

# Bowser's Hour Of Triumph

He Got the Better of His Wife  
In an Argument Over  
Hamburger Steak.

THOUGHT IT IMPORTED.

Abused Butcher Upon Learning She  
Had Been Fooled—Fire Escape  
Proved a Success.

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I AM willing to admit that Mrs. Bowser is most always right in our family arguments, but now and then I have an hour of triumph. Such an hour came the other evening. We had finished dinner and got seated for the evening when she said:

"Did you notice anything particular about the steak at dinner?"

"I noticed that it was hamburger steak," I replied.

"I gave the order for it two weeks ago, and it just came in on the steamer from Hamburg today. I think I shall have the butcher order one every two weeks for the next year. How is it that they have so much better steak over there than here?"

I began to laugh, and Mrs. Bowser looked at me in a puzzled way and finally queried:

"I don't see anything so very funny."

"But there is something very funny in your having the idea that hamburger steaks come from Hamburg."

"Why, of course they do."

"Why, of course they don't. You might as well say that all Troy laundries are situated in Troy. That steak tonight was made up right in our family butcher shop, and, moreover, from tough old meat that could not be otherwise used."

Said Steak Was Imported.

"Mr. Bowser, you might as well call me an idiot and done with it!" she in-



MRS. BOWSER WALKED IN WITH HER JAWS "SOT."

dignantly exclaimed: "That steak was imported from Hamburg direct. No butcher would dare fool me like that."

"But one has. I have been in the shops when they were chopping up the meat. What did he charge you per pound?"

"Fifteen or sixteen cents, I believe."

"Well, if you had had it forwarded from Hamburg it would have cost a dollar a pound at the least. You meant well, of course, but you have been fooled."

"I won't believe it until I investigate," she replied, and, rising up, she went upstairs for her hat. When she came down I asked:

"Going to Hamburg to see about it?"

"No, sir. I am going over to the butcher's, and if he has fooled me about that steak it's the last thing I'll ever buy of him. Don't you run away while I'm gone. I may bring the man back with me. I have been taunted right in my own house with being a noodle head, and we'll see who is the noodle head when I get through."

What Happened at Butcher's.

I should never have known what happened at the butcher's but for the plumber, who happened to be in there. Mrs. Bowser walked in with her jaws "sot" and rapped her knuckles on the meat block and said:

"Butcher, you sent me over a hamburger steak this afternoon!"

"Yes, Mrs. Bowser. Anything wrong with it?"

"Did that steak come from Hamburg, Germany?"

"Why, no."

"Then where did it come from?"

"Well, I got most of my beef in Chicago, you know."

"I know nothing about it. When I was in here two weeks ago you asked me if I ever tried a hamburger steak and advised me to import one from Hamburg. You now admit that it came from Chicago. Are you ready to admit also that it was old steak chopped up fine?" Mr. Bowser says it is."

"My dear woman, a hamburger steak is not necessarily made in Hamburg. You see?"

"I don't see at all, sir. If I buy a Paris hat for a Paris hat and find that it was made in Oshkosh they are going to hear from me. You admit, do you, that you swindled me?"

"My dear, dear Mrs. Bowser," replied the butcher, as his face lengthened, "you came in here and—"

"You advised me to try a hamburger

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## THE SHEEP INDUSTRY.

Every Phase of It in a Prosperous Condition.

It needs no extensive analysis of market reports or the presentation of extended tables to establish the fact that the sheep market for some years past has been paying good prices, says a writer in the Breeder's Gazette. Lambs, wethers, ewes and wool sell well, so that every phase of the industry from the producers' standpoint is in a prosperous condition. It is the man who is now every day in the factory to him, and not only the lamb feeder or wool buyer, as it has been very often in the past. Moreover, there is a steadiness throughout the year in the sheep markets which has not been in such evidence before, for, with the exception of the unusual advance for early or Easter lamb, the market runs unusually level at all seasons.

As an economical agent in using farm products in the making of meat the sheep has strong claims as a leader. In the use of grass the sheep is generally considered more economical than the steer, and in the returns in meat from the staple farm crops, corn, wheat or peas, it has both the steer and the hog beaten, and when it comes to doing the same with corn and alfalfa the lamb again has the figures of reliable tests in its favor. In these things the lamb pleases the producer.

The sheep, too, is one of those tubs that stand on their own bottoms. It does not have to follow a steer to make the most profit, nor does it need to be an appendix to the dairy industry to make it an economical producer of profit. I merely mention these things that conditions may be the better understood and not to disparage other lines of honest effort.

Again sheep may be economically handled in small or large numbers, which is a matter yet to be demonstrated in the case of some others that are money makers on a small scale, but not so proportionately when the business is expanded.

### Racing at Fairs.

An English correspondent of the London Live Stock Journal who is the secretary of a fair association asks others to co-operate with him in the formation of an organization to encourage the breeding and improving of trotting horses. His object is not to benefit himself as a breeder or owner of trotters, for he has none, but to improve the attendance at the agricultural shows. He says that the "gate" is greatly influenced by trotting races. This has been the experience of fair managers in this country. Not many agricultural fairs would be financially successful without the attraction of harness racing, but it is rather surprising to find such a condition in Great Britain. Racing at our leading fairs is entirely free from the objection of gambling, and in some respects the sport is at its best there.—National Stockman.

