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A SELF-MADE FARMER AT FIFTEEN.

In the "Interesting People" department of the July American Magazine appears an article about Melvin Spofford Hatch, a fifteen-year-old North Carolina boy who at thirteen bought a farm with money that he himself earned.

"A young boy in the mountains of western North Carolina, Master Melvin Spofford Hatch, bought a small truck farm on the outskirts of the town of Hendersonville when he was thirteen, finishing payment for it by the time his fifteenth birthday had arrived, last September.

"Thousands of boys are as favorably situated as he is for doing the same thing; it is only that they could do it and he did it that makes the difference. His methods have not been spectacular; he bears not the slightest resemblance to the heroes of various popular boys' books, nor has he been spurred by any dire necessity; he has not been goaded into action in any way or required to drudge away his boyhood; he has merely been given sympathetic encouragement, and been allowed to do his own thinking and planning and to reap his own reward.

"The purchase of the farm was handled in an entirely businesslike manner. No favors were given or asked on either side. Eighty dollars was the first payment, and a mortgage at the legal rate of interest was given for the remainder of the purchase price. The house was promptly rented for five dollars a month, which took care of the interest and taxes and left a small sum over toward the payments on the principal. At this rate, the farm would be nearly paid for by the time he was twenty-one without a single extra exertion on his part, and all the money he earned might be spent on baseball bats, tickets to the moving picture shows, and other things dear to the boyish heart; some of it did go in these directions, for, he it understood, he is a real live boy; some of it, too, went in a donation to the town hospital and to an orphanage, for he is a public-spirited citizen as well as a good business man; however, our hero of the commonplace did not rest on his laurels, but looked around for more opportunities.

"As before said, the town was a summer resort overflowing with boarding houses; it was also minus a system of garbage collection, so the landlady of the nearest boarding house was more than willing to fall in with a proposition to buy two pigs for Melvin to keep on his father's farm.

"In addition to being a landed proprietor, Master Hatch has also a steady income, acquired solely by his own exertions, for he has a small sum of money loaned at good interest, as well as the steady rent of the house, and, most hopeful sign, when the country's needs are considered, it is evident that the siren song of the city will fall on deaf ears in coming years, for the other day he said to his business adviser, his mother, 'I think it would be a good thing if I were to mortgage my land and buy more, so I can be improving it and be ready to make my living on it when I am twenty-one. I ought to be able to get it in good shape in the next six years.'

A Tough Lot.

There are probably few humorists in England who can tell more funny stories than W. Pett Ridge. Some time ago at a public meeting he told of a man who one day entered a London police court. The magistrate happened to recognize him as a fellow clubman and generally invited him to take a seat on the bench. The visitor was delighted at the honor done him, and as he sat down beside the magistrate he looked wonderingly round the crowded court.

"I see you have a remarkably tough lot of customers to deal with this morning," he said in surprise to the magistrate.

"Hush!" replied the magistrate, shaking his head to impose silence, "those are the lawyers!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

All His Fault.

One witness in a recent police-court case was an old Irish woman. Immediately the prisoner's lawyer asked her a question she began talking, and talked and talked and talked. "Stop! Stop!" ordered the magistrate, hammering on his desk.

"Look here, Mr. M——," he shouted, "you started her—now stop her!"

Memory Doctor Wanted.

Caller—"Are you the memory doctor?"

Professor—"I am a professor of the science of—"

"Yes, I know; you fix up memories." In common parlance, yes."

"That's what I heard. Well, I want my memory doctored."

"That is easily done. All you have to do is to adopt my system and in a little while you will get so that you can remember anything at all."

FALL SEEDING WILL IMPROVE HAY CROP.

Is Recommended To Farmers Desiring a Good Stand Of Grass Next Year.

NICHOLAS SCHMITZ, Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

Owing to the dry spring and owing to the severe heaving and thawing last winter and the dry season early in the spring, many farmers find that they have a very poor stand of both timothy and clover in their wheat stubble. The question in their cases is how to provide for a profitable hay crop next season. Under such conditions the best way to provide for a hay crop next spring is to plow the wheat stubble down and prepare a very firm, finely pulverized seedbed. This, of course, will involve extra labor but the increased yield and quality of hay next year will more than pay for the extra labor. A full crop will be ready for cutting next June or early July, which will be the same time as if the stand seeded in the wheat had been successful.



FALL SEEDING PAYS.

