

The Price of Pork Chops and Bacon

Here are reasons why the fine, fresh pork tenderloins and pork chops, or savory ham, or crinkly bacon, which you enjoy for breakfast, cost much more per pound than the market quotation on live hogs which you read in the newspaper:

An average hog weighs 220 pounds.

Of this, only 70 per cent (154 pounds) is meat and lard.

So, when we pay 15¢ a pound for live hogs, we are really paying more than 21¢ a pound for the meat which we will get from these animals, even after taking into account the value of the by-products.

But people show a preference for only one-third of the whole—the pork chops, fancy bacon, and choice cuts from juicy hams.

This means that when we are selling Premium bacon at 43½¢ per pound wholesale and Premium hams at 30¢, there are other parts for which we get as low as 6¢ or 8¢ per pound. The net result is an average profit to us of less than 1¢ a pound.

The choice cuts are higher because of a demand for them.

Another thing: Only 35 pounds of the entire hog—or about 1/6th—is usually marketed at once. The rest must be pickled, cured, or smoked. This takes months, and adds to the costs which must be met.

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NEVER LET GO OF SUITCASE

Former Congressman, on Visit to France, Proved Himself Superior to Adverse Circumstances.

Dudley Doolittle, who used to be in congress from Kansas, recently returned from Europe, where he went on a secret mission for the United States government.

While in France, Mr. Doolittle had the unusual experience of roaming around several hundreds of battlefields with a seventy-six-pound suitcase clasped firmly in his arms. Shortly after Doolittle landed in Paris, and just before he started for the battlefields, the handle broke off his suitcase, which contained a number of valuable documents and papers which were almost as heavy as hardware samples. There was no porter around to help Doolittle into his automobile, nor was there any around during the ensuing ten days of his trip. Therefore, there was nothing for him to do but to clasp the suitcase firmly to his chest and get the best view of the battlefields that he could from behind the obstruction.

Doolittle says that he got so used to viewing war scenes from behind the suitcase that in order to enjoy movies of the war now he has to take a miniature doghouse to the motion picture theaters with him and hold it on his lap throughout the performance.

Assyria's Great Queen.

Semiramis is called the "legendary" queen of Assyria, but Babylon was an old city before Nebuchadnezzar trod its dust. Semiramis had been the wife of Omnes, general in the king's army. In the siege of Baetria she herself led a forlorn hope against the walls and captured it. Enchanted by her power, King Niass resolved to make her his queen. Omnes committed suicide. At the king's death, Semiramis ruled the kingdom, founded Babylon, conquered Persia and Egypt, and made incursions into India, where in personal combat with King Strabobates she was wounded. She died at sixty-two, builder, terror, charmer—a great woman.

WISDOM IN JUDGE'S CHARGE

Irish Jurist Warned "Good Men and True" Against Being "Obfuscated" by the Lawyers.

Round the library fire in the Four Courts, Dublin, Irish barristers long have gathered to spin yarns of their profession while waiting for briefs. One of these stories was of a novel charge to a jury given by a Gaelic judge, which is recalled by a writer in the Irish World, as follows:

"Gentlemen of the jury," a judge began when counsel for the defense had concluded an eloquent and elaborate address. "Gentlemen of the jury, there are two courses, do you observe, to be adopted by counsel. The first is simple enough. If he has a middling case he endeavors to convince the jury. But if he has no case at all, if the evidence is all one way and the guilt of the prisoner is as plain, do you see, as the nose on his face, and no one but a fool or a juror could be asked to have a doubt about it, then counsel endeavors to obfuscate the jury! For counsel seems to think that when intelligent men come into a jury box they hang up their common sense with their hats and coats on the pegs behind them."

Much Argentine Wool Bought Here.

The United States is Argentina's best customer for wool, according to the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture. For the wool season of 1915-16 Argentina exported 152,598 bales to this country, or 51 per cent of Argentina's entire exports of wool. For 1916-17 the United States took 225,467 bales, or 64 per cent. For the 1917-18 season 209,528 bales, or 73 per cent, were shipped to this country.

Tampering With Traffic.

"Why are you so silent of late?" "I'm trying an economic experiment," replied Mr. Penwidge, "but I'm afraid it isn't going to work. I thought that by limiting the supply of my extremely valuable thoughts I might create a more pressing demand for them."

The Test of Time

By ALVAH JORDAN GARTH

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Gerard Massey, the bad boy of the village, was expiating the crime of some one who had fired an apple at former Warner's horse and rig, precipitating a runaway. Gerard was squirming in the powerful grasp of the outraged agriculturalist and, ablaze with pain and resentment, smarted most under the realization that half a dozen of his comrades at a distance were witnesses of his castigation. Nearer by little Effie Warner his true friend, though a sorrowful mourner over his constant escapades, was sobbing as though her heart would break.

The farmer had snatched up a heavy leather strap and doubted it to rain the stinging blows on Gerard's shoulders. At length he gave Gerard a fling and the strap after him.

