

## Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Straight thinking leads to straight living. When two people quarrel, both are licked. A snoring nose has a smash coming to it. A suit that shouldn't suit any man in a lawsuit. When tomorrow arrives, opportunity has passed. Only a fool thinks he never made a fool of himself. A cross-examination sometimes engenders crossness. The small makes up in persistence what it lacks in speed. Some think so much of their fills that they sleep and dine with them every day. A person with a mind of his own ought always to mind his own business. Barking at automobiles as they pass will not oil the axles of your old buggy. When a man lacks faith he is pretty apt to find his engine stalled on life's upgrade. It is better to be a childish old simpleton than a grouchy old doctor of philosophy.

hood, says Barrett.

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union:

The greatest assets of this country are not its mighty commerce, its wonderful acreage or its gold mines. Supreme above all these rise the assets of manhood and womanhood. And the boy and girl of today, too often slobbered and too seldom studied, are the men and women of tomorrow.

I speak advisedly when I say that never in the history of the republic have opportunities been vaster or more plentiful than they are in this year of our Lord, 1912. I know it is popular to say that the "trusts" and commercialism have stifled competition and muzzled opportunity.

The statement is only a half-truth. I have been from one end of the country to the other. I have visited every state. I have studied conditions in practically every city of importance. I have observed above and below the surface in every line of trade and industry.

And, as a result, I am convinced that the loudest cry today is for men and women—not just men and women, but men and women with trained ability and character. Across the front of every vocation of moment, they ought to erect in big letters the sign: "Men and Women Wanted." It would be the absolute truth, provided the men and women were properly equipped to answer the advertisement.

Do not treat your boy or your girl simply as a private possession, to be worked in the fields when you need help, to be yanked out of school in their most receptive years in order that you may squeeze a little money out of the land. Money won in this way is the dearest bought imaginable. Money, or advantage of any sort, won at the expense of the men and women of tomorrow, is blood-money. Not only do the parents themselves pay for it some day, but the penalty will also be visited upon the republic in a weakened citizenship, whether of husbands or wives, fathers or mothers.

The old folk adage runs "children should be seen and not heard." It's a lie. They should be both seen and heard. Seen with the eye of loving, self-sacrificing intelligence, heard with the ear with faculties keen enough to catch the tramp of posterity, as well as the patter of today. Unless we follow this course, we fall in the duties, not only of parenthood, but equal of common American citizenship.

CHARLES S. BARRETT, Union City, Ga.

Organize Farm Work.

We farmers must learn to organize, to educate, and to co-operate—not only to hold our own, but to do the full measure of duty to our fellow citizens. I suggest a writer in an exchange. Our first attempts may not be exact, but we obtain strength from the work upon the farm. The work upon the farm should be organized. The farmers in the district should organize and co-operate in the matter of crops that the best markets may be sought. This requires education to the value of such organization and co-operation. Results may not come immediately, but strength will be gained.

## RESULTS FROM CO-OPERATION

British Government Seems Inclined to Give Encouragement to Movement, Says Correspondent.

A recent letter from our English correspondent, F. Dewhurst, says that co-operation amongst farmers is a live topic for discussion in Britain, says the Winnipeg Farmers' Advocate. The government, he says, seem strongly inclined to give substantial encouragement to the movement. All over the country meetings have been held, and the substantial benefits to be derived commented upon. R. A. Yerburch, head of the Agricultural Organization Society, is a vigorous champion of co-operation, and points out the advantages of co-operative societies as compared with ordinary limited companies. In co-operative societies the shares are allotted to any farmer who applies, and profits and bonuses are divided amongst the farmers who are members. With a limited liability company there is the strong temptation to declare high dividends. Shares would sell at a premium, and the profits would tempt outsiders to invest, and thus divert the benefits from farmers. When a co-operative society is kept to farmers, no one else can touch it or use it against the farmer.

It is further pointed out that Mr. Yerburch quoted some recent results of co-operation. In Wiltshire, the farmers have built a new milk receiving depot. They have 600 members, a capital of £12,000, and the turnover last year, £100,000. During the rush of the milk period, when prices usually drop, owing to the big surplus, cheese was made, and there was no milk price slump. A Glamorganshire co-operation succeeded last year in raising

a share of the difference between what the farmer receives and the consumer pays.

## FARM CO-OPERATIVE BANKING

More Than 24,000 Organizations in Germany—Operate Largely on a Debiture Basis.

