

IT WAS NOT FATE

By GEORGE ELMER COBB.

Ina Ringold stood gazing from the doorway of her home after the receding figure of Paul Newcombe with ardent longing eyes. Handsome, well dressed, erect and manly looking he would have made an impression on the out of ten feminine admirers. To Ina he was a last hope. She had reached the borders of womanhood and a spinster life seemed to menace her.

"A rising young man," spoke the unctious voice of her father in her ear so unexpectedly and she started, blushed consciously and in some confusion evaded his keen insinuating eyes. "Is he rising to the occasion of matrimony, Ina?"

"How should I know?" stammered the girl. "He comes here occasionally, but divides his attention with others." "I have fancied that he rather favored you," proceeded Squire Ringold bluntly. "Ought to. As to money and position, he couldn't make a better match, eh, Ina?"

"Father," spoke Ina suddenly, placing a pleading hand on his arm "will you do something for me?"

"Why, surely—always," acceded Mr. Ringold, fairly surprised at her strange manner. "What is it?"

"The trustee school board are deciding on a new teacher."

"Why, yes, but that doesn't usually interest you much."

"It does this time," confessed Ina hurriedly. "I understand that the board have selected two to choose from—a Miss Zaida Bertram of Fairview, and a Miss Lucy Dodge of Brocton."

"You're pretty well posted," said the Squire. "That's right."

"Mr. Newcombe favors Miss Dodge. It seems some friend of his recommends her. She is young and pretty, I learn."

"We usually give Newcombe his way," said the Squire.

"You mustn't this time," insisted Ina. "This Miss Bertram, I have heard, is a Vassar graduate. She must be old."

"No," soliloquized the Squire, with a melancholy shake of the head as the train bore away the young man he had hoped to secure as a son-in-law. "It wasn't fate that sent young Newcombe to Fairview. It was Ina, and I wonder how she will take it when I tell her the news?"

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"Got Word From Newcombe Today."

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The fair sister planned out a series of parties for the near future, pursuant to the expected speedy return of Newcombe. He had never given

her the least indication that he had any preference for her, but she was sure she led in the race, at least locally, as to position and wealth.

"Sort of queer about Newcombe," observed the Squire, when he came home two days later. "He's usually a quick, all-around business man and ought to have got through with his business at Fairview in a few hours."

"Hasn't he written?" inquired Ina a trifle anxiously.

"Not a word."

The following evening, however, the Squire brought some fresh news. "Got word from Newcombe today," he said, and Ina looked curious and eager. "Says he has looked that Vassar girl up and found her more than capable and all that, but the deal's off."

"Why, what do you mean, father?" asked Ina vaguely.

"Miss Bertram won't come. Newcombe wrote that she had altered her plans. This leaves the other candidate the only one that passed the committee. I reckon they'll send for her, so Newcombe sent his proxy to vote for her, so I guess it will be Miss Dodge."

"But when is Mr. Newcombe coming back?" inquired Ina, losing sight of her former fears and jealousy in dismay over the continued absence of the victim she had set her cap for.

"Why, he says he discovered some old friends in Fairview, needs a rest and will take a week's vacation."

At the end of a week Paul returned, but Ina did not see him. She tried to in every way she could devise, but her schemes did not succeed. Paul was away again on the train to Fairview the next morning. The Squire met him at the depot.

"We decided on Miss Dodge," he observed.

"Yes, so I heard."

"Going away again, I see. Say, Newcombe, what was the reason that Miss Bertram did not accept our offer?"

"Well," replied Paul, a faint smile about his lips, "because she accepted mine."

"Accepted yours?" stammered the Squire.

"Yes, I guess it was fate sent me to meet the most beautiful and cultured young lady I ever knew. I am going back to marry Miss Bertram."

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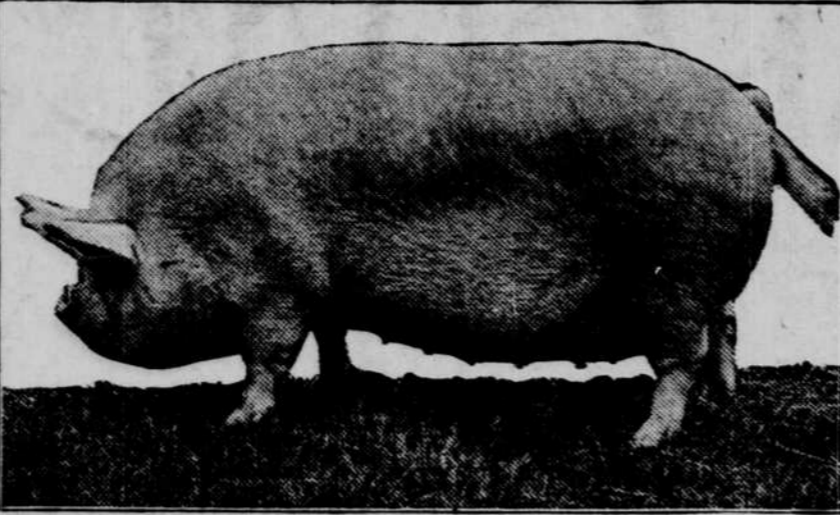
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ENDEAVORING FOR THE BEST BACON TYPE



Excellent Bacon Type.

