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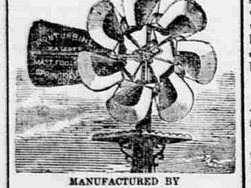

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"Some three years ago I ran a high-toned game at a certain place you probably know, for it strikes me I saw you there. It was a square game, as I will leave any one to say—a thriving game—for I dealt for half the blood in town, and often had as many as five layouts at a time, with too much business on hand to even get time to rest. One evening a young chap strolled in, with a sort of curious stare on his face, and I concluded right there that he was green. He was fair-headed, and had a pair of blue eyes and clear-cut features—an innocent-looking young fellow; if ever I saw one. It only required a glance to convince you that he was a stranger in the gambling room. He soon was at home, though, for I saw in his blue eyes the love of play, and after that evening he was a constant visitor. He played his pile right up and never growled if his luck was hard, and on every second card he'd stack the limits up in blue. Take it altogether his luck was hard—sometimes the hardest I ever saw. I've known him to lose on a single deal seven double shots.

"Business for me of course, but somehow it almost seemed too bad. I couldn't say a word, though, and yet I liked the boy. He had lots of the filthy. I think from the way he began he must have dropped a cool $100,000 on the game, and he never growled.

"We both quit gambling the same night—he, poor lad, for sufficient reasons, and I because I loathed the game. It was in this wise:

"His coin gave out in a deal or two, and he put up a diamond ring, just to see his ill luck out, you know. The chips soon went. He had a pin, a flaming stone in massive metal. He passed that in without a word, and drew $50 in gold. So help me God! I wished him luck as heartily as any player there; but no, his last stake went my way in a losing race. He drew $300 more, I think, on his watch and chain, and tried his line bets again, but his luck was gone. My God! I'll never forget the pale, haggard look that crossed his face, but he was game. He never uttered a word, and kept his chair like a pillar of stone. For a moment he seemed dazed at his reverses, but suddenly his eye caught the thin, worn circlet of dull gold on his little finger. He looked at it a little while and a dark wave of hot crimson blood passed over his face, for the circlet seemed to cling even faster than the flashing gem he had passed in before. He at last stripped it off his finger and handed it to me. It came reluctantly, this worn old ring. 'What can I have on this?' he asked. 'I don't know what its value is, but I'll redeem it first of all.' It might have cost $5 new, but it was worthless then.

"Still I passed out a fifty stack in return, just to let him try again. He planked it down in the pot, and then low upon the table he laid his face in his folded arms. Well, for a wonder, his luck changed and he won three times. He took no notice of me as I told him the limit barred, and so we played two fifty on each card. Would you believe it? In the deal the pot won out and never lost! And still he lay with his face hid in his arms. The deal was out, and I shook him up, but not a muscle moved, and, raising his face, I started back in horror at the glassy expression of his eyes, for the boy was dead.

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Some of our eastern exchanges are talking about a new departure in swine husbandry. They want a breed that will give less fat and more lean meat.

Well, now, our eastern brethren need not be at the trouble and expense and delay of originating a new breed of swine to meet this demand. It will take years to change any of our well-established breeds back to the old woods hogs. The short cut for these lean meat is to send an order to the mountain regions of Kentucky or Tennessee, where the swine make their own living. The per cent of lean is vastly in excess of the fat in these mast and grass-fed pigs. They are travelers, too. It is not improbable that they could travel from Kentucky to Albany in thirty days, and lose no fat. On their arrival they would be lean enough to suit the most inveterate fat hater, and the muscle would be well developed. We saw a few droves of these quick stepping, up-headed pigs come into Cincinnati last season, and strange to say, they brought a higher price than some of the smoothest, fattest pigs from Ohio and Indiana. The latter had broad backs, deep hams, small heads and short legs—in fact there was a low per cent of offal. The Kentucky pigs had long heads, long necks, long legs, light hams and thin shallow sides, and the per cent of offal was immense. Yet they made fancy little hams and thin bacon.

The demand for lard has declined with the increased production of coal oil. The latter has in a measure superseded lard oil. In other words, petroleum products have superseded lard and its products.

