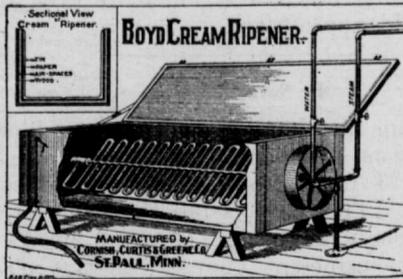


OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Over thirty-five millions of our population are engaged in agriculture, and the other thirty-five millions are dependent upon their success for prosperity. Consequently, when agriculture fails or declines for a season, every other human pursuit languishes also. It would certainly seem that an occupation of such vital importance, not only in our own country, but in all nations and all ages, should have been held in universal honor and carried to greater perfection than all others; yet the very reverse of this appears to be the case. The American farmer in all his planning and all his building has never made provision for life's happiness. He has only considered the means of getting a living. Outside of this everything relating to society and culture has been steadily ignored. The farmer gives his children the advantage of schools, not recognizing the fact that those very advantages call into life a new set of social wants. A bright, well educated family in the lonely farm house is of very different material from a family brought up in ignorance. An American peasant's children who have had a few terms at a neighboring academy resemble in no degree the children of the European peasant. They come home with new ideas and new wants, and if there is no provision made for those new wants, and they find no opportunities for their satisfaction, they will be ready, on reaching their maturity, to leave the farm and seek the city. If the American farmer wishes to keep his children near him he must learn the difference between living and making a living; and we mistake him and his grade of culture altogether if he does not stop over this statement and wonder at it. To get a living to make money, to become "fore-handed"—this is the whole of life to agricultural multitudes of such numbers as to make their contemplation discouraging. To them there is no difference between living and getting a living. Their whole life consists in the latter, and when their children come back to them from their schooling and find that, really this is the only pursuit that has any recognition under the paternal roof, they must go away. The boys push to the cities and the girls follow if they can. A young man or a young woman raised to a point where they apprehend the difference between living and getting a living can never be satisfied with the latter alone. Hence, provision must be made for their social wants and education in the principles on which successful agriculture depends. When so taught they would come to look upon agriculture, not as drudgery, but as a science worthy of the noblest minds. There is as broad and useful a field for exploration and effort in agriculture as in any science known to mankind. Its mysterious powers and the underlying laws which control them challenge the grasp of the greatest minds no less than the motions of the planets or the laws of

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chemical affinity. If the sons and daughters of farmers could be taught in their early years they would better appreciate the dignity and intrinsic nobility of agricultural pursuits. They would come to love them better than they do now, and be eager to illustrate the pitch of perfection to which they may be carried by enlightened effort and careful experiment. Just here is one of the great errors of our system of popular instruction for the masses of our children. Our schools afford no knowledge whatever of the chief employment of our sons and daughters—not even a hint to guide the millions of youth who are to become tillers of the soil. Indeed, not only the public schools, but most of the literary institutions of the land educate our youth to a total unfitness for the occupations of the farm and for farm life. Think of it, brother farmers. Why this condition? How shall farmers manage to keep their children near them and take delight in the same occupation? I answer (and practice what I preach) by making the calling attractive. Let everything about the residence and surroundings be neat and inviting as far as possible—rules and regulations governing every detail. Let there be oneness, love and confidence between husband and wife and children. The husband should consult with his wife in all his proceedings, and she should know all about his business and be to him a partner of his joys and sorrows. He should be energetic, punctual, true and faithful in every detail of his affairs and a good provider of the necessities of life. He should furnish an abundance of reading matter, agricultural papers, periodicals, and the choicest of everything in that line. And, above all, let everything be done to elevate and refine the sensibilities of the children. Thus the example of parents who encourage social meetings between the families, at the Sabbath schools,

here it is one of the great errors in our system literary and religious gatherings and the attractiveness of the surroundings of the "home, sweet home's" influence, the living, the manners and the customs of the family will cling to the children during their life's journey as votaries of agriculture. Think of it, brother and sister farmers. I must close by giving you a repetition of what I have often stated, that agriculture as an employment is most worthy the application of man or woman, the most ancient and most suitable to their nature. It is the common nurse of all persons in every age and condition of life. It is the source of health, strength and riches, and a thousand sober delights and honest pleasures. It is the mistress and school of sobriety, and, in short, all that is good and great, worthy of the attention of its votaries. Where can we find another calling that can claim such intimate relations with the whole catalogue of science? Is there another, or anything so conducive to robust health of body and mind, since mental power is dependent on physical development for its great manifestation? Agriculture is the basis of a nation's strength, and from this springs its prosperity. In elevating the farmer's children in their calling, no class is debased; on the contrary, when husbandry is ennobled, all callings and professions are benefited.—Cor. Homestead.

People in some parts of the country are much exercised over the fact that a new counterfeit \$100 bill is in circulation, which is so skillfully executed as almost to deceive experts. Needless to say that editors, as a rule, are not worrying much over the matter. Ranch and Range is still taking all the 100-cent bills that come our way.

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