Years before we or any country developed urban combinations, corporations and trusts, Germany, France, Italy and Denmark had developed rural co-operative banking, marketing and purchasing organizations to a marvelous degree and mutual profit. In Germany alone, for instance, there are more than 24,000 such organizations. There are about 20,000 Raiffeisen co-operative banks, and several other systems, exclusively of and for farmers, doing an annual business in excess of a billion dollars, with 1,200,000 customers and farm loans of \$500,000,000.

They operate largely on a debiture basis, the farmers giving their mortgages to the bank and the bank borrowing at long time and low rates on the aggregated mortgages, writes H. F. Harris in the Breeders' Gazette. The interest rates average not over 4 per cent, and some of their amortization plans pay out principal and interest in forty or fifty years on yearly payments of 4 1/2 to 5 per cent.

In this country we hear the protests of the consumer and of the farmer due to the pressure of organized finance and commerce, which would be largely reduced if agriculture was as well organized. Protest against big business is idle. We can only regulate and control it. Such control, with equally effective organization on the part of farmers, will re-establish the balance between the various factions and economic factors of this country necessary to maintain our pre-eminence.

In other words, Europe developed combinations first in the country for the general good, while we have first developed combinations in the city, not always for the general good. They have helped themselves by helping the farmer farm, while we have been more disposed to farm the farmer and many of his city cousins.

The farm is the best place God ever planned in which to live broad, free, helpful, efficient, serviceable and honorable human lives.

Bigger Farm Yields.

Last year the United States in eight months imported breadstuffs valued at \$10,000,000. This compares with \$3,000,000 in the same months of 1902. It would pay for the United States to take measures to get bigger farm yields, and get them from farmers to consumers at less cost.

Shade Trees and Hogs.

A Texas editor said recently: "I were called upon to advise the farmer what to plant to bring the quickest and happiest results we would say: Plant hogs and shade trees and shrubbery on the home grounds."

## WOMAN LEFT BOUND ON BED IN FLAMES

She Says That Burglars, on Failing to Intimidate Her, Started the Fire.

### QUENCHES THE BLAZE

Victim of Outrage Had Been Ill and Was Lying in Bed While Husband Was Absent—Intruders Searched the Premises.

Chicago.—Bound hand and foot, gagged and left to meet her death on a blazing bed by robbers who had entered her home, Mrs. W. H. Starr of 5901 Prairie avenue saved her life by her presence of mind.

As the flames, which had been started by the burglars, mounted higher she rolled over upon the burning bedding. The pressure of her body quenched the flames, but not until her hands had been severely burned and her nightgown ignited. She was found, hysterical from fright and suffering, by her husband, Dr. W. H. Starr, upon his return from a call upon a patient half an hour after her harrowing experience.

Police of the Fifth street police station started a search for two men who were described to them by Mrs. Starr. One of the men resembled a man who had been employed by a manufacturer of window screens to measure the window in the Starr flat. He was short and stocky, while the other robber was 6 feet tall.

Mrs. Starr had been ill and was lying in bed while her husband was absent. At 7:30 o'clock the burglars entered the flat. First came the tall man, who got in through a window, seized Mrs. Starr, bound her and gagged her, and then admitted the shorter robber.

After the second man had entered the two removed the gag and de-

Virginia—I'm glad Ethel's married. Philomena—Yet you refrained from congratulating, she tells me. Virginia—Yes; I pitied the bridegroom.



Set Fire to the Bed.

manded that Mrs. Starr tell them where she kept her money. They accomplished the demand with threats of torturing her, but in vain. She insisted that she did not have any money of her own and that she did not know where her husband's was kept.

The intruders then made a search on their own account, replacing the gag and leaving her helpless on the bed. They succeeded in finding a pocketbook which contained between \$5 and \$6 and jewelry valued at \$160. Then the men returned to the room in which Mrs. Starr was lying and renewed their threats, but without success in intimidating her. They finally abandoned their effort and left, one of them setting fire to the bed upon which Mrs. Starr lay as he went out.

Mrs. Starr's successful struggle to quench the flames and the return of her husband followed.

Wants to Dress as Woman.

Atlanta, Ga.—From a prominent South Georgian, who lives in Ware county, Controller General William A. Wright has just received a letter expressing a desire to wear woman's attire, and asking permission to do so.

"I have very much the appearance of a woman, and when dressed as such and wearing long hair I look a perfect figure of a female and would not be noticed as being a man. I wish to adopt this attire because it is more suitable for me than male attire."

