

who raise this variety claim that they can produce pork cheaper with it than with the so-called bacon type. If this be true, then the packer or drover must be willing to pay him a sufficiently higher price per lb. for the bacon hog to enable him to make a good profit by the change. Though the farmer realizes as well as anyone else the importance of supplying the export bacon trade with the right kind of goods he is not governed altogether by sentiment in the matter, and unless he can see his way clear to make that kind of pork raising more profitable than what he has been accustomed to he will not change from the old method. If he raises the thick fat hog, and makes a profit out of it at \$4.25 per cwt., he is not going to change to the bacon type, which sells at \$4.60 per cwt., unless it can be proven to his satisfaction that there is more money in raising the latter kind.

The following item from Hodgson Bros'. Liverpool market report of September 17th gives a fairly good idea of the prices obtained for choice Canadian bacon and the American quality, which is made from the thick, fat hog, "Singed Wiltshire, Canadian 40/55 lbs., 50s. to 56s.; American 40/50 lbs., 35s. to 40s." Here we find a difference of 15s. to 16s. in the price per cwt. (112 lbs.) paid for cuts of the Canadian and American varieties. If these figures be taken as a guide are our packers making a sufficient distinction between the prices paid for choice bacon hogs, that will produce the former quality, and thick fat hogs, that will produce the latter kind? We think not, and unless they are willing to make a wider difference between the price of the two than they are now doing it will be hard work to educate the farmer to change his methods.—*Farming*.

Household Matters.

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One may fairly say: spring has come at last, and the look-a-head people who took time by the forelock and made every preparation possible for its coming, will have cause to rejoice, for the sun is a splendid detective of indolence, and want of forethought, and justice will be doled out to the unwary in all sorts of ways too numerous to mention.

Neglect of little duties often causes the direst results, in the shape of a double portion of hard work to be done at a very busy time.

A stitch in time saves nine; there never was a truer saying applicable in and on so many occasions; but, as long as the world lasts, there will be people who will give the one necessary stitch in good time, while others will trust to luck, and hope that some kind hand will put in the lucky stitch for them.

I wish there was a little more spirit of willingness shewn by the young people of to day as to the advisability of the one needed stitch. A neglected duty is much harder to be done after a time, and it may be a lie has to be resorted to hide the neglect.

Very little children can be taught obedience early in life and this will cling to them as long as they live.

The one stitch, or act of obedience, will never be neglected by them; they will never be at a loss where to find their belongings at a moment's notice; they will always be in readiness for an emergency, and thus have many a spare moment to help the negligent ones.

DRESS.

Spring costumes, in many colours, are to be seen at last; it was rather trying to the young people, at Easter-tide, not to be able to bring out the new things which had been made for the occasion.

Now that the fine weather has come, they are to be seen in all their gayness, and how it does enliven the streets to see so much colour about!

There are some who might be all the better for a little toning down in colour.

Red is pretty when used in small quantities, and it works in well in the streets with the more sombre but pretty colours, such as the very fashionable blue, called gray-blue; crushed strawberry is again to the fore; pale green, pink, and white, make a very pretty combination for trimming hats; broad ribbons being so very expensive, has brought out the idea of trimming hats with silk, cut on the cross of the silk, hemmed on one side, and bound on the other with a band of some pretty colour about an inch wide, more or less, making the whole about 7 or 8 inches wide; this, made up into large bows and pointed ends, with a sprinkling of flowers, makes a very fashionable, and the very latest style of hat trimming.

A CHILD'S GARDEN.

Give the children a little plot of ground, which they can call their very own, where they can dig