

ONE MAN'S IDEA OF "ECONOMY."

Our school rooms are appropriately adorned with mottoes to inspire and instruct the young. Our farms should abound with mottoes like these: "Time is money," "There is no royal road to wealth," "Despise not the day of small things," "It is harder to keep a dollar than to earn it." And inscribed everywhere, about the barns, in the kitchen and over the swill barrel, should be this, "Economy is wealth." The postage on a letter costs two quarts of milk, and lately at a hotel I was astonished to find that I had eaten five bushels of oats, while my horse had eaten only five quarts. The first \$300 one accumulates in getting a start in life comes harder than ever after, and when a dollar comes your way you want to be a gold bug for the time being, and, believing there is too much money in the world, promptly arrest the circulation of that dollar. When called upon to part with it remember it is a "dear dollar" in every sense of the word. Don't try to keep up with a crowd you are not able to associate with, and when you are called upon to give to charity it is not your duty to give the same amount as a man worth thousands to your hundreds. It will be more profitable to incur the displeasure of professional beggars and profligate companions now than to remember their applause after you have gone over the hills to the poor house. I submit a few trifles that, coupled with industry and temperance, have given me what the wise man prayed for—neither poverty or riches. In the house in getting a start we used lamplighters instead of so many matches, made our own vinegar and soft soap, burned all the cobs from the barn, used sorghum and fat pork, regarding pork no more injurious to a laboring man than the excessive use of butter, which is the dearest thing on the table. The hams and shoulders from young hogs are smoked in the spring and used through the summer, while the sides were kept till fall in strong brine, then freshened a couple of days in a tub of water, changing the water, and then smoked, making excellent bacon and being no trouble to keep through the summer. One of our merchants tells me he sells thousands of pounds of pork to the farmers in our community—they selling it for 3 cents a pound and buying it back at 6 to 12. We learned to save \$49.50 on an ounce of quinine by administering it without the aid of a doctor. One and a half cups of coffee used at a meal instead of two cups saved 25 per cent of that bill. Three glasses of beer and three cigars a day were omitted and \$100 a year saved. A poor neighbor of mine paid 60 cents a week for tobacco. I bought a good work mare with what it cost him for a year's tobacco and he afterwards paid \$50 for the same mare. Habits of economy should early be practiced and in the long run one will become, i. not a millionaire, not a tramp. While attending school I went half a mile and fed 200 hogs twice a day for 15 cents. That little item bought my syrup and butter and a pair of pants. I wore one pair of fine boots nine years and a summer coat looks well now after sixteen seasons' wear. My harnesses I have always oiled with refuse lard and lampblack and people often ask how I keep them so soft and pliable. Four pounds of red lead, two of venetian and two quarts of boiled oil, costing about 65 cents, will paint a farm wagon. My old Star corn planter has been in use twenty-one years and is always good for one year more. Mowers and binders are always thrown away years too soon. The red paint and varnish are so captivating on the new machines. Rubber boots are a luxury that should only be worn in wet weather and with a bottle of cement anyone can make them last months after holes come in them. Wearing gloves at all kinds of work is an effeminate and costly habit. A worn-out grain sack split open and strings put on makes a cheap milk apron, and dollars may be saved on mittens for corn picking by making them of bed ticking and without a thumb. Cut a hole for the thumb and wear a

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"stall." New holes may be cut and the mitten turned as it wears, until backs as well as fronts are worn out. It is economy to take a good agricultural paper for often one number contains information worth twice what the paper costs for a year. If any reader thinks these matters too trifling for him let him spend \$2 worth of time cheating his neighbor out of a dollar or else skip for Klondike.

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