The style of animal which best meets the bacon curer's ideal has often been spoken about, but the desired standard is not always reached, and this in many cases is due to faulty breeding.

To consider briefly one or two of the indications as to what is really a good bacon pig, we might start first from the head.

Here, length of snout, which partly includes length of jaw and the absence of loose flabbiness so frequently found, indicates as a rule a lengthy animal. The idea has been to reduce the cheap parts of the animal and to increase those which are dearer. On that account a light, forehead is necessary, but it must not be at the expense of width of back or depth in the pig.

As a rule a pig narrow at the poll (between the ears) is not the widest on his top, nor is he the thrichest of feeders. There may be exceptions to this rule, but it can be applied generally. The advantages of a prominent eye and a smooth unwrinkled jaw or cheek, as well as width between the eyes, are that they invariably indicate a smooth, lean-fleshed animal.

A short heavy head is invariably associated with a very round body and a wide and very fat back, altogether a very wasteful carcass. The neck should not be too long, otherwise it indicates weakness and a short neck generally goes with a short side, which from the bacon point of view of course is not desirable. It is important to note the character of the middle piece.

The ribs should spring from the back, but they should not be entirely round. They should rather spring well and allow the animal to be turned out slightly flat from the sides. There will then be less wasteful fat on the top without degenerating the depth of the pig.

What is wanted is a pig that contains a maximum of lean meat and an undercut with as much streaky as possible. The loin should of course be covered and muscular, because so much depends on good development there? The rump should not be too straight, otherwise the hams will invariably be short. There should be no flabbiness about the hams and a well-carried tail puts finish to a pig, which helps it greatly at the time of sale to the butcher.

The quantity of bone should also be accompanied by strength of bone, because it is not possible to carry a heavy weight of meat of very fine quality without substance. Round bone should be avoided as it indicates lack of breeding and is invariably associated with a fat carcass. The pasterns should not be weak and the pig should be straight on its legs. This is likewise of great importance for exercise is necessary in the production of the best class of carcass.

These may seem small points yet they all indicate particular functions which the bacon pig is supposed to fulfill.

PROPER FEED FOR LAMBS PAYS WELL

Sudden Change in Ration Creates Dietetic Disorders and Consequent Loss of Life.

(By GEORGE H. GLOVER, Colorado Agricultural College.)

A small percentage of loss in lambs in the feed lot is to be expected, but this loss in some instances is far greater than it should be. When range lambs are placed on a fattening ration the change of feed is so sudden that dietetic disturbances cause a general disorder and several dead sheep are found in the pens each morning. This invariably leads to the suspicion that they are dying of some infectious disease.

In some cases the ration is not well balanced to secure the best gains and the conditions of care and handling might be better, but these things will account for only a nominal loss.

The change from grass to alfalfa, corn, barley, molasses and straw, ensilage, etc., must be made gradually and herein lies the secret of the heavy losses of lambs in the feed lots in the early fall. The desire to get the lambs on a fattening ration as early as possible and failing to appreciate the danger of too heavy feeding and change of ration has helped to make lamb feeding an unprofitable business in some instances. A sudden change in feed or overfeeding must be guarded against in the domestic animals, especially is this true with the horse and sheep.

FATTENING PIGS ON SHELLED CORN

Experiment Conducted at South Dakota Station Shows Advantages in Using Milk.

Ordinarily, with all ages of swine, a bushel of shelled corn will produce an average of ten pounds of pork. In an experiment at the South Dakota station, on an average for the two years of feeding period of sixty-two days each, a bushel of shelled corn yielded 11.9 pounds of pork. But when an average of 163 pounds of milk was fed with a bushel of shelled corn, an average yield of 17.7 pounds of pork was produced.

This was a difference of 5.8 pounds in favor of the milk lots; or, in other words, the milk was equal to 5.8 pounds of pork. However, it must not be understood that this quantity of milk fed to a pig without the corn would yield the amount of gain, but when fed in combination, as above stated, similar results are to be expected.

Healthy Poultry.

Clean quarters and wholesome food are worth more to keep poultry healthy than all the fancy condition powders you can give them.

Early Peas.

