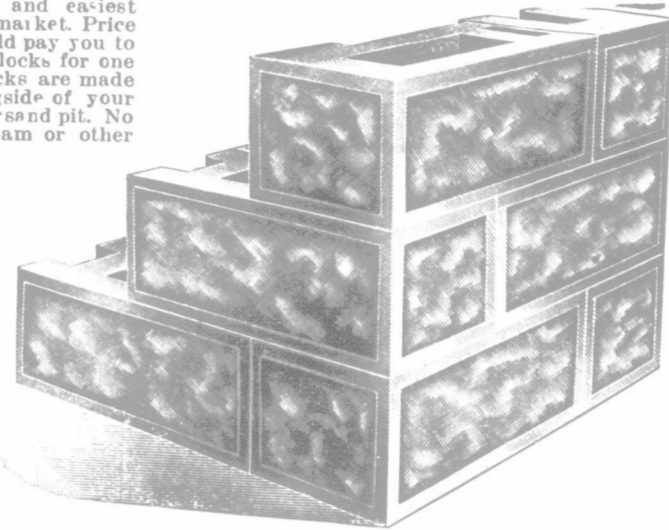


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THE SPICE OF LIFE.

Israel Zangwill, the author, at the Franklin Inn, a literary club in Philadelphia, told a story of a crafty political boss.

"This boss," he said, "desired votes for his candidate and stopped at nothing to get them. He sent for a poor man one day, and asked for his vote.

"'Oh, no,' the poor man said, firmly. I can't do that. I am already promised to the Opposition."

"'You are, eh?' said the boss. 'And how much is the Opposition paying you?'"

"'Twenty dollars,' the poor man answered.

"The boss assumed an expression of disgust.

"'That was a low price, my friend, an unfairly low price,' he said, 'to give you for your vote. We'd have done better by you. We'd have given you twenty-five dollars.'

"It was not too late. The election was two days off. The poor man wavered.

"'Would you?' he said. 'Would you?'"

"'To be sure we would,' said the boss. 'Here, it isn't too late yet. Give me the other party's twenty, and I'll give you our twenty-five now.'

"The poor man made the exchange joyfully, and thus the crafty boss had the satisfaction of causing his opponents to pay four-fifths of one of his own bribes."

HOG NOTES.

Thrift, not hunger, should prompt exercise.

Sows that have very nervous temperaments should be avoided.

Growing pigs should have a dry, warm, bed, kept clean and free from dust.

Keep the fattening hogs away from the manure heap.

Wet stalls and sheds are always filthy, and filth breeds disease.

Do not make growing pigs' slops too rich, nor make too sudden changes in their diet.

Whenever a farmer feeds a pig beyond nine months, he is needlessly throwing away his profits.

If lean pork is desired, we must begin to cultivate the grazing hog, and the disposition to exercise must be encouraged.

The acid contents of an old swill barrel is not necessary to produce sweet and healthful pork.

Hogs can live in filth, and eat and drink filth for a while, but the chances are that they will not live so very long.

Close confinement being an unnatural condition to swine, it is liable to lead to sterility.

The brood sow should receive carefully selected and concentrated food, containing the full maximum of nutritiousness.

You can help growing pigs along in two ways; one by feeding the sows liberally on milk-producing foods, and by learning the pigs to eat themselves.

So far as is possible it pays to keep old sows for breeding. They may be bred twice a year and will produce litters of constantly increasing value.

To give the pigs a good start in life, the sow must be well fed, both before and after farrowing. It is not necessary that she be fat, but very essential that she keep in good flesh.

Never let hogs or any other animals shift for themselves while young, and think you can make up for such neglect at the end.

A most excellent slop can be made of four parts wheat bran and one part linseed meal mixed dry and then made into slop with sweet skim milk.

Charcoal or coarse coal and wood ashes should always be kept where the hogs can reach them. It is one of the best preventives of worms.

A hog as well as any other animal will thrive best when its surroundings are clean. A clean, dry pen is a profitable investment.

Even with fattening hogs, it is a good plan to feed a liberal ration of good slop before giving the grain at each meal. But it should be rich and not simply dish water.

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