks used for this exquisite work.

It may be a centre-piece for the dinner table, strawberries or cherries worked so as to stand out in bold relief and look as if they had been carelessly thrown there; this, with a bowl of real fruit, tastefully manipulated, to mix with the other designs, will go far to make a dinner more appetising.

To come down to a lower standard, where there is a desire to give a home-made present, a way will soon be found and a loving token of how best to show in the working out of the gift every effort to please.

Children have odd ways of doing this; I have watched with pleasure the furnishing of a house on paper. It is started by pasting a piece of coloured paper on the blank leaf of an old copy book; the furnishing is done by means of chairs, tables, stoves, and any other articles wanted, cut out of papers, advertisements or some old magazine. When any article was wanted, diligent search was made for it till found.

The last time I saw it, it had got as far as the library, and really the taste shown in furnishing some of the rooms might be copied, and would certainly show people that a child's idea was not only chairs, and tables, but many little fancy things were thrown about to make the rooms look nicer and more home-like.

It struck me as a simple and novel idea, carried out by a child during a time of sickness, and not only brought out her best efforts, but also served to wile away the tedium of a sick room. I hear it is to be given to the children's sick-ward at the hospital, where it will serve to help them to forget their pains for a time.

I do not envy the person who has only to go into a store and choose many nice things, to give to friend and relatives; it is only a matter of so many dollars, and the gift is bought.

But one has to think of the thousands of persons employed in the manufacture of these things of art, and to feel thankful that there are rich people to buy what their poorer brethren have toiled to make and glad to sell for the necessaries of life. And thus the world wags on; each one helping the other.