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Railroad Porter Who Was Almost Too Sharp.

Prof. D———, a well known ventriloquist, was bidding adieu to some friends, when one of them presented him with a little fox terrier, to which he had taken a great fancy. The train began to move, and there was no time to get a dog ticket; so when the cry "Tickets!" was heard at a few stations farther on, Prof. D——— popped the dog into a small hamper, which was labeled, "Prof. D———, Ventriloquist," in bold letters. The dog began barking, which drew the porter's attention to the hamper. The porter read the label, then said to the professor: "I'm not taking any just now, mister; I've been caught like that before."

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Childish Ideas of Beauty.

The idea of beauty in children is strangely varied. A teacher at a certain school gave thirty children five minutes to think over the most beautiful thing they ever saw. Five chose the moon and stars, two the sun and one the setting sun. One of the five who chose the moon stipulated that he meant only the full moon. Two children chose flowers, two scenery and two birds. Not one chose a human face. The snow, the rain, a butterfly, a tiger's skin, salt, silver and gold, a brooch and pink silk all had one vote each.

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Dressing the Hair in Africa.

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Second Thoughts.

Deacon C. had an Irish girl who was decidedly verdant. The Deacon was building a woodhouse on ground which enclosed a well. "And, shure," said his servant, "are ye goin' to move the well?" Observing a smile on his face, she added: "Ah! what a big fool I be. Shure t'ry drop of water would run out moving it!"

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Great Men's Wit.

Chief Justice Story attended a public dinner in Boston at which Edward Everett was present. Desiring to pay a delicate compliment to the latter, the learned judge proposed as a volunteer toast: "Fame follows merit where Everett goes." The brilliant scholar arose and responded: "To whatever heights judicial learning may attain in this country, it will never get above one Story."—Success.

India Rubber Imports.

The importation of india rubber into the United States last year exceeded 68,000,000 pounds, and was valued at more than $30,000,000. The imports have increased about 60 per cent in the last ten years. Over $100,000,000 worth of manufactures from India rubber are now turned out annually from American factories.

Twentieth Century Farming.

The Social and Educational Life of the Country Home—How the Young People May Be Kept on the Farm or Induced to Leave It.

By C. L. PIX.

IN a former article on this topic only the exterior surroundings and structural design of the farm house were mentioned. These, to a great extent, must be controlled by the financial condition and tastes of the owner of the farm. Much of the surroundings, however, were those in the reach of every man who has the enterprise and ambition to procure them. Shade trees and outside adornments are within the reach of every enterprising farmer who cares to have his home a credit to himself and attractive to the members of his family. The matters of convenience mentioned are in the reach of every man worthy to be called a farmer.

Farm life is the only one that can boast of divine origin. Man was commanded to till the soil, and even before Adam was driven from Eden he was given control and management over what the Almighty evidently intended to be the ideal of life of the being He had created. He never commanded a man to become a banker, a merchant, a lawyer, a speculator or a stock broker. All these are man-made vocations. He did make him a farmer, and if farm life is not so happy and enjoyable as any that exists, it is because of the shortcomings and mistakes of the farmer himself.

There are a few primary principles in the social life of most so-called "business men," not found, as a rule, in average farm homes, but which the farmer would do well to adopt. The business man leaves his business in his office or place of business at the close of the day when he locks its doors. It is a rare thing to hear him discussing his business cares, trials and perplexities in his home. He may mention them sufficiently for those members of his family to whom he intrusts his business cares to understand and be conversant with them, but this is done briefly, and is not allowed to interfere with home life.

Every farmer should adhere strictly to the rule that business matters and plans are never to enter the dining room, and only on rare occasions be allowed a place about the fireside in the family sitting room. Cheerful conversation, good humor and even jollity about the family table have a great deal to do with good digestion, health and long life. Young men and women are not likely, in laying out the plans for future life, to select one that has proved unpleasant to them and in which they found few if any elements of pleasure and enjoyment. Farm life becomes repulsive unless its associations have been pleasant and attractive. If in this article I shall have succeeded in making some practical suggestions as to how to make it so, its purpose will have been accomplished.

