

THE GOLDEN DOORWAY.

Best man has traveled far, Peace and home delight him not; O'er strange ways his journeys are, Snows and suns affright him not.

THE DAUGHTER'S MISTAKE

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HERE, put away the things, do; I'm tired to death! Theodora Evelyn tossed her faded ball-bouquet on one side, and her white cashmere opera-cloak on the other, while she herself sank with an air of utter weariness upon a sofa drawn in front of the fire.

"I'm sure I've heard you call papa a fool." "No, Theo, you haven't." "Then the more goose you," said Theo, yawning fearfully. "Do make haste. Aren't you most through?"

"I should really like to go for once, Theo," she said, hesitatingly. "I have never had an opportunity of seeing you in society, darling, and—"

take your place in the second set of the loamers." And as he hastened away she thought almost sadly to herself: "I must learn to love her, for Grant's heart is set upon her, and he is too good a son to marry without my cordial consent."



TREATMENT OF INJURIOUS INSECTS.

In general, noxious insects must be combated as soon as their depredations can be seen, but Herbert Osborn and L. H. Pammel of the Iowa station, recommend that as soon as blossoms fall, apples and plums should be sprayed for codling moth and plum curculio.

OFF COLOR OF CHICKS.

If you procured eggs of pure-bred fowls, and the chicks seem to differ and appear of various colors, do not be disappointed, as the chicks will be of the proper color when matured.

HOW TO MAKE CHEESE AT HOME.

Have a tinman solder a faucet near the bottom of one end of an ordinary tin wash boiler which will hold five or six pailfuls. Fit a movable tin screen inside about three inches from the faucet and extending about the same distance above it, which shall hold the curd away from the faucet.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Lettuce is a good food for the poultry. Do not feed the poultry unless they need it. The eggs should be gathered at least twice daily.

PROFIT IN PORK.

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in heavy carcasses which were fed mostly on corn. Now this is neither the most desirable, nor is it by any means the most profitable pork.

On a recent visit to the Wisconsin Experiment Station at Madison, Professor W. A. Henry, who is a born experimenter, showed me some experiments now being made, and the unpublished results of some already made on the same line of pig feeding for most profit.

The Professor has demonstrated, beyond doubt, by a series of careful experiments, that the maintenance ration is in equal proportion to live weight, or nearly so; that while a 100-pound pig requires one and one-half pounds of food (one pound of wheat middlings and two pounds of corn meal), simply to keep it without gain or loss, a 500-pound pig, under like conditions, requires five pounds of the same food for its support.

Now, were a man to try to make pork with these pigs, with the one he would get one pound for each four and one-half pounds fed; with the other he would feed eight pounds. For comparison, suppose the mixture were worth \$20 per ton, or one cent per pound in the case of 100-pound pigs, his pork would cost four and one-half cents per pound; in the case of a 500-pound pig it would cost eight. Or, to put it in another light, suppose ten pigs be fed four and one-half pounds of feed each, or forty-five pounds in the aggregate, they will give a gain of ten pounds of pork. In other words, with these pigs forty-five pounds of feed will give ten pounds of pork.

Further experiments by Professor Henry show very conclusively that corn or corn meal is, by no means, the best food for pork growing, though good for fattening. Wheat middlings he found much better than corn alone. He also found, by careful experiments, several times repeated, that 200 pounds of corn meal and 1582 pounds of skim milk produced as much growth as 500 pounds of the middlings and meal mixture and a better growth than 500 pounds of clean corn meal. In this we see that five pounds of skim milk are about equal to one pound of meal. The lesson for the pig feeder in the experiments is to feed young, thrifty pigs, and to feed them on a mixture of corn meal and wheat middlings, and never to feed them beyond 150 pounds dressed weight.—American Agriculturist.

With pork at its present price, almost any man can feed his corn, or other grain, to pigs and make a satisfactory profit, declares S. Woodward, of New York. But times will change; pork will again go down until it will be so low that the very best skill will be required to get any profit out of its growth. If it be wise, now in the midst of almost universal peace, for the Nations to spend such vast sums as they do, in preparing for war, how much wiser for the farmer during this time of prosperity in pig growing to study the subject so as to be prepared when the evil days of low prices come again. It is surprising to see how little thought the average pig grower gives to the matter of cheap production of pork. Although there is some change in the direction of killing lighter pigs, yet the great bulk of the pork still coming into the markets is

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