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When The Kidneys Are

Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy kidneys make impure blood. Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for much sickness and suffering. Therefore, if kidney trouble is permitted to continue, serious results are most likely to follow. Your other organs may need attention, but your kidneys most, because they do most and should have attention first. Therefore, when you are sick or out of order, first get your kidneys and how every organ will do its duty.

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The Hero.

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To men who carve or paint or play,
Whose splendid vision ever seems
To keep our grosser world at bay;
Such souls, you say, possess the larger view—
I sing the virile, common men who do!

Go sing your praise of Art Divine,
Of Color, Form, and Atmosphere,
Sing of the mystic Muses Nine,
And of the men they hold most dear.
I sing the song of work, of men who keep
Their faithful watch and ward that we may sleep!

The Cows.
Into the barn at the close of day
The mild-eyed cattle come, one by one;
Soberly into the stalls they stray
Munching their cuds, at the set of sun.

Bess and Daisy stand close beside
Switching their tails in a friendly way;
Molly and Susan with quiet pride
Into their stanchions at random stray.
Maud and Nancy in awkward haste
Stumble in turn through the wide barn door;
Wandering Gypsy is homeward chased,
The last to blunder across the floor.

Be Kind.
Be kind to the stranger who comes to your door, whom trouble and danger have buffeted sore; if struggle and worry have driven him gray, don't be in a hurry to chase him away. But feed him and lend him a slice of your pile, and in the morn send him away with a smile. For life is uncertain, and nothing is sure; and Fortune is flirtn' with rich and with poor; to-day Colonel Croesus is frisky and gray, and slicker than grease is, things coming his way; the colonel, tomorrow, may be in the hole, the comrade of sorrow, with gall in his soul. And you, who are camping where luxury lies, next year may be tramping along on the ties. The tramp you are feeding (if kindly you are), next year may be speeding along in his car. Thus Fate keeps us guessing, and guessing in vain; and life is distressing—don't add to its pain; be kind and be gentle to stranger and friend, and call for a mantle and a harp in the end. —Walt. Mason.
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Separate the Brood Sow.
The brood sow should early be separated from the herd which is to be sent to market; she is to serve a vastly different purpose and should receive a correspondingly different treatment. Corn, which is probably the most cheaply produced of all cereals, must continue to be an important foodstuff for swine. It is rich in fat and carbohydrates, and as such is especially adapted for fattening purposes.

Proper Ration of Feed.
It is not the worth of food that stock eats that gives the most profit. If first-class hay is fed a ration of roots that cost only half as much as a ration of grain will oftentimes give more profit than a ration of grain by aiding a more perfect digestion of the hay.

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LIVE STOCK NOTES.

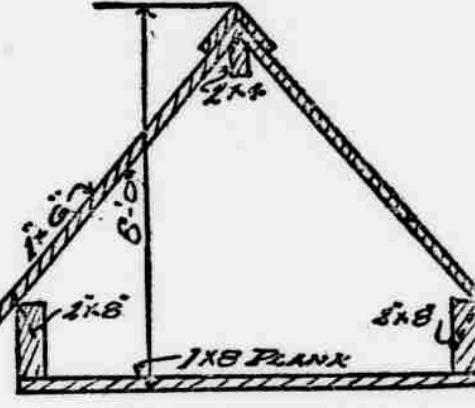
Do not sell half fattened hogs. "Pigs is pigs" at present prices. At present prices hogs offer a mighty good market for corn.

The character of the feed determines the character of the meat. Stinting the brood sow often results in stunting the pigs. Fully developed breeding stock brings the strongest offspring. The hog appreciates a clean, dry bed. Change the litter frequently. Many a farmer wishes now that he had not sold his stock hogs off so close. Field peas have been made to take the place of corn in the cornless sections. Many sows are unable to supply their colts with sufficient milk, particularly when hard worked. In such cases they should be helped out. If you cannot afford to buy pure-bred sows at the start, buy the best you can, then trade and buy until you can get the real article. See that the colts get exercise every day. Feed them oats, bran and clover hay. If you have any roots an occasional feed of them will be beneficial. Do not always be obliged to go to some other farmer for improved blood, seed grains, etc. Provide some of the best yourself and thus reap the first profit. Are the calves kept in a warm stable? This is important. It should not freeze in their quarters, and it should be dry under foot at all times. Feed the live stock a mixed ration at all times. Do not feed one kind of grain or one kind of forage until it is all gone and then begin on another. Aim to give variety and to balance the ration in the elements of animal growth. Oats, clover hay and corn fodder make an excellent combination for breeding ewes during winter. They should not get much corn. A little will do no harm with the oats. A little wheat bran added is also excellent.