"There, young man!" he panted. "There's more in store for you if you come meddling about my place again."

"I could kill you!" hissed out Gerard in a wild paroxysm of rage. "I hate you, and I'll raise a crowd and hang you to a tree with this very strap!" He seized it as he spoke. Gerard, gaining a grove just beyond the farmhouse, flung himself down, his mind tempest tossed with thoughts of direful revenge.

"I'll keep this strap," he declared. "I'll face that man with it some time when the odds are equal." He was an orphan and his life with a distant relative had few charms to hold him to Rushville. He was in disgrace, he had been whipped publicly! A gentler spirit it came to him as he thought of Effie.

He left Rushville that night. His last act was to indite a rude pencilled scrawl to Effie. "I shall never forget you," he wrote, "and you have been kind to me like an own sister, but I will never forgive your father. I never threw the apple. Think I'll give away my friends, though! I'm going away to make my living and grow big enough to some day make your father pay for disgracing me."

Gerard's plans for the future were vague. It seemed, however, that fortune favored the homeless lad from the start. Ten miles from Rushville he was overtaken by a man driving an automobile. He looked pale and weakly as he halted the foot traveler. "Are you going far?" he inquired. "Anywhere to get work?" responded Gerard.

"I'll hire you. I am on a five hundred mile trip to Chicago and am an invalid. I can manage the wheel well enough, but it exhausts me to get out of the machine. I'll pay you well to attend to the various little chores for me—yes, and maybe find you further work when we reach the city."

They later went to a large hotel for the night and Gerard slept on a cot in the room occupied by his employer ready for any service required. It was just after midnight when Gerard aroused to dread alarm. The room was filled with smoke, beyond the window was a glare, yells and screams echoed through the building. He ran to the door and tore it open. Beyond a roaring mass of flames presented.

"We are holed in from below; our only chance is by the window," said Gerard, but a glance there was scarcely encouraging. His invalid charge was practically helpless. Quick witted in action, however, Gerard followed out the only desperate plan in view. After he had accomplished this he could scarcely credit the details. Five feet below was a jutting section of roof. Still further below that was the projecting cornice of an adjoining building. The strap was the only medium Gerard could adopt, first to lower his companion. But for this frail strand of life both would have perished.

Endeared to him by his courage and during the invalid took up Gerard as a protegee. Five years later when the former died he left Gerard a large business, and the emotions and impulses of the latter drifted into the mature experience of the successful business man.

"The strap has brought me luck many a time," meditated Gerard. "But for it I would never have left home, but for it I would have lost my life at the hotel fire. What a wild hater I was of old John Warner in those days, and I wonder what has become of little Effie."

One day there came to his desk a young lady. Diffidently she told that she had applied for a position to the manager subject to the approval of his employer. As Gerard looked up the past suddenly burst upon his astonished vision. Then the applicant started and the light of recognition came into her face.

Gerard gently spoke her name and took her hand. How lovely had Effie grown! He encouraged her to talk, not as to a prospective employer, but to her friend. It was a wearisome story of struggle and toil and loss that Effie recited. "It has been bad luck for poor father," she said. "He is all broken now, and we are both dependent upon my efforts for a livelihood."

"It seems that I have had all the luck," mused Gerard Massey, alone in his room that night. "Did it not all come from that leather strap? And Effie is more sweet and lovely than ever."

And he had a vision that came true—the sharing of that luck with his boyhood's dearest friend.

BROUGHT STRIKERS TO TERMS

African Explorer Put His Wits to Bear in Controversy With Obstreperous Paddlers.

Although the plan is not capable of wide application, the tale of a strike in central Africa, told by an exploring member of the English Royal Anthropological Institute, is pleasant reading for the promptness with which the matter was settled. The explorer was journeying by water and, coming to an African village where he needed a new relay of paddlers, he found that all the available paddlers had "struck," not for higher wages but against any paddling whatever. The expedition was held up, and the men who refused to paddle stood apart and evidently considered the plight of the explorer a matter of considerable unsympathetic amusement. The explorer, however, thought he saw a way out. He asked some of the women of the village to come aboard his boat and sell him food; and as soon as several of them were on board he unfastened the hawser, the boat swung out from the shore and began to travel with the current. Ashore and aloft anxiety followed. Presently the men who had refused to paddle the explorer were paddling their own little canoes in pursuit and volubly demanding the return to their womenfolk. The larger craft, and presumably the armament, of the traveler gave him an advantage. He was able to issue an ultimatum. No women, he said in effect, without paddlers, but one woman for every man of the tribe who would agree to help paddle the expedition through the next stage. The men accepted the bargain; and as there were some thirty women on the boat the expedition got its necessary complement of paddlers and the strike was over.

It's Upkeep that Counts.

