

definite object; the latter represent barbarism, whose only aim in life is existence.

Again, for illustration, take the "Texas steer;" an animal pursued with a lasso rope and a branding iron. Nature has been kind to him in providing him with long legs, light hind-quarters, large shoulders, strong neck, large head and immense horns, to enable him to escape from his tormentors and resist attack. Wild in disposition, he is neither desirable nor profitable as a farm animal. The best market for him is the sausage mill, the glue factory and the manure heap. In contrast with him, place in the arena the Shorthorn, the Hereford and Polled Angus, the highest types of beef-producing animals in the world, made so by the intelligent and unremitting manner in which their breeders have exercised dominion over them. They have been carefully selected, generously fed, kindly cared for, and as a result they are symmetrical in form, gentle in disposition, and furnish the choicest roasts and steaks obtainable, and the most of them. In like manner the Channel Island cattle have been molded to produce the richest milk and produce butter at the least cost, while the Holstein has been molded to produce the largest flow of milk. Also pass the various breeds of swine and sheep in review and contrast them with the mongrel animals seen too numerous on every hand, that are neither profitable nor creditable to their owners; in fact, pass the panorama of domestic animals, fowls, fruits, vegetables and flowers that have been molded under the plastic hand of man for a definite purpose in one grand review, and all attest with one accord that with the authority to exercise dominion over them was given the ability to mold them in compliance with natural law to best serve the necessities and pleasures of man.

It is easy to see that where a definite object is accomplished a plan is necessary, an idea to be worked for, and to be successful it is just as needful to have proper qualification in one vocation in life as another. To illustrate: If we had a cause at law we would not employ a shoemaker or a carpenter to plead the cause, as they are not qualified to plead law; they may have just as much natural intelligence as the attorney-at-law, but lack proper qualifications. Now, farming is no exception to the rule, and it is just as necessary for farmers to keep in touch with the progress in farming

operations as it is for any other class of men to keep posted in regard to their business.

The agencies of progress in farming are the agricultural experiment stations, and the medium of communication is the agricultural press.

Have we a definite plan in carrying on our farming operations, or are we driven by the fluctuation of prices, like a ship without a compass or rudder in a storm at sea? Are the animals under our dominion growing better suited to the purpose for which we use them, or are they retrograding under our care? Are we reading agricultural papers and trying to keep up with progressive methods in farming, or do we depend on the "farmer column" in the "general purpose newspaper" for our agricultural literature? Are we giving any encouragement to those organizations that are fighting our battles against the adulteration and fraudulent sale of imitation products of the farmer, or are we satisfied with complaining of low prices?

If we expect prosperity to come our way we will have to "get in and drill" or get left; will have to reduce the cost of production and improve the quality of the product, or exchange places with the commission merchants; we have furnished them the capital about long enough.

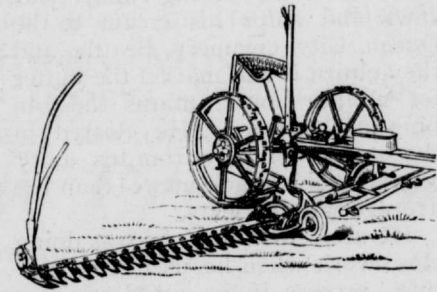
Now, while the farmer has to work long hours and cannot enjoy many of the amenities of life, and in some respects has to carry the heavy end of the log, he has some advantages. His stock and crops grow while he sleeps; the sun has kissed his cheek with the ruddy glow of health; he has the first chance at roast chicken, Thanksgiving turkey, ham and eggs, strawberries and cream, luscious apples, Bartlett pears, blackberry pie and many other fruits too numerous to mention. He can sit under his own vine and fig tree, and if he will live up to his privileges he is peer to any man in any other vocation in life.

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