AGRICULTURAL.

[Communicated.]

Letter No. 4.

We will now see if in some manner we can cure our meat so it will be palatable as well as saleable. For it can be saleable and yet hardly fit for food, and find its way to the soap factory as one of our prominent storekeepers can testify, to the tune of —— Well, I won't tell any tales this time, only this, it hardly pays to raise soap-grease, nor is it needful to so load the meat with salt for fear it can be cut with a knife, and not have that beautiful frosted appearance and come down with a thump like a piece of an old boot. And the lard, it has that beautiful shade of color that does not belong there; and the smell, that is just it—too much smell as the storekeeper *nose*, even when he does not say much. But one thing is sure, the farmer knows the same when he receives his pittance for the stuff, and he then can cogitate on the fallacy of human hopes, on his way back to his home. Hogs don't pay; of course not. The soap man pays about a cent and a half to two cents for the stuff, frosting and all. It pays the soap man, but how about the other fellow. A farmer told me that he could have engaged his hams in one of the towns of this section for fifteen cents a pound, six months in advance and had refused, holding out for sixteen, and the storekeepers to take sides and shoulders as well, at a very small reduction. He had sold the winter previous, a big lot to these same parties and must say I never tasted better meat, or saw cleaner or sweeter lard before or since. He had about a ton of it left then, waiting for the rise that generally takes place in the spring. The hogs were fed on ground barley, cooked or soaked, I forget which, ground wheat, skimmed milk and a few roots. The hogs were of good grade, principally Berkshire, and had been kept growing from the time of their birth. They also had clean cold water to drink in their pens which were very fairly constructed and kept clean. He salted by the dry process, rubbing in salt and sugar and putting on inclined slats, rubbing occasionally for a few weeks and then smoking thoroughly, not scorching. A butcher once told me the best success he ever had was in making a pickle of say 30 gallons, adding 10 pounds of sugar (coarse brown) letting meat stand one week, taking out, boiling, skimming off the scum, putting back the meat two weeks more, then smoking with green maple chips. One thing is certain, the less excited the hog, or in fact, any animal is before he is killed the better. Some say that the new moon is better than after the full, as it increases in the pot; also, not to let the moon shine on the carcass. I have never been able to find any one who had made any experiments on the subject that were reliable, so I give this for what it is worth. The lard wants to be melted fresh in a clean caldron, strained through a clean cloth, and not allowed to scorch or get smoky.

Why is it that so little mess or pickled pork is put up here. Pickled pork properly put up, sold readily in the mines of California at 20 cents a pound, and the writer himself has grumbled at the price and paid it. How often has Grant's Pass been without good bacon; or in fact, without any at all that could be used. That good bacon and lard can be put up here is without question, and what's more, it will be, you can depend on that; some one will do it, and make money. Dont forget that cooked or well soaked ground barley or wheat makes the best meat. Corn will do to add, but not as an exclusive diet, but mixed with the other two, makes the charm; and if you let chickens have the run of the manure you can have the eggs to eat with the bacon. I have now written four weeks on this subject, and instead of having no more to say, the trouble has been how to abbreviate. I stated that hundreds of dollars worth of pork in the shape of fat hogs to kill, and bacon have been imported. I should have said thousands. A party who buys many hogs to kill, told me to-day that he would be obliged to go to Phœnix to buy some fat hogs as he was unable to buy any here that were fit, as after taking off the head and feet, half the hog was gone. This is unfortunately not a jesting matter, but an unwelcome costly truth. Surely, there must be something wrong in all this, and it can be remedied. There is nothing to prevent us from having hogs weighing 300 pounds at 18 months old but care and selection.

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The Poole-Coffin marriage is the sensation of the day at Walla Walla. Twenty-four hours after being spliced, the bride sued for a divorce. Four days afterward John Coffin, step-son of Mrs. Poole, thrashed the inebriate husband and was fined. Then Poole was jugged for drunkenness and is pondering over the infelicities of married life.—[News.

Montana will send fully 250,000 head of cattle to market this season, and we should not be surprised if the aggregate reached 275,000 head. From 75 to 100 cars are loaded every day, and it will go on till December.—[Yreka Journal.

The magnesia mine discovered near Livermore, Cal., is said to be the only one of the kind in the United States.

Railroad Building.

FARGO, Oct. 10.—The last rails have been laid, and regular trains will be running in a few days on the first railroad connection between North and South Dakota. The Northwestern has completed its northward extention to the new town of Oaks, in Larmore county, and the Northern Pacific has pushed its James river line south to that point, making a continuous north and south line from almost the northern boundary to the heart of the south about midway between the Missouri river and the eastern boundary of the Territory. The Milwaukee road, a little further west, lacks only twenty-three miles of connection with the Northern system, and will soon fill the gap. The construction of these connections, to be followed by others, marks a new era in the railroad progress, and will effect the political status of Dakota, as it will remove one of the most effective arguments for division. Heretofore there has been no railroad connection between the two sections, and it was necessary to go through Minnesota to pass by rail from one division to the other.

CHARLESTON, S. C. Oct. 8—There were three shocks at Summerville last night. Reports differ widely as to the intensity of the shocks, some residents declaring that they were more severe than any disturbance since August 31, while others report that they were slight tremors. No one was hurt, however, and no damage done to property. A slight shock was also felt here at 5 o'clock this morning.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Henry Villard will arrive next week. He comes in the interest of a syndicate of German bankers and capitalists, which propose to invest large sums in American enterprises. The principal member of the syndicate is the Deutscher bank of Berlin. Villard has been recently asked to assume the presidency of the Oregon and California Railroad.

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