Experts have just completed an estimate for the high cost of maintaining a rat. If you have a rat on your premises, he is costing you \$182 a year, according to these experts. They find that one pair of rats is directly responsible for 650,000 more rats in three years, the rat being a strong believer in the Roosevelt theory of large families. The damage in the United States in one year caused by these rodents is over \$100,000,000. Over \$15,000,000 in property losses is occasioned each year from fires started by rats gnawing the electric wires and gas pipes. The rat also is accused of spreading disease. An intensive campaign to demobilize the rat army is now in progress.

PROUD OF HER FAMOUS SONS

Massachusetts Has Sent Out Many Who Have Done Great Things in the World.

Not to be too insistent and greedy, Massachusetts and her "Old Colony" should always file their claims to the honor of producing men that are doing the new work of the world, as well as celebrating forever the Pilgrim Fathers, writes The Listener in the Boston Transcript. It is no accident, no mere coincidence, that both the pioneers of transatlantic air transportation should be Massachusetts men; the first man to navigate an airship from America to England was Commander Read, whose boyhood's home was South Hanson, Mass., and the first engineer to carry the big street traffic of New York city under the Hudson river is Clifford M. Holland, born at Somerset, Bristol county, thirty-six years ago. Both upper air and subterranean problems have brought laurels to boys of the Old Colony public schools. To be sure, Commander Read's education was completed at Annapolis Naval academy, and Mr. Holland's at Harvard university, where he graduated in 1906. But there must be something in the stock and something in the system which brings it to pass so often that when great things have been done, or great things are to be accomplished, and the door is necessarily forced into the spotlight of the press, and his antecedents are eagerly examined, the little old significant abbreviation, "Mass.," is apt to appear in connection with some little town as his birthplace.

Supply Gas Deficiency.

It is expected that in the near future artificial gas for heating purposes will be substituted largely for natural gas in the Pittsburgh and other districts, where a considerable shortage in the supply of natural gas has developed. This was the prediction made at a conference held recently under the auspices of the Public Service Commission in Pittsburgh. The Philadelphia company, which has been a large supplier of natural gas for many years, if it is stated, is now prepared to supply 7,000,000 cubic feet of artificial gas a day, and expects in the near future to be able to supply 30,000,000 cubic feet of artificial gas a day.

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NOTICE.

To Stephen Pirkey and Mrs. Stephen Pirkey, his wife, first and real name unknown, their heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives, and all persons interested in the estates of the said Stephen Pirkey, and Mrs. Stephen Pirkey, his wife, or either of them; James B. Turner and Mrs. James B. Turner, his wife, first and real name unknown, their heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives, and all other persons interested in the estates of the said James B. Turner and Mrs. James B. Turner, his wife, or either of them, and the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Ten (10), and the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Eleven (11), all in Township Eleven (11) North, Range Thirty-three (33), west of the 6th P. M., Lincoln county, Nebraska, and all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said real estate or any part thereof, defendants:

You and each of you and said above described real estate are hereby notified that Benjamin B. Simmons, plaintiff, filed his petition in the district court in and for Lincoln county, Nebraska, against you and each of you and against said real estate on the 25th day of November, 1919; plaintiff alleges in his petition that he is the fee simple owner of said described real estate; that Stephen Pirkey and Mrs. Stephen Pirkey, his wife, claim some right, title or estate in and to the South Half (S½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Eleven (11), and the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Ten (10), all in Township Eleven (11) North, Range Thirty-three (33) west of the 6th P. M., Lincoln county, Nebraska, by reason of a certain mortgage executed by John I. Orrison and wife, Alice G. Orrison, which appears of record in the office of the county clerk of Lincoln county, Nebraska, and recorded in Book "40" of mortgages, at page 596, but plaintiff alleges that said debt for which said mortgage was given has been paid, but no release has ever been given, and that the said Stephen Pirkey and the said Mrs. Stephen Pirkey, his wife, their heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in their estates, or either of them, have no right, title or interest in and to said described real estate and said mortgage should be released. Plaintiff further alleges that he is the owner in fee simple and in possession of the said Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Eleven (11), in Township Eleven (11) North, Range Thirty-three (33), west of the 6th P. M., Lincoln county, Nebraska, and that plaintiff and his grantors have been in the open, continuous and adverse possession of the same as against the defendants and as against all persons claiming by or through the defendants and each of them and against the whole world for more than ten years last past, and that by reason thereof, any claims of the defendants and each of them are barred by the statute of limitations, and the defendants and each of them have no right, title or interest in and to said real estate.

The object and prayer of plaintiff's petition is to quiet title in and to all of said described real estate, and to exclude each and all of the defendants from any right, title, interest in and to said lands and for such other relief as may be just and equitable.

You and each of you are hereby notified that you must answer said petition on or before the 12th day of January, 1920, or decree and judgment will be taken and entered against you.

BENJAMIN B. SIMMONS, Plaintiff. d2-d26 By Geo. N. Gibbs, His Attorney.

Notice to Creditors

Estate No. 1676 of James C. Pennington, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, ss. Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is April 9th, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is November 1st, 1920. I will sit at the county court room in said county on January 9th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., and on April 9th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed. (SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge d9j2