

AGRICULTURAL.

[Communicated.] Letter No. 2.

Hog raising and consequently all matters attending it, is a great industry. One has only to visit Chicago and examine the operations of one of those mammoth packing establishments, to be convinced of that fact. I am not going to dissent on that matter for it is too patent for any controversy. The only question at issue is how we are going to have Mr. Hog benefit us directly, and stop the importation of yellow canvas meats to our very doors. I have before me a Georgia paper wherein flour is quoted at \$1.70, here 80 cents. Again wheat is transported 1,800 miles, ground and fed as offal to hogs in competition to eastern raised, it will pay to feed barley or wheat, either ground or boiled, to hogs provided first, that the profit (in the shape of increase) are not allowed to escape. Second, that we have breeds of hogs that require but a small amount of food above what is required to sustain life, the balance being laid in the carcass in the shape of merchantable meat. We cannot expect to obtain any returns by pursuing a slipshod manner of doing business such as is carried on now. Take a good ox or cow or chester white barrow of 3/4 or more pure blood of say 3 months old. Put him into a clean sty with double compartment one half open except just over his trough the other with clean straw, large enough for him or them to lay down in, clean the open compartment every day, pure clean straw in the sleeping place weekly, burn the old, feed regularly and often, and only what is eaten up clean, and you will be surprised at the result. Do the other way have a gawky, long nosed thick hide, large boned hog hunting their living all summer as best they can detouring in capability of perfectness with every birth, nose, head and limbs increasing in size to adapt themselves to the manner of their life, is it any wonder that when one of these creatures are penned that the farmer is disgusted at the small amount of meat realized to the vast amount of feed given and so much useless bone and sinew obtained when slaughtered. All fine bred animals of hogs, sheep and cattle have small bone and sinews the cultivation has been for meat to take the place of the others. It is the aim of the breeder to obtain in the hog as much meat and lard for a given amount of food as possible, and for that reason, food given to any other animal and obtaining only half the increase in weight must be wasted. If two hogs of the same age one a well bred animal never stunted, the other a go-as-you-please one penned up fed the same amount each not together, for I claim the bristler will eat more, and when killed there is 10 per cent. in the amount of meat and lard, then there is that much less or gain and I claim that there will be more difference. I do not mean to say that it is impolitic or impracticable to obtain good results by letting hogs run, what I do mean is the allowing of hogs running at large without any care and then expect to make good returns by running into some kind of a pen and fattening. But if we take a good variety of hog, say the Berkshire or Poland, keeping the strain pure, breeding but from well formed animals, when the pigs are littered seeing that the sow is well fed and the pigs are kept growing and not allowed to be stunted, but pushed right along, then success will be attained. For fattening in the pen or where there is but very little traveling to do, then the chester white or Essex will be found the best. The writer saw in New York city, a hog of the Essex breed that weighed dressed nearly 1100 lb, less than 2 years old. It is astonishing how little feed it takes to make pork on a fine bone animal and how much on one of these bristlers try it, and see the difference. If the feed is cooked or even soaked in skim milk (for it is to be supposed that the farmer has ambition enough to make his own butter and some to sell to buy groceries with) the nutritious value is very much increased, potatoes boiled mixed with ground barley or ground wheat or corn with a little skimmed milk is very fattening and makes good hard pork. Potatoes can be grown so cheaply here when clover is not practicable. This is the season of the year when the newspaper man roams up and down the streets from morning until night in search of items that never happen, and on the morning of publication day the subscribers pick up the paper and utter bad words about the editor because there is not more news in it. So it is, and we can't help it. Farmers are busy with harvest. Merchants are nearly melted with heat. Mechanics are busy. Laborers are employed in the country. Doctors and lawyers go fishing. Lawyers seek a quiet and shady spot and go to sleep, while the editor racks his brain to pick up items of local interest, which are few and far between. [Jacksonville Sentinel.]

The 600 tornadoes recorded show that their whirl is almost invariably in the same direction, opposite the hands of a watch; and their onward movement with us is nearly always southwestward. Their favorite time of day is known; and a tabulated list of 162 shows nearly two-thirds between 2 and 6 p. m.

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