USEFUL PORTABLE PIG HOUSE

Illustration Shows One Easily Constructed and Can Be Put to Various Uses.

The cut shows a good sow and pig brooder house made and used by Mr. J. P. Gognet, near St. Francisville, Ill., one of the best breeders and growers of hogs in that locality. Mr. Gognet



has many of these simple houses which he uses for sows rearing a litter of pigs. Being roof-like in structure and easily movable, he uses them in late autumn for covering potatoes in piles in the field on frosty nights and rainy weather. They may be similarly used for temporary storage of other fruits and vegetables, or as a shelter for small farm animals. The house is 6x8 feet inside, and 5 feet high, on runners 2x8 inches 9 feet long. The rafters are 2x4-inch stuff and the lath 1x3 inches. The roof is matched inch pine boards and the gables common siding. The entire house should be painted with two good coats of paint, especially the roof, to prevent leaking. At the price of lumber here, Mr. Gognet constructs these at approximately \$5 each, exclusive of paint, doing the carpenter work himself. The house contains no floor.

BEST KIND OF PIG LITTERS

Sow with Ordinary Care Cannot Properly Nourish More Than Eight or Ten—Six Is Better.

(By A. J. LEGG.)
It is customary with hog raisers when selecting a brood sow to want one with a large number of teats in order to accommodate a large litter of pigs. I had an inquiry from a customer some time ago for two sow pigs, and the buyer said that people told him that a sow should have 14 teats.

There are few sows with so many teats, and really the very large litter is not, in my opinion, the most profitable one, anyway. A sow with ordinary care cannot properly nourish more than eight or ten pigs, and I am not sure but six or seven is better than ten.

I have had sows with ten and eleven pigs, but there are always some runts which do not grow fat. It takes just about all that the sow can digest to keep the pigs making satisfactory growth. The sows with six or eight pigs will keep them growing rapidly and I believe, making as many pounds of pork as the large litters, and there is not such a strain on the sow's system to provide food for the pigs.

SOME FAMOUS ENGLISH TARTS.

Ideas from Across the Water That Are Worth Copying by American Housewives.

Pastry in English assumes various forms; but the one pre-eminently favored is the tart with top crust only. This is baked in a deep oval pudding dish, in the center of which is placed a small inverted cup to support the crust. The edge of the dish having been previously covered with a strip of pastry and moistened the top is then firmly pressed down upon it. Next in favor is the tartlet. Patty pans, lightly greased, are lined with paste, and a piece of buttered paper filled with raw rice, kept for this purpose, is placed in each tartlet to prevent the center puffing up. The paper and rice are replaced by fruit when the pastry is partially or quite done. Open tarts, much larger, are made in the same manner.

Cream Paste.—Cream paste is much in vogue for special occasions. The ingredients called for are one pound of flour, one-half teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful sugar, one-quarter pound of fresh butter, one-half cupful of cream. Sift the flour, mix in salt and sugar, rub in the butter; add cream, gradually forming into smooth paste. The flour may take up more or less cream. The yolks of two eggs beaten in a little milk may be substituted for cream. Roll out paste three times and use at once.

Queen's Apple Tarts.—One cupful of apple sauce, three tablespoonfuls of currant or other jelly, four eggs, sugar to taste. Line a deep pie plate with puff paste and bake a delicate brown. Have ready a boiled custard made from the yolks of the eggs and milk, sweetened to taste. When the pastry is baked put into it a layer of half the apple sauce, one of jelly, one of custard, then the rest of the apple sauce. Whip the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, beat in two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Spread over tarts, and bake a light brown.

