

# POISON AND PIGS

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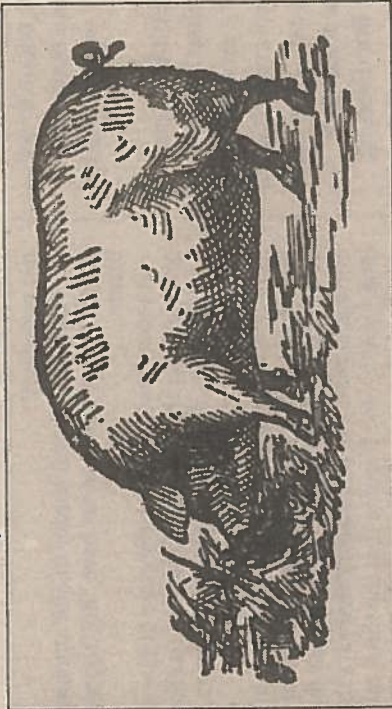
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In a newspaper article published in 1900 we find an interesting story about some toxic waste in Gaines. The cast of characters are:

1. Dr. William F. Eaman, a physician, surgeon and farmer who resided in Gaines. He was the father of Marjorie (Mrs. Whitney Howes) who will be remembered by some local people.
2. Dr. Frank G. Sherwood a physician and surgeon who once practiced in Albion and was the father of Frank Sherwood who will also be remembered by some.
3. George? and his 17 hogs. Here now is the most intriguing and unbelievable story about a deadly dilemma which was entitled "Killed All

Jumping into the pen, he found to his consternation that all of them were dead. The man's name is George. He has consulted a lawyer and may bring an action against Dr. Eaman for the value of the dead porkers."

Indeed, as the subtitle on the article noted: "Contents of a Man's Stomach Proved Too Muck For the Porkers." A note in the local paper two weeks later stated that Dr. Eaman who was seriously ill is improving rapidly and will be out soon. As to the dispensation of this case, I've found no answer. However, this story points out the fact that the disposal of toxic waste needs to be well thought out before it is just left behind for some unsuspecting person to gather, the ramifications of which could be deadly.



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a garbage pail in the woodshed of the doctor's house. A farmer of Gaines, who keeps a large drove of hogs, is in the habit of collecting the garbage of the vicinity for his drove of porkers. The morning following the painful experience of Dr. Eaman this man collected the garbage

as usual. About 8 o'clock he took the first load to his home and fed the hogs. He then went out for another load.

"It was 10 o'clock when he returned and going to his hog pen, was astounded to find his entire drove of hogs, seventeen in number, lying on their backs.

of George's Hogs":  
"ALBION, Jan. 9. On Wednesday evening Dr. Eaman of Gaines, Orleans County, took a dose of poison by mistake, and is still dangerously ill from the effects of the dose.

"Dr. Eaman was troubled with asthma during the night and got up and went to his medicine chest without a light to get a remedy. He got hold of a bottle of poison instead, and did not discover the mistake until he had taken a large dose.

"Dr. Sherwood of Albion was immediately summoned. He at once used a stomach pump and in a few minutes removed the contents of Dr. Eaman's stomach.

"The strange part of the incident now comes in. The undigested food taken from Dr. Eaman's stomach was placed in