

**ONLY SOME PIGS DIED  
TIME, BUT IT MIGHT BE  
BABIES NEXT TIME**

They were only pigs, but the manner in which they were handled illustrates the costliness of human carelessness. The story of how they lost their lives is worth the telling because the United State Department of Agriculture believes that similar, carelessness constantly endangers human lives. The story begins with a Florida farmer who recently sent a load of hogs to market. Upon post-mortem examination by a Government inspector at the slaughter house where Federal meat inspection is maintained a large proportion of the swine were found badly affected with tuberculosis. To locate the source of infection responsible for the condition, the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry—which, among its other duties aids states in eradicating tuberculosis—began an investigation.

Tests of the Florida farmer's live stock showed no tuberculosis among his cattle, but four of his brood sows reacted when tested, showing that probably they were diseased. Determined to find the source of this disease, the history of the hogs was investigated. The trail led to New Orleans, where it was learned that two of the sows had come from Iowa, one from Maine. The Federal inspector in charge communicated with the Iowa breeder from whom two of the sows had been secured, and who was a veterinarian. He was induced to apply the tuberculin test to his drove of hogs. There were a large number of "reactors" in the pens, all of which on post-mortem examination were found to be tuberculous. On the same farm there was a herd of cattle that had passed a tuberculin test several years before but had since been on a show circuit where they were associated with untested stock. Upon applying a retest to find the source of infection several of the cattle reacted. When slaughtered they too disclosed lesions of tuberculosis.

Here is how the malady had spread to the diseased brood sows on the Florida farm: As pigs they had been fed on the raw milk from the infected herd of cattle in Iowa. Summing up the evidence, Dr. J. G. Fish, the Federal inspector, states: "The point I wish to make is: That the milk or by-products that produce tuberculosis in pigs would produce the same disease in babies using the same milk." The trail of infection is now being followed to Illinois and Maine to locate and, if possible, stamp out the disease at the other sources. In the case mentioned the tuberculous stock menaced Florida. There is no way of telling what State might be endangered the next time. The United States Department of Agriculture advises the greatest care in purchasing breeding stock and it states that even then, before any animals are brought into direct contact with a healthy herd they should be kept in quarantine until known to be free from infectious disease.

**SQUASHES, CUCUMBERS, AND MUSKMELONS**  
Clemson College, May 10.—Five or six hills of summer squashes three or four feet apart will produce enough squashes for the average family. Summer squashes require plenty of heat and should not be planted until the ground is reasonably warm. If possible the hills should be made up a week or two in advance of planting the seed, a little well-rotted manure and a tablespoonful of fertilizer being thoroughly mixed with the soil of each hill. Plant about seven or eight seeds to the hill, cover one-half inch deep, and thin to three or four. Young squash seedlings are sometimes attacked by the striped cucumber beetle, but it is an easy matter to protect a few hills by covering each one with a small piece of wire fly screen until the plants are ten days or two weeks old. Cucumbers should be planted and handled in the same manner as the squashes. Two or three hills will furnish enough cucumbers for the average family, unless a large supply is desired for pickles. Muskmelons require plenty of space, and so should be placed only in the large garden. Ten hills of Rocky Ford muskmelons, spaced five feet apart will generally supply muskmelons for the average family. However, their season of production is comparatively short. The culture is the same as for the squashes and cucumbers. It is well to give them a little additional fertilizer scattered within two or three feet of the hills at the time that the plants are being cultivated. The same precautions as to insects must be taken as with squashes and cucumbers. A little dry road dust or powdered lime sprinkled over and around the plants may keep the bugs away, but the safest method is to cover them with the wire fly screen or with cheese cloth.

but two or three times as many plants can be set on the given area, thereby actually increasing the quantity of tomatoes produced from that area.

**BATTLES FOR LIFE AGAINST ROBBER**  
Hoboken, N. J., May 9.—In a battle for his life, with a masked burglar discovered in his home here early today, Frederick Buckert, vice president of the White Metal Manufacturing Company, was shot five times, suffering from wounds, which hospital surgeons believe he can not recover. The intruder used two revolvers, one in each hand, and fired at the manufacturer as he was ransacking the house. Buckert planned to leave for Cincinnati tomorrow and had \$1,500 in cash in his home. The police think the robbery was attempted by a person who knew this. The money was not taken. The burglar entered the house by a rope ladder, lowered from the roof, and was ransacking the place when Buckert returned home. They met in the dining room. The thief opened fire as Buckert closed with him, two bullets striking the manufacturer in the stomach. Despite these wounds, Buckert kept after his man and in the pursuit received three more bullets. He still faced the burglar after the fifth wound, driving him towards the street entrance. At the door the robber fired a parting shot, but it missed. Buckert was to have married Miss Elsie Vorrach in a few days. She is at his bedside in the hospital.

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**PRUNE AND STAKE TOMATOES**

Clemson College, May 10.—Many of the best home gardeners follow the practice of pruning and staking tomatoes. Does it pay to prune the vines to a single stem and tie them to stakes or trellises? This is the question which many home gardeners ask every year. It does pay, according to George P. Hoffman, Extension Service horticulturist especially if the garden space is limited. Tomato plants left to themselves have a habit of spreading all over the garden and producing their fruit right on the ground where it becomes covered with dirt every time it rains, and is much more subject to decay.

- The chief advantages of pruning and staking tomatoes are:
1. A large number of plants can be set on the given area.
  2. The tomatoes will ripen a little earlier when plants are pruned and staked.
  3. The fruit is kept off the ground, is clean, easy to gather, and less likely to decay.
  4. The quality of the fruit is usually better on plants that are pruned and staked.
- It is true that individual plants pruned and staked do not produce so large a quantity of tomatoes as when allowed to run on the ground.

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