FOR DELICIOUS BLANC MANGE

Try This Method the Next Time You Have a Few Friends in for the Afternoon.

A good dish to serve as a change at an afternoon affair is a chocolate blanc mange or sponge cake. Make ordinary plain cake or sponge cake in layers, having but two of them, and fill and cover with the blanc mange, which in turn must be covered with whipped cream. Serve with tea, iced tea or coffee.

For the blanc mange scald two cups of milk with one teaspoonful of butter and a dash of salt; add two tablespoonfuls of arrowroot dissolved in a little of the milk and two tablespoonfuls of melted chocolate, or more; cook 10 minutes; now turn into this two yolks mixed with half a cupful of sugar and return to double boil into a bowl and beat a few minutes, then fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs and flavor with a teaspoonful of vanilla. This should be very cold before it is spread upon the cake and it should be just stiff enough not to run and yet not as stiff as a jelly.

To Make Sandwiches.

Fifteen minutes spent in watching a caterer make up the sandwiches for an evening entertainment yielded some profitable information. With a sharp knife he first cut up all his bread into thin slices, trimming off the crusts from a dozen slices at a time. Then into a bowl of freshly-made mayonnaise he stirred the contents of a can of deviled ham. It was the work of a moment to spread this rich paste upon two slices of bread. A slap with the big knife pressed them into a thin wedge and a sharp cut divided the sandwich square in two triangles. Sandwiches for 50 people were made thus in less than half an hour.

Sport-Loving Australians.

Australia's love of outdoor sports flourishes greatly on a very favorable climate and the universal half-holiday on Saturday.

Stomach Misery for Over Sixty Years.

Read what Mr. Hoffman, landlord of the Webster Hotel, writes. "I suffered misery and intense pains from stomach trouble for over sixty years, and all the doctoring that I did or medicines I used were of no avail until about two years ago, when I used a treatment of Mi-on-a. The first few days' treatment helped me greatly and upon using it a while I was made entirely free from any stomach trouble or complaint whatever. Since the cure by Mi-on-a I have gained my weight, I eat and sleep well, am never nervous, and my entire general health is much better."—Max M. Hoffman, Webster N. Y., Aug. 2, 1909.

Mi-on-a stomach tablets relieve distress in five minutes. They act like magic. They are guaranteed to cure sour stomach, gas eructations, heartburn, dizziness, biliousness and nervousness, or money back. For sale by druggists everywhere and by E. T. Whitehead Company for 50c a large box. Try Booth's Pills for constipation; they never disappoint, 25c.

PASTE THESE IN COOK BOOK

Ideas for Addition to the Menu That Will Be Sure to Come Handy Some Time.

Dainty, delicious sandwiches for afternoon tea are made of thin slices of buttered bread filled with a mixture of raisins and nuts chopped very fine, moistened with whipped cream and seasoned with a pinch of salt. Another tasty sandwich is of white bread spread with rich jam and topped with cream cheese.

A despised frizzled beef takes on quite an air of festivity when mixed with chopped green peppers. Another combination is the chopped yolks and whites of hard-boiled eggs.

A variation of the ordinary club sandwich is to cut a boneless sardine in half and spread it over the slice of chicken or turkey.

Fried mush is much better if the mush is cooked a whole day in a double boiler set on the back of stove. Water must be renewed when it threatens to boil away.

A nice home-made confection can be made from prunes with the seeds removed and stuffed with peanuts, browned in the oven in butter or olive oil. Do not salt the peanuts. Cover the prunes when cooked with powdered sugar.

The Home.

Boll vinegar in the fish skillet or pan to destroy the fish odor. Sprinkle granulated sugar on top of jellies to prevent mold. Add a pinch of salt to starch. It will keep the irons from sticking. To remove the odor of fish from steel knives wash them in hot vinegar, then suds.

Whipped cream tinted with any vegetable matter is tempting on a cup of hot chocolate. A dry salt and brush will take dust off from velvet, plush and heavy embroidery that cannot be washed.

If your rugs curl up at the edges, they can be made to lie flat by dampening the curled edges and pressing with a hot iron.

Nearly all metal teapots will corrode or rust slightly when put away for a time. A woman who travels says she preserves such articles by filling them with flour. It is dry and will not admit the least moisture.