Early peas bring quick returns and may be followed by some other cash crop. The dwarf varieties, such as Nott's Excelsior and Alaska, are most profitable and there will be plenty of time for a crop of late celery after the peas have been sold.

Importance of Skunk.

Economic importance is now claimed for the skunk in that he destroys large numbers of white grubs, grasshoppers, cutworms, hornets, wasps, and other injurious insects.

Incubator Difficulty.

One of the most difficult tasks of the incubator operator is to adjust moisture and ventilation correctly.

Feel All Used Up?

Ever feel that you can go no further—that you must have rest for that lame and aching back—relief from that constant, dead-throb feeling?

Have you suspected your kidneys? Kidney disease shows itself in back-ache, nervous troubles and disorders of the kidney secretions. If tired, worried, lame, rheumatic, dizzy and nervous don't let a possible weakness of the kidneys escape attention until it turns into a case of gravel, dropsy or Bright's disease.

Sick kidneys go from bad to worse. Their useful work of filtering the blood is only partly done. Poisons that should be passed out with the kidney secretions are held in the blood, circulating freely, attacking muscles, nerves and vital organs. The kidneys inflame, swell and throb, and that is the cause of sharp pains in the back, or that dull, constant heavy ache.

For quick help use Doan's Kidney Pills. No other kidney remedy is used and recommended so generally. Take them when you feel the first bad backache, or see the first disturbance of the kidney secretions. Doan's have



"What will help my back?"

brought new life and strength to thousands of despairing men and women, and there is nothing in the remedy to cause any harm or start a pill-taking habit.

Here's the best of proof—testimony from a grateful user.

DOCTORS' TREATMENT FAILED

Colorado Man Tells a Story of Awful Suffering.

L. M. Drake, 232 Elati St., Denver, Colo., says: "I was so bad with kidney complaint that I thought I was going to die. My feet were terribly swollen and I couldn't wear my shoes. My limbs ached too and my back wasn't just right; I often had to gasp for breath. For months I couldn't work and I couldn't hobble a block without stopping down to rest. For several days these wouldn't be a free flow of the kidney secretions and the poisons were terribly scalding. Doctors didn't help me and one remedy after another failed. A relative wrote me to use Doan's Kidney Pills and the first box brought wonderful relief. The kidney secretions got all right and the swelling went down. In a short time I went back to work in good health. Doan's Kidney Pills alone cured me and the cure has been permanent. I hope that other kidney sufferers will read about my experience and give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

"When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name"

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

Sold by all Dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., Proprietors.

BUYER WORSE THAN SELLER

In the Scale of Depravity the Briber is Far More to Be Feared Than His Victim.

The man who sells for dollars is not especially dangerous. One knows what such a person will do and trusts only to that point of weakness. It is a safe point because it is where you can see it. Indeed, the poor devil who sells at any price is never so much to be feared as the man who does the buying. It is the latter who entertains the motive and who looks for the gain. He not only knows what he wants, but he understands how to get it. He entertains a hundred subtle approaches to reach the man to whom a tender of money would be an insult. So many of us who could never sell find it exceedingly hard not to give.—Los Angeles Times.

TANGO GRIPS NEVADA INDIANS

They Are Raising Money for the Purpose of Building Hall for Its Display.

The extent to which the craze for the tango and similar dances has permeated the lives of the Shoshone Nation of Nevada Indians, who are abandoning all tribal dances, seems incredible, but nevertheless all the younger and a large part of the older members of the tribe are crazy over the dance.

Organized plans are now under way whereby the younger and middle-aged Indians are raising funds for a large dance hall for their own use in learning and dancing the tango.

One of the Indian maidens has so perfected herself in the tango that she is giving a complete course of lessons at \$2.50, and many of her companions are learning rapidly.

The Indians dance until daylight, the camp at Murray Canyon being the liveliest of all, where "Indian Dave," a blind, aged chief, and other chiefs almost blind furnish music on violins and harmonicas.

STOMACH MISERY GAS, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" fixes sick, sour, gassy stomachs in five minutes.

Time! In five minutes all stomach distress will go. No indigestion, heartburn, sourness or belching of gas, acid, or eruptions of undigested food, no dizziness, bloating, or foul breath.

Pape's Diapepsin is noted for its speed in regulating upset stomachs. It is the surest, quickest and most certain indigestion remedy in the whole world, and besides it is harmless.

Please for your sake, get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any store and put your stomach right. Don't keep on being miserable—life is too short—you are not here long, so make your stay agreeable. Eat what you like and digest it; enjoy it, without dread of rebellion in the stomach.

Pape's Diapepsin belongs in your home anyway. Should one of the family eat something which don't agree with them, or in case of an attack of indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or stomach derangement at daytime or during the night, it is handy to give the quickest relief known. Adv.

