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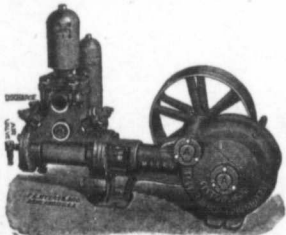
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CANNING MUTTON

How to Use the Cheapest Meat a Farmer Can Raise

By Alta Vedder Blend

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This is the method of canning that I followed when we killed our last sheep: The sheep was killed in the afternoon of a summer day, and the carcass cut into quarters and placed in a screened porch to cool. The next morning the meat was cut up and the ribs fried, as we are very fond of mutton chops. While they were frying I cut out the pieces for roasts and placed them in a large pan in the oven. The meat that was suitable for steak was partly cut for that purpose and some of it used fresh. The rest was set aside to can. Part of the steak meat was cut as thin as I could cut it and set aside, then part of the good, tender meat was set aside for grinding.

A Dressing for Steak

The meat that was left was cut off the bones in pieces that would go into jars

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and put into quart and pint jars. The jars were filled with this meat raw, not crowded though. A teaspoonful of salt was put in each quart jar and half a teaspoonful in the pint jars. The rubbers and covers were put on, the covers screwed on tightly, then turned back half an inch, or if the spring-top jars were used the lower spring was not tightened. No water was put in. By this time the ribs were fried; they need not be fried much, just browned a little. They had been cut into short lengths—about two ribs in a piece. These were put into jars and a little water poured into the pan they were fried in. The brown juice resulting was then poured over the ribs in the jars; not enough to cover them; just a little for gravy. The covers were put on and these jars and the others put in the canner with cold water in it and processed one hour after the heat reached fifteen pounds pressure.

Some of the steak I cut into pieces about two or three inches, browned a little on each side and packed into jars. I will give the recipe for its use later.

The steak that was cut very thin was cut into pieces three inches square and spread with the following dressing: One pint bread crumbs, one small beaten egg, butter the size of an egg, broth or water enough to moisten. Add salt, pepper and sage to taste. Roll the meat like jelly-roll cake, tie with a string, and brown these rolls carefully in butter or fat. Pack into jars. Put a little water in the pan they were fried in and put a few spoonfuls of this juice into each jar.

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