Marshmallow Cream.

Here is a very delicious and attractive dessert. Buy half a pound of fresh marshmallows and cut into pieces about a quarter of an inch square. Have ready a third of a pound of nut meats, almonds, pecans and English walnuts, ground in a meat grinder. Mix these by stirring in lightly the white of one egg rather shallow cut glass bowl. Put a layer of the marshmallow mixture first, then one of Malaga grapes, seed, another layer of marshmallows and nuts, and finally a sprinkling of shredded pineapple—the canned is best—or Maraschino cherries, cut fine. Chill in the ice-box and serve with whipped cream, the latter in a separate bowl.

Cream Tomato Soup.

One-half can tomatoes, one teaspoonful of sugar, one-quarter teaspoonful of soda, one quart milk, one slice onion, four tablespoonfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, one eighth teaspoonful of pepper, two tablespoonfuls of butter. Cook the tomatoes with the sugar and onion 15 minutes, add the soda and rub through a sieve. Scald the milk in a double boiler and thicken with the flour, the amount given above, wet with water to make a paste. Cook 20 minutes, stirring constantly at first, then combine the mixtures, add the butter and seasoning and serve.

Onion Pie.

Peel, wash and slice one quart of onions and put into kettle with one heaping tablespoon of melted butter. Cover tightly and stir often to keep from burning. Let them steam until tender, then add two level teaspoons of salt, one level teaspoon of caraway seed, one-fourth teaspoon of black pepper and one-half cup of sour cream. A good biscuit dough is better than a pie crust dough. This makes two pies. It is very nice and if anybody likes fried onions they will surely like this.

Noodle Soup.

Add noodles to beef or other good soup after straining; they will cook in 15 or 20 minutes and are prepared in the following manner: To one beaten egg add as much sifted flour as it will take up, with a little salt. Roll out as thin as a wafer and dredge lightly with flour. Roll over and over into a large roll and cut thin from one end. Shake out, loosely and let dry, then drop into the boiling soup.

Prepared Flour.

One heaping quart of pastry flour, four even teaspoons of cream of tartar, two even teaspoons of soda, two heaping teaspoons of salt. Sift several times and it is ready for use and equal to any you can buy.

Sunday Evening Tea.

Sunday evening tea may be served in the library. It may be composed of sandwiches, chocolate and fruit. This saves the arranging of the dining room and gives a variety to one's day.

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"Be Good."

Beware of making your moral staple consist of the negative virtues. It is good to abstain from all that is hurtful and sinful. But to make a business of it leads to emaciation of character, unless one feeds largely also on the more nutritious diet of active sympathetic benevolence. — Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Thirsting for Information.

Little Gertrude, entering a butcher's shop for the first time, stood gazing around her in silent absorption. Presently she took her mother by the hand, and leading her to where hung a string of bologna sausages, she put a tiny finger on one big sausage and gravely inquired: "Mamma, what was this when it was alive?"—Exchange.

Chance for a Bandmaster.

Conway, which is in need of a bandmaster, has issued the following advertisement: "He must be a cornet player, and between performances he will be required to act as a range minder, inspector of hawkers, boats and carriages, storekeeper and such other duties as the town clerk may from time to time direct."—Western Mail.

Word Painting.

Jimmy (reading)—"Casey swatted de leather into left garden for a brace of sacks, an den pilfered thold base an' dented de pan on Mulligan's lalipalosa dat salled over Outfielder Shaughnessy's nut." I tell yer, Willie, dat's word-paintin', dat is! Shakespeare never could beat dat!

Unobservant Male Dramatists.

Masculine dramatists are old-fashioned enough to make their women "catty." It shows a lack of observation to make the feminine character in a modern play behave in the manner of the eighteen-eighties. —London Sketch.

Thing Greatly Worth Having.

The one thing supremely worth the having is the opportunity, coupled with the capacity, of doing a thing well and worthily, the doing of which is for the welfare of mankind. —Theodore Roosevelt.

Friends Seized Opportunity.

"How did it happen that your friends got the best of you?" queried the inquisitive person. "They got busy while I was watching my enemies," explained the man who had got the short end of it.