The best time of seeding in Western Maryland, except the mountainous sections, will be from August 1st to September 1st, the best time being between August 15th and September 1st. On the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland the seeding may be done between August 15th and October 1st, or perhaps even a little later in the extreme southern water-front portions. The most favorable time is from August 15th to September 25th.

Owing to the danger of winter-killing, clover should not be seeded in the mountainous section later than September 1st; in Western Maryland, not later than September 15th; and on the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland, not later than October 1st. Timothy alone is seeded, 15 pounds or more per acre should be used. When sowing with redtop, 12 pounds of timothy and 3 or 4 pounds of redtop. When seeding with red clover, 10 pounds of timothy and 6 to 8 pounds of red clover is sufficient. If red clover has not been succeeding well, 4 to 6 pounds of alsike clover to the acre should be substituted for the red clover.

SEASONABLE HINTS FOR THE FLOWER GARDEN.

B. W. ANSPON, Maryland Agricultural College.

At this season of the year one finds many insects infesting the flower garden. The rose is frequently attacked by the rose slug, a small green worm which chews holes in the leaves. To control this pest spray the plants thoroughly with arsenate of lead at the rate of one ounce to two gallons of water.

Plant lice of various kinds are frequently found on a number of plants. These are sucking insects that infest the young shoots of many flowers. On nasturtiums and chrysanthemums they may be found on the young shoots. On these plants the black forms are found. On sweet peas and roses we find the green form. A red form is generally found on the golden glow. To control these insects spray the plants infested with a nicotine solution, of which there are many brands on the market. A very simple remedy that has given good results is a soap solution. This can be made by dissolving a quarter pound of laundry soap in a gallon of water. This solution can be used in connection with the nicotine extract, acting as a sticker for the latter. Go over the flower borders and remove all faded flowers since these left to go to seed will impair the flowering of the plants. Where one wishes to save the seed of certain plants select only the best flowers and allow them to go to seed. In cutting the blown flowers on roses, cut the shoot back to within two to three buds or eyes from the main stalk.

Plants that have made a strong growth and need support should be staked. Sow seed of pansy now. Many of the quick germinating hardy perennials may be sown now. Among these are larkspurs, columbines, hollyhocks, sweet williams, foxglove, etc. These will make a good growth by fall so that they can be transplanted into the cold frame. The following year they will be ready to bloom. Select a sheltered spot in the flower garden and thoroughly prepare it for the seed bed. Sow the seed in drills and when large enough transplant to the cold frame.

Write to the seedsmen now for their fall bulb catalogues. Select your bulbs and place order early for bulbs for fall planting.

The sensible thing for each farmer to do is to practice a rotation of crops, including leguminous crops, raise mules, horses, hogs, poultry and other live stock, and grow plenty of fruits and vegetables. Under these advanced methods the soil will rapidly increase in fertility, the money obtained for cash crops will be kept at home, it will not be necessary to borrow money, or buy on credit, and we can then hold our wheat, potatoes, tobacco, corn and other crops until we are ready to sell.—G. H. Alford, Farmers' Co-Operative Demonstration Work.

Taneytown, Westminster, Reisterstown and Baltimore

AUTO BUS LINE

Leave Belvedere Ave. and Mau's Street, Arlington, week days 8.35 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Sundays 7.00 and 5.30 p. m.

Leave Westminster for Baltimore 7.45 a. m. and 3.40 p. m. week days. Sundays 7.45 a. m. and 6.15 p. m. July 16-6m

WILD ANIMAL TRADE

Prices Have Greatly Advanced Since the War Began.

Baboons, sealions, alligators, polar bears and similar animals have generally doubled in price since the war began, according to London dealers. If the war has not succeeded in reducing England to actual hardship as far as food supplies go, it has certainly played havoc with the stocks of live seals, grizzlies, skunks and other foreign things in fur and feather that inhabit the public zoos of the big cities.

The scarcity in animals, it is explained, is due to the fact that none are cuman who asked him to come to the United States, it is said, has of late years been the best customer for wild animals. The number of monkeys alone sent to America in the course of a year has generally exceeded 4,000. English dealers are making elaborate plans for permanently annexing a large share of the German trade in animals.

A Mean Man.