"It's the queerest letter I ever received," said General Wright. He withheld the name out of deference to the man's family.

Tiny Fish Tie Up Steel Mills.

Gary, Ind.—Thousands of tiny fish driven by the heavy sea on Lake Michigan choked the intake pipes supplying the steel mills with water the other day and forced the shut-down of three blast furnaces until the water pipes could be cleared. When the mains were opened they were packed like sardines in a box with a wriggling mass of fresh water herring. Men with shovels were required to remove the fish before the blast furnace could be started again.

## WHEN THE ROMANCE FADED

Plain-Spoken Husband Came to the Point With a Few Words of Unvarnished Truth.

Congressman Jim Mann was on his way back from Chicago, and couldn't help hearing the conversation of the couple in the section right behind him. They looked like newly married folks, says Mack's National Monthly, but were not on their honeymoon, as Mann learned by deduction. The woman laid down a newspaper she had been reading and said to her husband:

"Do you know, I wish I had one of these affluities. Oh, I think it would be just grand to sit on a rock with somebody and have him rave about the incomparable golden color of my hair and tell me that my eyes were the most beautiful in the whole world, and—"

"Uh, huh," said the husband, yawning.

"And that the delicate pink of my cheeks had been painted there by the angels, and that he couldn't live without me. O-oh, I think an affinity like that would be—"

"Isn't an affinity you want," interrupted her husband. "What you seem to want is a plain, old-fashioned liar."



ETHEL'S MARRIED.

Reported Off the Stage.

In the big Weber-Fields dressing room Joe Weber and George Beban sat tense over a game of checkers. "I'm working him up to his part," murmured Mr. Weber, in a kind voice. "He must go on the stage in a tantrum in a few minutes. Every night I beat him a game of checkers in here before we entrance. It has just the right effect on him. He's a night you don't beat me!" cried his opponent. "I owe you \$1.00 in 12 weeks. Is that much?" "Not so much, but I'd be glad to get it," suggested the sweet-voiced Weber.

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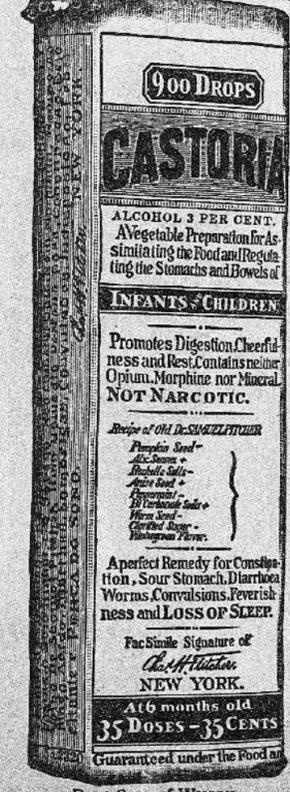
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Exact Copy of Wrapper.

## Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. B. Halstead Scott, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria often for infants during my practice, and find it very satisfactory." Dr. William Belmont, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "Your Castoria stands first in its class. In my thirty years of practice I can say I never have found anything that so filled the place." Dr. J. H. Taft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria and found it an excellent remedy in my household and private practice for many years. The formula is excellent." Dr. R. J. Hamlen, of Detroit, Mich., says: "I prescribe your Castoria extensively, as I have never found anything to equal it for children's troubles. I am aware that there are imitations in the field, but I always see that my patients get Fletcher's." Dr. Wm. J. McCann, of Omaha, Neb., says: "As the father of thirteen children I certainly know something about your great medicine, and aside from my own family experience I have in my years of practice found Castoria a popular and efficient remedy in almost every home." Dr. J. R. Clausen, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "The name that your Castoria has made for itself in the tens of thousands of homes blessed by the presence of children, scarcely needs to be supplemented by the endorsement of the medical profession, but I, for one, most heartily endorse it and believe it an excellent remedy." Dr. R. M. Ward, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Physicians generally do not prescribe proprietary preparations, but in the case of Castoria my experience, like that of many other physicians, has taught me to make an exception. I prescribe your Castoria in my practice because I have found it to be a thoroughly reliable remedy for children's complaints. Any physician who has raised a family, as I have, will join me in heartiest recommendation of Castoria."

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But, who is from Georgia, had his whole evening spoiled right there. Somebody, noticing his pained expression, asked him what the trouble was. "Oh, that song!" he exclaimed, sadly. "You 'might as well parody the Lord's prayer.'"—*Popular Magazine.*

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