



THE FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS

WHAT SPURS THE FARMER ON.

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

"Half the happiness we get from farming is in thinking that we will do better next year than we did this year."

To read a paragraph which I clipped the other day from some newspaper "optimistic" reflections. I knew the instigator I read that the writer was another country boy in town. No city born and bred paragraph could ever lay so sure a finger on the solar plexus of farming.

Stop and think of it a minute, fellow veterans of many years' struggle against frosts and freshets and bugs and blights and droughts and worms and crows and foxes and woodchucks and rats and muskrats and punies and the thousand other pests which Stimpetor Nature here less loose on us, season after season, than from Pandora's box of trouble, isn't it about true?

Did we any of us ever have a season when everything worked together for our agricultural good? Did we any of us ever know a year at the end of which we hadn't about the same amount of money as we started with? Did we any of us ever harvest as good all-around crops as the early promise of the season indicated, or our careful preparatory work gave us the right to expect?

Worst of all, we can't even remember a single year's work which, when it was all over, didn't disclose to us some more or less disastrous mistake of our own making?

I certainly never met a farmer yet who was willing to swan up that his year had been a complete success. If it wasn't one thing, it was another; if it wasn't early in the season, then it was late; that something had happened to nip his hopes either in the bud or the full fruit.

The farm game is an incessant and endless struggle against often invisible and unfeeling forces of opposition. Inevitably some of them will get through our best guard and deal us staggering blows often from the most unexpected quarters. Sometimes the results come with a partial victory for our tactics; sometimes it ends in a drawn game; sometimes in a sorry defeat.

But while the defeat is seldom utterly disastrous while we are usually able to salvage something from the wreck, it is quite as true that the occasional victory is never complete. The farmer may miss all the ten pins, or he may knock down five or six of them. But he never makes a ten strike.

Nevertheless, he is always dreaming that he could have done so with better luck, and always hoping that he will have that better luck next time.

But the customer's part of half his corn in the sheaf? They won't do it again, he'll "fix 'em" next spring. Did the rain wash his corn off the stalk? Well, he'll get a better crop next year. Well, he'll get a better crop next year. Well, he'll get a better crop next year.

And so it goes through the whole list. Really, there is nothing in all this peculiar to the farmer. It is the fairly common experience of all humanity. "Man never is, but always wants to be, blest." Somebody once sang that "The love which makes the world go round." There is no doubt that it is love which makes a great many of our people's heads go round. But hope has more to do with keeping the denizens of earth moving than any other thing. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast."

Which is why we are lucky for the human stomach at any rate. For if the average farmer didn't plow and sow and cultivate and hoe and scry and pray in hope—hoping often for a bumper crop—the world's bread basket would soon be an empty cumber of consolation.

When I was actively engaged in truck gardening—I mean, that I've told this before, but we old fellows must be allowed to repeat our old stories—I do not recall a year when from a third to a half of all my carefully sutured crops didn't prove commercial failures. I never find tomatoes which were going to ripen. The very ones which did ripen in the pot were out to rustiness in 1919. Or, vice versa, those which did poorly in 1919 might be the very best of the garden in 1921. Each season I planned and worked for a 100 per cent. crop all round. And each season I garnered a 50 to 75 per cent. crop—and looked as content as I could under the circumstances!

Nevertheless, though long and almost unvarying experience had taught me to expect failures as inevitable in a certain

unknown proportion of my crops, hope every spring sang the same rousing tune. That coming year was to be better than any of the past. Every crop was going to be a bumper, and every plant was to do as well as every other plant. To be sure, it never actually turned out that way. Stimpetor Nature saw to it that I got about my usual biddings and biddings. But, as soon as the seasons wore off, hope always took charge again.

Probably my experience has been about the same as that of my fellow farmers. Under the smart of some stinging chastisement we may turn temporarily sour and mutter "Never again!" But as the black and blue spots fade out and the memory of them grows dim that same uncrushable hope yodels us out and over the scene of our licking, chirping cheerfully that we shall do better next time.

Which perhaps we do, and perhaps we don't. A great deal of first class poetry has been written about hope. It is figured as a star, a beacon, a guiding fairy, and quite a few other things. As a strict, cold-blooded matter of fact, it is a liar just about as often as it is a true prophet. Its forecasts are hardly more dependable than those of the weather bureau. That is to say, they sit about as often as they miss, and miss about as often as they hit.

And yet, neither we farmers nor the world we feed could get along without it. But for its inspiring spur we should rarely have the courage to take up, spring after spring, the doubtful fight. It is usually the hope that we will do better this year than last which serves us to the attempt. Without its incentive we should too often yield to despair, confess defeat, crawl into our holes and pull the holes in after us.

There never has been a season when the encouraging urgings of hope were more needed than this. For if we farmers can't do better this year than last, the outlook is blue, brethren, mighty blue.

The department of agriculture at Washington reports that the farmers of the country got \$1,700,000,000 for their crops and more in 1921. Two years ago when there were several million less buyers in the country, they got \$2,784,000,000 for the same crops.

More consumers and a bigger demand last year, but a cut-down of almost one-half in their receipts for their food products. At the same time the cut-down in their outgo for labor, supplies, machines, tools, etc., was hardly appreciable.

It would seem as if the wayfarer man, even if a fool, couldn't help seeing what this portends. Certainly the farmers of the country know and fully appreciate what it means. It means No-Thoroughfare to them, if it is not changed.

And a reduction in the food producing activities of the country's farmers means a reduction in the eating activities of city consumers. Don't forget that important

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with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ostley. James N. Tucker and Henry Ostley and family spent Sunday in East Putnam. Mr. and Mrs. Kneeland Eldridge called on Danielson friends Sunday.

A large airship went over the place Saturday, flying quite low. Bank Examiner Lester E. Shippee of Hartford spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. A. H. Shippee.

The Sunshine band celebrated Mrs. A. E. Saylor's birthday Tuesday evening at her home. John Hamilton of Danielson has been visiting Ralph Elgren.

Cyril Shippee has sold his blacksmith shop to Charles Lambert. Still the day-old chicks continue to arrive. John Wade, Jr., received a hundred Tuesday night from Ohio.

William Yare of Manchester spent the week end with relatives here. Elmer Briggs of Providence and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Phillips of North Setauket, R. I. spent Saturday and Sunday

WILSONVILLE

Miss Anna Gabosik is visiting relatives in New York. Mrs. Shields, who has been visiting her daughter, has returned to her home in Lynn.

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