

OF INTEREST TO THE FARMER.

On's Make an Excellent Feed for all kinds of Stock.

HOW TO PUSH THE SPRING PIG.

Milch Cows Demand an Unusual Amount of Feed—Points of a Good Butcher Maker—Queen Victoria's Dairy.

For all classes of stock, oats make an excellent feed. For hogs it is better to feed the grain alone and still better if they can be ground before feeding.

While oats are a reasonably sure crop generally, yet this year they are largely a failure in many localities, and while generally they cannot be considered a profitable crop to raise for market.

As all classes of history know Windsor castle stands on a sharp bluff overlooking the river Thames and in the midst of one of the most beautiful pastoral valleys in the world, says the American Agriculturist.

Generally a variety of food will give better result than any single material. No one plant, either oats, corn, wheat, rye or barley, contains all the elements of nutrition in the right proportion to secure the best gain at the lowest cost.

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A Little Extra Feed. Comparatively few people feed milk cows any sort of grain feed in the summer. The average farmer considers grass good enough for cows, and often pays comparatively little attention to the quantity and quality of the grass.

Mr. Appleton, owner of the famous cow, Eurostasia, that made 954 pounds of butter in one year, fed her twenty-four quarts of mixed grain per day, even when on grass, and the milk could be increased indefinitely by the addition of wheat to get the best results.

A Good Butcher Cow. A good butcher cow should manifest her good qualities at this time of the year if ever, for the weather is favorable to her comfort, and the luscious grass of the right growth to be easily converted to good milk and cream.

MY BURGLAR.

Detroit Free Press: It was a dreary afternoon, late in November, I stood at my parlor window, waiting for my husband's return from the office.

My husband was late that usual. A cold rain began to pitter against the panes as I strained my eyes to catch the first glimpse of the familiar gray horse, on a slight rise of ground, just before you came to our entrance gate.

Our house was on the outskirts of the town, with several acres of prettily cultivated ground about it, but at this season the sudden flowers showed only a few dismal stalks, where but a short time before had been a mass of blooming plants.

As John came up the steps he called to me: "Get your dinner at once, Harry, and be at the door again in half an hour."

"Why, John," I cried, "surely you are not going to town again tonight!" "To town, and to New York as well," he replied.

"O dear John," I said, as we entered the house, "I am so glad to see you, but I have had a feeling all afternoon that something dreadful was going to happen, and of course it is your mother's illness and your going away and leaving all night in the year, for Martha and Mary are to go to their cousin's wedding at the other end of town, so I shall be all alone, and I am such a dreadful coward."

I was just about to go to bed when I heard a sound like a door opening, and I saw John tenderly, but no harm happened to you in this quiet neighborhood. One of the girls must stay with you. Keep well locked up after I am gone and have the gas burning all night in the lower hall.

But this night I searched everywhere, and knew to a certainty that there was no burglar in the house. Mary offered to stay with me, but I would not let her remain, knowing that she had been looking forward to the quiet life of this evening. My bedroom was on the lower floor in a wing opening off from the dining room. It had a deep bay window well secured by an ordinary lock and two paneled shutters, which holes had been bored in the sashes.

My dinner was a formal meal. I was so lonely without John. I had not been separated from him before since our marriage—not even for a day. I argued with myself that the burglar was in the house, but there really was no cause for fear. The evening would probably pass quietly. I had an interesting novel to finish, and would sit up until the girls returned, knowing if I went to bed I should not sleep listening for the coming of the servants.

I saw them go with a sinking heart, then I locked the door leading from the kitchen into the dining-room, and all the doors leading to the front hall, leaving me the key of the dining room, the front sitting-room and my bedroom, which were well secured from intrusion from the rear or from the lower hall.

IN A HOG'S STOMACH.

Here is a Very Strange Story of a Most Ingenious Life.

A Whiston county, Alabama, peddler tells a story which, if not true, evinces an imaginative power which no one would ever suppose him to possess.

The burglar was in the kitchen and the kitchen light in the doorway ready for the morning's fire. It was the habit of the burglar to do something and to be out of the bedroom away from those watchful eyes.

How eagerly I watched the hands of the kitchen clock, now pointing to 11:30. If I could not push that door open, I would make the moment fly as fast as the servants, I thought, will take no heed of time and will be sure to be later than I, rather than earlier than the hour set for their return.

My hope of a possible rescuer died away. How would the woman help? The girls, if told a burglar was in the house, would probably go into violent hysterics. I must think of some way to get outside help without exciting their suspicions.

What a pities the Crouches have! Mrs. Ambrose Crouch of South Jackson, Mich., has been keeping tabs on her family and finds that during the past year she has bled for them 2,300 cookies, 1,988 macaroni, 177 cakes, 227 pastries, 244 ginger-breads, 793 loaves of bread.

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