"The meanest man I ever had any dealings with," was the verdict of a dentist the other day, and the patient to whom he related the story thoroughly agreed with him. The dentist had been called to the telephone by a man who asked him to come to the house as soon as possible to remove some "bridge work." Naturally the dentist thought the bridge must be causing pain or discomfort, and he asked if the patient was suffering. To his surprise this answer came back over the wire: "No, the patient is dead. But I thought the gold in the bridge would be worth something, so I might as well have it taken out." The dentist could not work up any enthusiasm for the task in prospect, it is not the pleasant thing to work on a dead man's mouth but he said: "Very well, I'll come. But my charge for that kind of work is \$15." This seemed to surprise the man at the other end of the wire, but the dentist continued, "\$15 is the cheapest I can make it. You will probably get about \$7 for the gold, but if you want me to come at \$15 I'll be there." There was a silence for a moment, the price was evidently prohibitive. Then the voice came again. "I've changed my mind," he said. "I guess I won't be worth while for you to come. Anyway, I suppose it's hardly the right thing to do." So the dentist hung up the receiver, but he slowly shook his head. "Think of trying to save a few dollars by robbing a dead man of his false teeth," he said.—Littleton Independent.

Possibly Both.

The blandishments of the insurance company's representative at once proved irresistible. Jones wavered. Then Jones fell, or rather, undertook to have his life insured. And in order that there might be no mistake about the matter that knowing, enterprising representative helped him then and there to fill in the necessary form. For fully 20 minutes Jones was busy giving particulars of himself, his aunts, his sisters and his cousins. Then came the question: "Have you ever had appendicitis?" "Well?" asked the agent. "I'm hanged if I know," said Jones. "I was operated on some time ago, but have never felt quite sure whether it was appendicitis or merely professional curiosity."—Exchange.

John's Deduction at Fault.

John was the new boy at the boarding house. His mistress was scolding him because he never surmounted an obstacle.

"John," she said, "when I sent you for a two-pound loaf of cake and they had none, why in the world did you not bring two one-pound cakes? That would be exactly the same thing."

John seemed to grasp the knowledge. His mistress thought so until the next day.

She was going on a journey, and being a large, stout woman, told John to engage her two seats in the bus. When John returned she asked: "Did you have any difficulty?"

"No, madam," replied the hopeless John, "but I could not get them both together, so I got one on the inside and one on the top!"

Russian Victory.

General Ivan Pavlovitch sat in his room and studied the map. Then he rang the bell at his elbow. In came Sergius Juliofski, his aide-de-camp. "What are your orders, excellency?"

"Sergius Juliofski, glance over this map. Do you see this hill?"

"I do, excellency."

"That hill must be captured. Attend to the matter and let me know when it is done."

"I will, excellency."

Twenty minutes passed and there was a knock at the door. Sergius strode in, clicked his heels together, and saluted.

"Well, what is it, Sergius, my son?"

"I have the honor to announce, excellency, that the hill has been captured."

ROMANCE FLAMES ALONG WAR LINES DESPITE THE ROAR

Wide Joins Her Husband and Goes Down Into the Trenches.

Considerable attention has been attracted by the streets of Warsaw by a young woman, a Russian officer on crutches, accompanied by a still younger private with one arm in a sling and wearing a St. George's cross. The comeliness, the deep lashes of the big dark eyes, and the delicate color of the skin were too striking in the case of the latter to detract from the eye of a casual passer-by as to the real sex of the young private, and the true story of the youthful St. George hero soon became the talk of the town.

The officer was a young undergraduate, who joined the Russian army as a volunteer. The private was a daughter of a princely landowner in the Caucasus bearing one of the noblest names in the history of Georgia (Grusia). When they first met both were going by the same train to Warsaw, he to join his regiment, and she to visit some friends. Nothing was further from mind than to go to the front, but Cupid, the upsetter of calculations, also took it into his head to travel by the Warsaw express.

They fell in love with one another at first sight, became engaged, and, after two days (the length of the railway journey), on arriving at Warsaw, went to the first Orthodox Greek church to get married. A kindly priest readily performed a hurried wedding. From the church straight to the firing line. On the way the girl managed to obtain a soldier's kit and assumed the name of Laury. Her appeal addressed to the officer commanding to allow her to remain in the trenches was so eloquent that the officer pretended not to have recognized her sex.

She soon received the baptism of war. The position where she and her husband were stationed was one of the most critical on the River Rawka, and subjected to continual German attacks. After one particularly severe encounter, all the officers of her husband's and neighboring companies were put hors de combat. Her husband, although only a lieutenant, found himself in temporary command of four companies, with his wife—his lieutenant.

When the battle raged at its highest the husband sent one of his men to the front line with an order to retire. The German guns had found their mark, and were mercilessly mowing down the Russians. Further delay meant complete loss of men.

