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"GET A PURE-BRED PIG."

THIS is the advice that was given editorially last week and that Dr. Butler is giving again on page three this week. It is good advice, too; but along with it we wish to offer another bit of advice. This is: Don't get a pure-bred pig unless you are prepared for it and know how to take care of it.

This advice may not be as acceptable to some readers as that first offered. It "sounds good" to the farmer to be told that he can buy a pure-bred pig for as little as \$20 or \$25, and with it can soon be on the way to becoming a "quality farmer"—a man who does things better than the average farmer. It does not sound so well to have it intimated that he is not prepared to take care of a good pig, or would not know how to do it, even if he had the pig.

We are going to do more than intimate, however—we are going to say right out that there are lots of Southern farmers who are not prepared to care for a pure-bred pig, and who do not know how to care for a pig of quality.

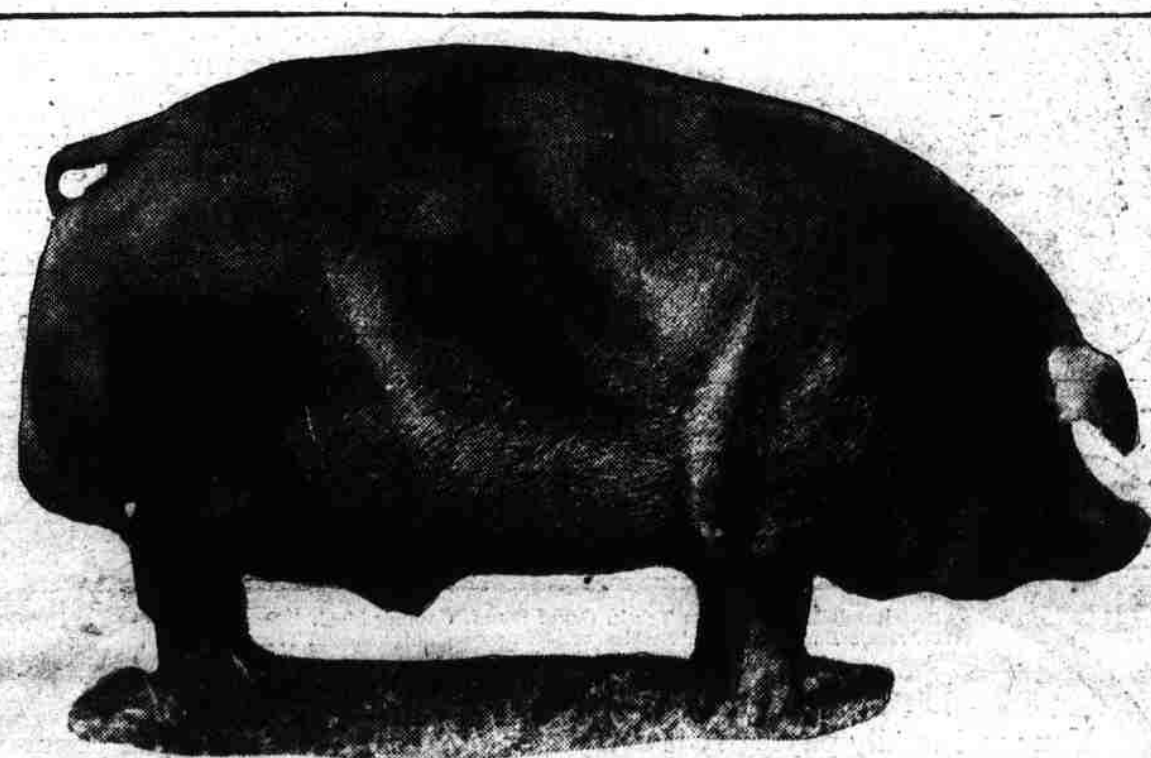
Let's see about it. Suppose, Mr. Farmer, you are going to buy a pure-bred pig. Have you a good place to keep him? Have you any winter pasture for him? Have you raised anything to feed him on? Are you situated so as to give him good care and to keep an eye on him all the time?

If you cannot say yes to these questions, you are not ready to buy a pure-bred pig. Look to them first, and then get the pig.