### Starting a Flock of Sheep.

To give my actual experience, I began one fall with twelve yearling ewes and hired a Cotswold ram for \$5. In due time my ewes all brought twin lambs except one and raised them all. About the end of September I butchered the best one and sold twenty-two a few days later to a neighbor for \$100. I then got a full blood Oxford ram, and the next flock of lambs was fully as good, if not better. To start a flock my way would be to get the desired number of lambs in the fall, preferably full bloods, but good grades will do, and to breed from them, then keep them all, and in the spring they should shear from twelve to fifteen pounds of wool. In the fall I would get a well bred Oxford ram for breeding.—C. Schinnerer in American Agriculturist.

## THE SWINEHERD

Exercise is part of the best balanced ration for pigs.  
Quick growing, early maturing hogs are most popular.

The hog is an animal that will reward careful study of his wants.

Under the most favorable conditions pigs will gain a pound a day up to four months and over a pound a day after that.

The greater amount of food a hog may be induced to consume will be followed by greater gains, and this may be best obtained by furnishing a variety for his consumption. Those feeds are most profitable which can be grown with least labor and harvested by the swine themselves. Permanent pastures are of great assistance in producing pork at a very nominal cost.

Over and over the changes need to be rung on the danger of feeding corn exclusively to young and growing hogs. In a recent number of the Live Stock World Dr. Alexander, the well known live stock writer, says upon this subject: "Corn is a fine fattening food, but it is deficient in bone and muscle making ingredients, and if fed as a well high exclusive ration to young, growing pigs it is not strange that they develop fat, pudgy bodies, which become too heavy for the weak muscles and bones to uphold, so that paralysis ensues. In some instances the bones become so weak they actually fracture."

When a litter of pigs is to be raised exclusively for slaughter crossing is not objectionable. In fact, many careful hog raisers think it is the best method to follow. Often pigs of good form, maturing quickly and satisfactorily, is the result of crossing. The pigs, however good they may be, are of little value as breeders. In general, good pure blood animals will be found more profitable than either crosses or graded.

## LIVE STOCK IMPROVEMENT

Most all farmers are willing to admit the many advantages of high class live stock when compared to live stock of inferior quality. They are willing to admit that the inferior animal will eat as much as the good one, that the selling price will be much lower, that the profits consequently much smaller, that they will have to send for buyers to come and see the inferior animal and sometimes insist on them making an offer and, of course, willing to admit that there is much pleasure to be derived from breeding and caring for high class live stock and that buyers are always plentiful. In spite of all the advantages of good stock it is surprising to see how many inferior cattle and horses are yet being produced. Lack of definite purpose and carelessness are responsible for far more inferior live stock than all other causes combined, says Charles McIntire of Muskingum county, O., in the Ohio Farmer. The mating of animals with no other object in view but simply to get more stock, having no class in mind nor aiming at any type and being satisfied with whatever is produced, will never bring about an improvement. Every farmer and stockman should consider his farm and decide what class of animals are best adapted to his farm. Then he should adapt himself to the animals.

### Driving Four Horses Abreast.

A writer in the Breeder's Gazette gives this method of rein adjustment in driving four horses abreast: First I put check lines on the two outside horses. Then I have a strap with a snap on either end about four inches long. I snap this in the inside bit rings of the two inner horses, then I take two hitch reins and tie the two outside horses to the two middle ones. This way you can handle four the same as two with only two lines. Another writer says: To drive four horses abreast I have tried many different ways and find the following arrangement the best: First put ordinary lines on the two middle horses, then take a long cross line (a small rope with a snap on one or both ends will do) for each outside horse, attach the line to outer ring of bit and snap other end in buckle of the line of horse next to him. Next tie the halter of each inside horse to the bit of outside horse, and the arrangement is complete. A little experimenting will be necessary in order to get the outside cross lines the right length; then you can drive four (not pretend to) as easily as two.



REIN ADJUSTMENT.

### Good Farm Stock.

Very many of our farmers get the idea that all they have to do is to breed their nondescript natures to the leggy, coarse type of so called coach horses being peddled through the country to get a useful farm horse. I have seen hundreds of colts from this kind of breeding and must say that not 5 per cent of them are even fair specimens of the general purpose horse, while 50 per cent or more are failures from every point of view. I have seen much better results where the coach stallion has been a finer and more completely built one or where a hackney or American trotter of a compact, smooth, muscular type has been the sire. These observations have led me to the conclusion that this latter plan is the surest one to bring some measure of success in producing the general purpose farm horse.—George McKerron, Dane County, Wis.

### Young Meat Best.

Young hogs, weighing from 150 to 200 pounds, make the nicest meat, and pigs fed on a variety of food with sufficient protein in it are very much better than corn fed hogs, where corn is fed exclusively. Most people think a thick fleshed or broad backed hog is of necessity a lard hog, but hogs grown on the right kind of pasture and that must be a continuous one during the growing, always feeding grain during pasture season, and then finished on the balanced ration, and this kept up for generations, can be lean as well as thick fleshed hogs. This is true of cattle and sheep, and why not also of hogs? We have fed largely on skim milk and peas and oats in connection with corn and ample pasturage, and we know we can have a thick fleshed hog that will make nice meat, especially when not too old.—Thomas Convey, Iowa County, Wis.

### Careful Grooming.

The beneficial effect of grooming upon the well being of stabled horses cannot easily be overrated. Vigorous grooming tends to keep them in a healthy state, and without it is not possible to maintain them in the best working condition. It is very generally thought that the only object of grooming horses is merely to clean the coat and to improve their appearance, but this is quite a subsidiary object. The principal and important objects of grooming are or at any rate should be to clean the skin (not merely the surface of the coat), to keep its pores open and to stimulate and increase its action by vigorous friction. If a horse is to be at its best for work, the skin must be kept clean and the pores open, so that the action of the skin may be thorough and efficient.