The orderly came back with a message that the front line men refused to retire. They had their order from the late commander," they said, "rather to die than give up one inch of ground, and they were going to carry it out."

Another man was sent to bring them away, but he also failed in his mission. They had given their word to their dead commander, and they were going to keep it.

The husband sent his wife as his last trump card. "Perhaps you will be able to persuade them," he said. She tried, but without success. The dumb soldiers were obstinate like mules. As she was shouting at them her "superiors" orders the enemy's shrapnel shells began exploding right in the trenches with a deadly precision. The Germans were crawling nearer and nearer to the front trenches.

Nothing there was not a moment to be lost, she resorted to her weightiest argument. She angrily raised her rifle and brought its butt-end down with all force on the shoulders of one and then another man. Her angry voice, full of authority, and still more forceful action had their effect. One after another the men evacuated the trenches and ran towards the back line, Laury remaining behind until the last man left the danger spot for a safer place. As she stood there a shrapnel splinter struck her right arm. In another ten minutes there would not have been one man left in the front trench.

When she got back to her husband's position she found him wounded in the leg. They were removed to the same hospital, and the Soldier Princess was soon presented to the Commander-in-Chief, and received a Cross of St. George's.

PATAPSCO.

Mrs. Kate Gray and Mrs. Shauck, of Baltimore, are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ebaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arnold, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Arnold.

The annual picnic which was to be held on Warren Shamer's lawn on August 14th, will be postponed until a later date.

Harry Taylor is connoisseur of his bed with a stroke of paralysis.

John C. Taylor, who has been quite ill, is better at this writing.

Mrs. Kate Fanwell is visiting friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. William Long spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Martin.

Master Ralph Lockard is very ill.

Harry Staub and friend are visiting his sisters, Mrs. Young and Miss Edna Staub.

Miss Emma Tanner is spending a few days in Westminster.

Silk Stocking Hint.

Silk stockings are not the luxury they are supposed to be, if they are cared for properly. Make it a rule to wash them yourself, and watch for the little holes with vigilance. Never wear them more than two days without washing. Dust and perspiration are the two great enemies of silk stockings. Leaving a soiled pair in the clothes basket for a week, instead of washing them the day they are worn, is sure to hasten the day of their disintegration. In washing them select a good white soap. Make a lather in tepid water and shake them gently in the lather. Never rub soap directly on the stockings. Rinse thoroughly and press in a soft towel to get out as much of the water as is possible. Never wring them. Hang up on a line in the house by laying the foot over the line. Never hang them from the tops.

LOYS.

Miss Emma Cump, of York, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. George W. Hoffman, and other friends in and near Loys.

Mrs. Minnie Hoffman and daughter, Mary, visited Mrs. Ella and Ethel Hoffman last Friday.

Mr. Charles H. Hoffman was the guest of Mr. George W. Pittinger and family on Sunday.

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Do not hesitate for you can send your work to them with full confidence that it will receive first-class workmanship. If this method is followed, he said, there would be enough Christians in Wilmington to go out and get the devil and lick him.

WESTMINSTER MARKETS. By N. I. Gorsuch August 13, 1915.

Table with market prices for various goods like Wheat, Oats, Bran, Middlings, etc.

DEVIL HAS CHURCHES

Actor-Evangelist Spurs Pastors to Go Into Highways and Hedges.

Wilmington, Del., July 15.—The devil holds the majority of stock in many churches in Wilmington," was the startling statement by Robert Downing, the actor-evangelist, at the first of his series of sermons at Concord Heights, where a tent has been erected for the meetings.

He urged that the city preachers "go forth into the highways and hedges and compel the people to come to Christ." If his advice were followed, he said, there would be enough Christians in Wilmington to go out and get the devil and lick him.

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Dealers in Horses and Mules. We buy sell or exchange any kind of Horse or Mule. All stock sold or exchanged on 24 hours trial.

Carload Virginia Cows!

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N. Green will buy fruits of all kinds, apples especially, at Gamber, Md. Phone 817-2, at Shipley & Bonner's Store. Buyer, H. S. Evans. a6-2*

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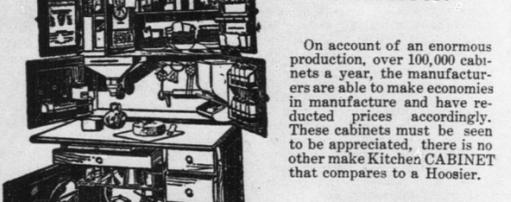
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