Couldn't Find It.

Albert was sent down by his mother to get some horse-radish which she needed about her pickles.

After quite an absence he came back home, tired and empty-handed.

"Well, where is the horse-radish?" asked his mother.

"Why, mother, I went to every livery-stable in town and they didn't have a bit," murmured Albert with a weary sigh.

DRUG HOUSE ENJOINED BY FEDERAL COURT

Judge Jeremiah Neterer, of the United States district court, to-day granted a permanent injunction in behalf of the Centaur Company of New York, the manufacturers of Fletcher's Castoria, against the Stewart & Holmes Drug Company of this city.

The controversy arose from the simulating of the labels of this well-known preparation, and from the evidence filed in the case it was shown that the infringing label was first discovered on sale in Honolulu, and was traced to its origin here in Seattle.

The defendant company is one of the oldest and largest concerns of its kind in the Northwest.

The decree carries with it an order that the Stewart & Holmes Company recall the goods which are on the market under the infringing label, and to pay all costs in the suit and damages assessed at \$400.—Seattle, Wash., "Times."—Adv.

Emotions Expressed in Dancing.

In the Vedas of the Hindus, some of which date back 6,000 years before Christ, there is steady reference to dancing as an expression of triumph, worship, and even the deepest grief.

It is the same in the Zendavestae of the Persians. Dancing with cymbals and tambourines, with bells tied to their ankles and wrists or around their waists, was an art that the priestesses in the temples must understand.

Fitting Style.

"For whom are you buying that cottage-shape hat?"

"For a suburban girl. If she had been a city girl she would have preferred a flat."

His Mistake.

"Gimme some candy, Tom."

"Candy! I ain't got no candy—that's a toothache."—Exchange.

WHAT AN OHIOAN

HAS TO SAY ABOUT CONDITIONS IN WESTERN CANADA.

W. E. Lewis formerly lived near Dayton, Ohio. He went to Saskatchewan seven years ago with \$1,800 in money, a carload of household effects and farm implements, including four horses and three cows. Of course, the first year he only got feed from the crops, but the second year had 100 acres in wheat which made over 2,800 bushels. He has not had a failure in crop, and at present has 22 head of horses, 15 head of cattle and 35 hogs, and owns 1,120 acres of land, all under cultivation. He has been offered \$35 an acre for his land, and should he care to dispose of his holdings he could pay all his debts and have \$30,000 to the good; but, as he says, "Where could I go to invest my money and get as good returns." He continues in his letter to the immigration department, August, 1912:

"We have equally as good if not better prospects for crops this year as we had three years ago, when our wheat ranged from 30 to 45 bushels per acre. I never believed such crops could be raised until I saw them myself. I had 15 acres that year that made 50 bushels to the acre. Our harvest will be ready by the 12th. We have this season in crop 400 acres of wheat, 125 of oats, 90 of flax and run three binders with four men to do the stooking. We certainly like this country and the winters, although the winters are cold at times, but we do not suffer as one would think. What we have accomplished here can be duplicated in almost any of the new districts."—Advertisement.

Poor Shot.

Drug Clerk—Did you kill any moths with those moth balls I gave you?

Disconsolate Customer—No, I tried for five hours, but I couldn't hit a one.—The Jester.

Liquid blue is a weak solution. Avoid it. Buy Red Cross Ball Blue, the blue that's all blue. Ask your grocer. Adv.

Success has turned many a man's head. In fact, it's a long head that has no turning.

Let Dean's Mentholated Cough Drops relieve you of the cough and stop the throat irritation—See at Drug Stores.

The man who would rather be right than be president is very often neither.

Putnam Fadeless Dyes make no muss. Adv.

It's better to uphold a good thing than to hold it up.

From Girlhood

THE change may be critical and cause untold suffering in after-life. The modern young woman is often a "bundle of nerves"—"high strung"—fainting spells—emotional—frequently blue and dissatisfied with life. Such girls should be helped over this distressing stage in life—by a woman's tonic and nerve— that has proven successful for over 40 years.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

is a keen enemy to the physical weaknesses of woman. A medicine prepared by regular graduated physician of unusual experience in treating woman's diseases—carefully adapted to work in harmony with the most delicate feminine constitution.

It is now obtainable in liquid or sugar-coated tablet form at the drug store—or send 50 one-cent stamps for a trial box, to Buffalo.

Every woman may write fully and confidentially to Dr. Pierce and his staff of physicians and Specialists at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., and may be sure that her case will receive careful consideration, confidential consideration, and that experienced medical advice will be given to her free.

DR. PIERCE'S PLEASANT PELLETS regulate the bowels, cleanse the system, and keep the system in good health. They are so easy to take as candy.