SWINE AND - - - NEW CORN.

The Dangers of Overfeeding.

John M. Jamison, of Ross county, O., writes as follows to the *Country Gentleman:*

"Following wheat stubble gleaning there comes a gap before new corn is ready to feed when the swine of the farm are often short of feed, particularly grain, and too often grass as well, and as a consequence the animals are weakened. This may not be noticeable to the farmer, but it remains a fact all the same.

"And more than this, at this time in the year the water supply is apt to be insufficient, making the wallows filthy mud holes, which instead of being a source of comfort and health to the hogs become disease centres. Upon these conditions the animals instead of developing thrifty habits of growth go into the other direction, all their powers weakening. On most farms where swine growing is a regular business, at this time of the year the farms are overstocked, when the care given is considered—not more than the farm should carry, but more than the farmer cares for.

"This gap between small grain gleaning and new corn, is the most unhealthy of the year for the swine. The weather is either too hot and dry, or at the other extreme, both conditions favorable to the hogs developing their natural trait of laziness. They will stay too close to the willows and shade so that their system will suffer for want of proper exercise. Too often there is no inducement in the shape of grass or other food for them to take exercise.

"When a hog is compelled to be constantly on the move to gather enough food to sustain life, he is in a condition favorable to contract disease. And when sustaining life under these conditions, he is of no profitable value to his owner. The farmer that turns his hogs into the small grain fields to glean them, makes a serious mistake if he does not arrange to keep up a regular supply of food from the time the gleanings fail, till new corn is ready. The custom with too many is to let them thrive as best they may. As long as they can see heads of grain scattered over the fields where they walk over it they assume that there is plenty for the hogs and that they are doing well. The thought never comes to them that the hog may wear himself out and grow poorer every day gathering this scattered grain. With a light feed of other grain, and what gleanings they get the animals will keep healthy and thrifty, and give to the owner some profit. The scant supply of grain and grass with poor water tells seriously on the constitution of the animals.

"The class of farmers that fatten swine and do not grow them buy these thin animals to consume their crops, and they regard it as a matter of good fortune that they are able to purchase them so low in flesh, prefering them to animals that are in good thrifty condition and in good flesh. The farmer that holds the thin animals to fatten on his old grain, takes much pleasure in contemplation of the rapid gain they will make when they come to new corn feeding.

"Other farmers go to the great market centres and purchase their hogs that have been thrown on the market from drouth districts, or from fear of loss by disease. These all come to the fields or lots where they are to be fed new corn, ravenous with hunger.

"The feeder forgets the conditions under which they have been existing for a time, and rushes them to full feed as possible. The time taken to reach full feed is, in most cases, too short; and besides, no care is taken to give them a variety or food; it is corn or nothing. A hog will take to a full ration of corn better from full supply of grass than he will with an empty stomach. Yet the farmer may easily over feed both conditions.

"We have known serious results to follow new corn feeding within ten days after the first feed is given. At other times disease has not appeared for a few weeks after the feeding commences. But in both cases the disease resulted from over feeding, the animals eating more than they were able to digest, whereas had they been in good thrifty condition, and their stomachs full when they come to new corn, they would not have been overfed so easily. We know it is very hard to withhold the feed from a squealing ravenous herd of hogs, that appear to have a capacity to consume almost unlimited quantities of new corn. Still we must do it or sustain damaging losses.

"Another source of trouble on many farms, is the custom of allowing late summer or fall pigs to feed almost entirely on corn, often in the lots with the hogs fattening for market. Their systems cannot stand such strong food long at a time. Under these conditions of feeding, hog cholera or swine plague is developed in its most violent form. It is some times hard to locate the starting point, for no farmer is willing to admit that it starts in his herd. It is much more satisfactory to shift the misfortune to some other source, the buzzards or the shiftless and wandering cur. While these are not without blame, the fact remains the same that the above conditions are in the main the source of disease and loss in the fall and early [illegible]

N. B.—There are [illegible] connected with this an[illegible] mention.

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GEORGE T. HIGINBOTHAM.
Philadelphia, Sept. 16, 1895.

A Mine on Fire Over Forty Years.

The commissioners appointed by the local government to inquire into the "history, causes, and effect" of the local mine fires of Pictou County have just finished taking evidence. The commission is composed of Inspector Gilpin, Deputy Inspector W. Madden, Henry Mitchell, and A. Dick. The work of the commission was directed mainly to an investigation of the condition of the Foord pit.

This mine has been on fire in one place or another since the fifties, and it is burning yet. Explosion after explosion has occurred, and many lives have been lost. When the fire broke out in one place the miners resorted to another, sinking a new shaft. To avoid the fire on an upper level, a shaft was sunk and coal taken out on the level immediately below the fire. Soon the fire came through, and again the miners were driven out. Nothing that the owners could do availed to drive out the fire, and the splendid mine has been practically abandoned, though a little coal is now being taken out on a level below a part that is on fire. The object of the commission is to learn whether something cannot be done to save so valuable a property as the Foord pit.—Halifax Herald.

To Prevent Sheep Killing.

A farmer, visiting town on last Tuesday, related his method of curing dogs of sheep killing, which is novel and very amusing. He said that whenever he found his dog showing a disposition to chase sheep, he would catch him, tie his feet securely together, and lay him under a farm gate, taken off its hinges and laid sidewise between the gate posts. He would then drive the flock of sheep rapidly backwards and forwards over the gate and dog, until the latter became fully terrified. After such treatment, he said, the dog would drop his tail between his legs and run whenever he saw a sheep. The farmer's method may serve its ends, but a well loaded shot gun, a steady hand and a true eye are absolutely certain to restrain sheep killing proclivities, and are preferable to hamerings and gates.

A New Process for the preservation of green fruit during railway transit has been invented by a Californian. It consists in sterilizing the air in the car containing the fruit, and is said to be more economical than the present refrigerating system, and much more successful. Ordinary cars can be fitted with the apparatus for the process at small expense, while the expense of the process itself is said to be comparatively nothing compared with the refrigerating process.

A Hundred Dollar Receipt.

At a bread contest held in an Eastern city not long ago a milling company offered prizes ranging from $5 to $100 for the best loaves of bread. The receipt used by the winner of the prize of $100 was: Three pints of water, one-half pint of milk, one table spoonful of lard, one tablespoonful of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of salt and one yeast cake. The ingredients, which were first thoroughly mixed and then kneaded ten minutes were raised over night in a

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