The thing for farmers in Ohio and Indiana, Illinois and Iowa to do, in view of the new conditions of the pork market, is to put their hogs on the market before they are as fat as they can be made. The greatest profit in swine feeding is in the first 250 or 300 pounds. The first 200 pounds can be made for three cents a pounds with more clear profit to the farmers than the second 200 pounds. It is more profitable to sell seven months pigs weighing 200 pounds than fifteen months pigs that will weigh 400. It requires more corn to make a pound of pork after hogs have been fed five weeks than when fed one or two weeks. Grass fed hogs can be made profitably fat in four weeks of liberal corn feeding. We must adjust our feeding to suit the markets that consume our pork. Boston wants smaller, leaner pork than the south, and that Yankee city bought of the west last year 2,281,552 hogs. Here is a growing market for light hogs, and if at the new departure men would begin to make up a new breed of hogs, we have only to change our method of feeding less corn and more grass, and shipping at an earlier age, to meet the demand. There is but one man in the world who claims he has established a breed of animals in so short a time as three years, and he did not know he had accomplished so wonderful a feat until his enterprising sonin-law put him in print. Scientific men have not yet placed his claim on record as an example showing how soon a new breed of domestic animals may be produced by a skillful breeder.

That there is a demand for a larger per cent of lean meat in hogs fed exclusively on corn is evident. The habit of laying on fat has become so well established among swine breed and fed in the corn growing states, that it will require skillful feeding to correct or modify the habit or tendency. This can be done by a change of feed and by a judicious selection of the best breeders from the herd. In districts where peas and oats are produced as cheaply as corn the breeders have favorable conditions for the experiment. Instead of feeding corn alone, at an early age, let oats and peas be fed. As soon as pigs can do well on grass let only grass and oats be fed. It will be seen the first season that the pigs have a larger per cent of muscle or lean meat than of fat. A few weeks feeding of corn to pigs thus raised will produce an article of pork that will suit the Eastern and English buyers better than hogs fed wholly on corn. Shall it be the Eastern or Western farmers who will first adjust their methods of feeding to the demands of trade.

A Fashionable Woman's Prayer.

Strengthen my husband, and may his faith and his money hold out to the last.

Draw the lamb's wool of unsuspicious twilight over his eyes, that flirtation may look to him like victories, and that my bills may strengthen his pride in me.

Bless, oh fortune, my crimps, rats and frizzles, and let thy glory shine on my paint and powder.

Enable the poor to shift for themselves, and save me from all missionary beggars.

Shed the light of thy countenance on my camel's-hair shawl, my lavender silk, my point lace and my necklace of diamonds, and keep the moth out of my sables, I beseech thee, oh fortune!

When I walk out before the gaze of vulgar men, regulate my wriggle and add new grace to my gait.

When I bow myself to worship, grant that I may do it with ravishing elegance, and preserve unto the last the lily white of my flesh and the taper of my fingers.

Destroy mine enemies with the gall of jealousy, and eat up with the teeth of envy all those who gaze at my style.

Save me from wrinkles, and foster my plumpers.

Fill both my eyes, oh fortune! with the plaintive poison of infatuation, that I may lay out my victims—the men—as dumb as images graven.

Let the lily and the rose strive together on my cheek, and may my neck swim like a goose on the bosom of crystal water.

Enable me, oh, fortune! to wear shoes still a little smaller, and save me from corns and bunions.

Bless Fanny, my lap dog, and rain down hailstones of destruction on those who shall hurt a hair of Hector, my kitten.

Smile, oh, fortune! most sweetly upon Dick, my canary, and watch with the fondness of a spirit over my two lily white mice with red eyes.

Ought to Have a Balcony.

Detroit Free Press.

A citizen who has lately built himself a residence on the Cass farm, was the other day showing a friend through it, and when everything had been noticed and discussed he asked:

"Well, do you see any place where you could improve it?"

"Yes, I notice a bad error right at the start," was the reply.

Being asked to explain he continued:

"You have no balcony in front."

"But I don't want one."

"Well, perhaps not, but when you are running for office and the band comes up to serenade you, and the populace calls for a speech, you will either have to go on the roof or come on the ground to respond. A balcony is a sort of middle ground—just high enough to escape making any pledges, and not too high to promise all sorts of reform. Ought to have had a balcony, sir—regret it if you don't."

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