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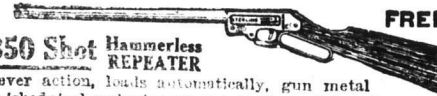
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The Profits from Pure Bred Sows

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We recently attended a sale at which pure bred sows sold for \$50 to \$90. Even \$50 seems a rather big price to pay for a single sow, even though she be young. But suppose that young sow in the course of her active usefulness will produce 75 pigs. She should do better than this, but with average success these are safe figures. We will assume that the purchaser is a small farmer and from these 75 pigs he intends to make selections for the foundation of a herd of superior excellence. Suppose he reserves 12 of the pigs for his own use. This leaves him 63 pigs to sell either as breeders or as fat shoats. Pigs of superior breeding which have the right type for the

profit. The animal with the greatest capability for economical production needs the greatest care and attention to bring about this production, and it is only by bestowing care and attention upon an animal that the largest profit can be secured from it whether the offspring is to be sold as breeding stock or in the open market. The farmer who is prepared to give the care and attention required is warranted in paying almost any price for choice foundation stock, but the farmer who is not prepared or who is not willing to do his part would better do the best he can with his grade stock until the time arrives when he resolves to take a deeper interest in his business.—W. F. Purdue.

A Quarantine Pen for the Hogs

By quarantine pen we mean simply a pen or a few pens which are situated a safe distance from the main hog pens or yards. Such a pen should contain comfortable sleeping quarters as well as room for exer-



On D. Adamson's Farm, Gladstone, Man.

economical production of pork can be grown at a cost of from 75c. to \$1 more per head as represented in the cost of the foundation stock, than can pigs from a sow of ordinary breeding worth probably \$30. Then taking into consideration the better gains and the larger weights which can be achieved with well bred hogs of the best type with a given amount of feed, there can be no doubt whatever that if every one of the pigs is fed and sold upon the open market, the farmer who bought the high-priced breeding sow will be ahead in the transaction, provided the sow is handled with ordinary intelligence. But in the meantime he could sell many good pigs to his neighbors for breeders, and he would have the 12 reserved for his own use, which with good judgment in mating offer opportunities for still further improvement and a continued lessening in the cost per pound of the meat produced by the superior animals compared with the ordinary scrub or grade stock.

It must always be kept in mind, however, that no matter how good the stock the first essential for success in breeding pure bred stock is that the breeder must be a good feeder as well as a good judge of animals. While blood will tell in the quality of the produce, yet this blood without good management will not produce ideal results, and will not bring the breeder a

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cise and should be so arranged that the owner need not go inside to feed or water. Such an arrangement seems a lot of bother, but it is a very wise plan to follow. As the number of hogs increases, diseases will become more troublesome. Already cholera has found its way into many sections of the northwest. Every new hog coming to the farm should be kept by itself for at least ten days or two weeks. Then if it has shown no indications of sickness, spray it with a good dip and introduce the animal to the herd.

Keep the quarantine pen clean and ready for use. If any of your hogs get sick and you have any reason to suspect a contagious disease, at once separate the well hogs from the sick.—Robert C. Ashby, Washington Experiment station.

Poultry Management

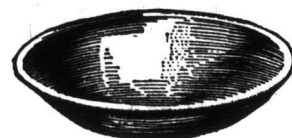
People pay highest prices for products which are naturally out of season. Broilers command highest prices in early spring. With plenty of winter eggs and the necessary incubating and brooding equipment, the raising of winter broilers is comparatively easy. The hatching should begin in the fall so as to have good-sized broilers for the holiday trade. The broiler business is hard, tedious work and requires, like most branches of the poultry business, plenty of experience, but it can be made profitable. Surplus cockerels are usually kept over until they weigh from three to five pounds a piece, and then sold as roasters. But frequently it is advisable to caponize surplus cockerels. When rightly conducted this branch of the business is profitable.

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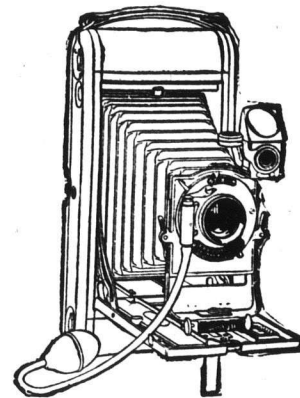
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