On a well-conducted farm an average of ten hours per day in active labor will perform its manual work. Eight hours of sleep leaves six hours for mental improvement and reasonable recreation. The farm programme that does not admit of this is incomplete and imperfect. Mental improvement is just as important in the life of the farmer and his family as rain or good crops. Better the severest drouth ever experienced than a daily programme in farm life that leaves no time or energy for educational development. The developing farm boy will find a place for entertainment and pleasure. If these things are not to be found in his own home, he will go where they are to be found. If the father does not furnish the proper kind, the son will go where those are to be found which the father would not be likely to approve. In short, if the father does not tactfully and intelligently shape the tastes that will fix the future character of the boy, those tastes and habits will be formed under the influences of others that are quite likely to be such as will not give promise of a satisfactory or desirable future life. What has old age in it to the farmer that contains nothing of hope for the future of the boys and girls he has brought into the world? What more desirable than to have approaching old age find him surrounded with sons and daughters with husbands who are well started in successful farm lives engaged in his chosen life work, well fitted by education and taste for the business, the result of his foresight in shaping the tastes and habits of his children?

A few dollars spent in croquet sets, hammocks, games, lawn chairs, etc., are among the wise investments of a farm home. Three or four of the leading agricultural weeklies should always be found on the family reading table. One or two of the popular monthly magazines ought to be in every family, and the father should be so far conversant with their character as to be able to select those that lead to higher thought and intelligent action; also at least two political newspapers representing the views of opposite leading political parties. A son's respect for his father will be increased when he sees he is broad enough to investigate both sides of political questions. In short, every literary attraction found in the village home should be found in the farm home, minus the tawdy fiction often found in village homes. It is often profitable for two or three farmers to club together, each one taking one or two first class magazines, and exchanging among their families as seems desirable. In the present era of cheap literature there is no excuse for scarcity of reading matter in the farm home.

In these days of cheap farm implements no farm home is complete without one. They add greatly to the pleasantness of farm life.

Organized "socials," church and societies, tend to keep the young folk in clear social lines. Above all, don't allow yourself to lose interest in the young folk of the neighborhood. Invite them to your home, and make it pleasant for them when they come. Let them know you enjoy their pleasures. It will lighten their lives as well as add to your pleasure. There is no question that comes to us in later life more vivid and attractive than the remembrance of the home of some humble couple whose house was the gathering place of the young folks and scene of the neighborhood. Your own children will be proud of their home and it will go far to give it that attraction that shall keep the boy on the farm, and if he stays there, he will see to it that one good girl stays with him.

The most powerful attraction to the boy for farm life is the matter of pride. Let him feel that his father's farm is one of better cattle, handsomer horses, finer hogs and better crops than are to be found on the farms of the neighbors, and he would be less the human if he was not interested in them. The live farmer of the twentieth century will raise only blooded stock. There are two reasons for this. First, it is more profitable; second, there is a pleasure in it not to be found in the rearing of scrub stock. As prepotency of blooded stock they are attainable by any enterprising farmer, and those bred for many generations for the development of some particular feature or trait are more desirable for the man that desires to turn that trait to gain than those bred with no special purpose in view. The farmer that lives with a purpose and has no expectation of his boy ever being able to rear boys like himself, "Like produces like."

By the time a boy has reached the age of eighteen or nineteen years he is long before that time he will, if he have within him the material of which men are made, have made a selection of his life work. If after being passed his early life amid the attractive and pleasant surroundings of farm life he has a strong preference for some other vocation, mechanical or professional, he will be likely to bend every effort to its attainment. All the farm born and farm bred boys are not going to stay on the farm. Some of them are needed for other fields of work, and when they have a strong natural inclination for that other field of labor and more actively they begin their preparation for it the better. If some decide for a farm life, the preparation for it should be thorough and careful. The day has passed for the energetic boy to be satisfied with indifferent preparation for any business, whether professional or pastoral. He must be educated in any line to meet the competition of the age in which he is to live and work. The higher his education and the more thorough his preparation for his work, the more interest he will take in it, and the greater the consequent success.

There has never been a time in the history of the present generation when the prospects of the farmer were brighter. Steam and electricity are year by year bringing him in more direct contact with the commercial world and its markets. Its can buy cheaper and sell higher than at any time for years. Free agricultural schools are to-day within the reach of every farmer's son, and it costs less for a proper fitting for agricultural life than is required in any other profession (for farming is a profession). There should be a free and full feeling and sympathy between father and son in the plans for work and the future. The son should be consulted and advised with as if he were a partner in the business. By precept and example he should be taught to respect his mother and sisters and pay them the little attentions to which they are entitled. It takes something more than external surroundings to constitute "Home." Whatever they may be, they are the mere adventitious, necessary, if a true, but, after all, home is what its inmates make it. Mutual interest, mutual confidence, and mutual love, these three, and the greatest of them is love, for where it exists the others will be found. Where it does not exist, in nine cases out of ten the fault will be found at the parents' door and due to their example.—New York Tribune.

Newspaper Man Writes With His Teeth.

Lewis Schnelke, Jr., is probably the only newspaper man who writes with his teeth. He is the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican's correspondent at Bunker Hill.

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