Again, do you know how to feed that pig when you get him—to feed him so as to make him grow and develop all there is in him, and yet feed him at a reasonable cost? Do you know how to keep the lice off of him, and how to guard against contagious and other diseases? Can you tell when you get him whether or not he is a good specimen of his breed? Do you know enough about hogs to judge from his general appearance whether or not he is feeling well and doing well?

If you cannot answer these questions affirmatively, you want to do some studying before you buy the pig.

We believe in blooded hogs, and we believe that Southern farmers can raise just as good hogs, and raise them just as cheaply, as anybody; but it is not worth while for any man to spend money for a pure-bred pig and then give that pig scrub treatment. The man who thinks that an eight-by-ten pen is a fit place for a growing pig to take his exercise, or who imagines that a pig needs six inches of mud to wade and root in, or who thinks that the feeding of a pig is a mere matter of throw-



DUROC-JERSEY BOAR OWNED BY STANBERY & SON, NEWPORT, TENN.

ing him so many ears of corn a day, or who regards a few lice as a small matter, or who doesn't know that a pig likes green things to eat, and to have his sides tickled with a stick, is not ready to spend his money on high-priced pigs, because pigs have a way of "not doing well" for such men.

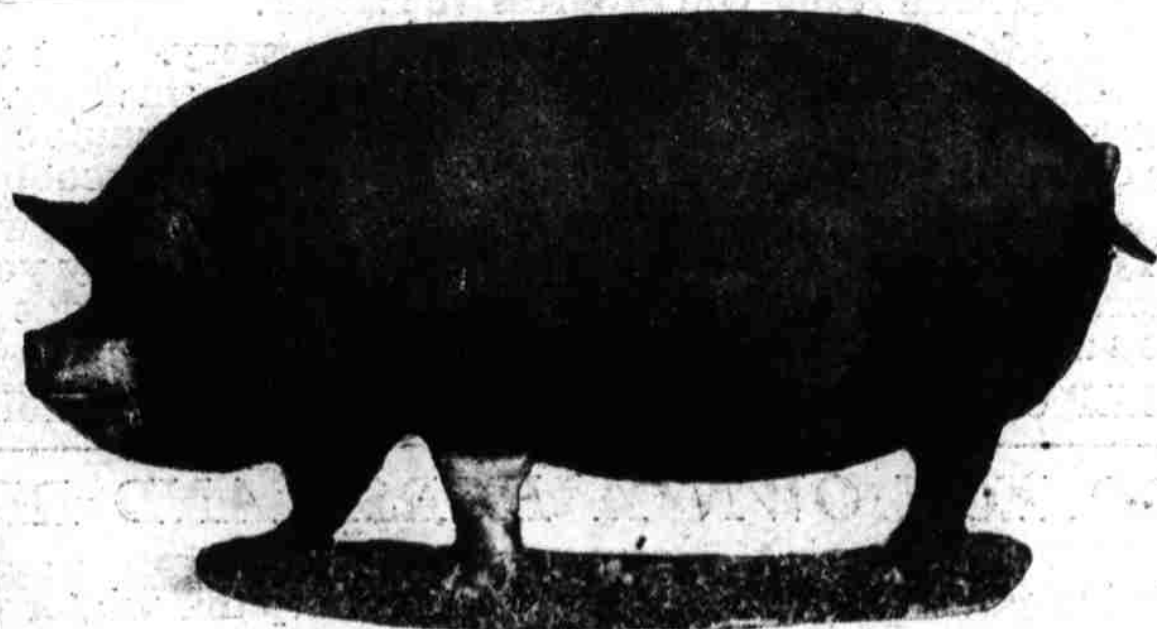
If you would have your pigs thrive, you must know how to take care for them. If you would make pork at a profit, you must know a little about what feeds contain and how to combine them to give the pig what he needs.

All this is not hard to learn however. Any man or bright boy who will do a little studying, and who is willing to treat his pig as a profit-paying animal should be treated, can keep the pig happy and thrifty and make him pay a profit.

So, once again, get ready to take care of your pig, learn something about how to feed and look after him, and then "get a pure-bred pig," and you will have something to be proud of and to make money with.

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