Output of One Shoe Factory.

Ten thousand pairs of shoes are produced daily from a single eastern factory. Every 24 hours it uses the hides and skins of 7,800 kids, 300 horses and colts, 300 calves and 425 steers.

Don't Let Problems Worry.

Of course life is full of problems. The only way to get any comfort is to throw them all in the wastebasket and to do the things we can see clearly in daylight.

For Married Men.

Don't expect to have your own way in life. You must yield one-half at least. Let your wife have her way once in a while and experience a throb of generosity. —Exchange.

Tendency to Exaggerate.

We exaggerate misfortune and happiness alike. We are never either so wretched or so happy as we say we are. —Balzac.

Wise Rule in Austria.

The government of Austria makes special inducements to farmers who will reclaim water lands and make use of them.

Slaughter of the Birds.

It is said that the annual bird slaughter for plumes and other decorations is 300,000,000.

Work of Jungle Monarch in India.

A year's death rate from tigers in India numbers 698 human beings and nearly 29,000 head of cattle.

John D. Rockefeller would go broke if he should spend his entire income trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one that has used it. Sold by E. T. Whitehead company.

Chief Justice's Golf Strokes.

The lord chief justice, on circuit at Birmingham, had a curious experience while playing golf over the Edgbaston course with Walter Whiting, the local professional. At the second hole his lordship drove into a bunker, the ball lying badly under the bank. Taking his club, he hit hard. The ball jumped into the air and dropped into his right-hand jacket pocket. —London Standard.

An Architect's Patrons.

John Mervin Carrere, at a meeting of architects in New York, said: "Amazing, the age of an architect's patrons! The average man, in fact, is 35 before he begins to save seriously; his pile isn't made till he is 50; he begins to build himself a house in his old age, and his funeral takes place about the time the painters are called in."

The Smart Boy's Opportunity.

In these days farming is becoming more and more a science. It is the smart boy who stays on the farm instead of going to the city. And it is well known that when proper methods are employed the present yield will be doubled. There is not much prospect that in the next century the doctrine of Malthus will be exemplified by seeing this nation lacking for food.

"Did you hear the shriek that engine gave as it flew by?" asked the first man, as they approached a railroad crossing.

"Yes, what caused it?" rejoined his companion.

"I presume the engineer had it by the throttle." —Smart Set.

Cheapest accident insurance—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Stops the pain and heals the wound. All druggists sell it.

"The luck-ter who used to cheat us so," said Mrs. Byers, "has been arrested."

"Yes," replied Mrs. Naylor; "I hear he's in a peck of trouble now."

"Well, I do hope that peck isn't short measure, at any rate." —Catholic Standard and Times.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will clear the sour stomach, sweeten the breath and create a healthy appetite. They promote the gastric juice, thereby inducing good digestion. Sold by E. T. Whitehead Company.

"May I see my father's record?" asked the new student. "He was in the class of 1877."

"Certainly, my boy. What for?"

"He told me when I left home not to disgrace him, sir, and I wish to see just how far I can go." —Buffalo Express.

A touch of rheumatism, or a twinge of neuralgia, whatever the trouble is, Chamberlain's Liniment drives away the pain at once and cures the complaint quickly. First application gives relief. Sold by E. T. Whitehead Company.

"Shakespeare says you know, that some rise by sin and some by virtue fall."

"Well, what about it?"

"Oh, nothing—nothing. I was going to say that you needn't be afraid of getting a fall of that kind." —Chicago Record-Herald.

The High Cost of Living.

Increases the price of many necessities without improving the quality. Foley's Honey and Tar maintains its high standard of excellence and its great curative qualities without increase in cost. It is the best remedy for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and all ailments of the throat, chest and lungs. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Sold by all druggists.

Pat—The census is to find how many folks there are.

Mike—Feine; then they should hold another to find how many there ain't. —New York Sun.

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Everybody desires good health which is impossible unless the kidneys are sound and healthy. Foley's Kidney Remedy should be taken at the first indication of any irregularity, and a serious illness may be averted. Foley's Kidney remedy will restore your kidneys and bladder to their normal state and activity. Sold by all druggists.