

IOWA TOWN WAS RUINED BY MAIL ORDER HOUSES FARMER'S TALE OF WOE

German Farmer Found Himself
and Neighbors In Middle
of a Bad Fix

STORES WERE FORCED TO CLOSE

Farm That Was Worth \$195.
Per Acre Nine Years Ago
Now Worth But \$167

Hans Garbus, a German farmer of Iowa, has discovered that the benefits which appear on the surface as attaching to the mail order plan sometimes spell disaster and has written a very interesting story of his views in a certain farm paper.

The little sermon is being circulated among farmers by retail merchants in various sections of the country. Here is a part of his story:

"We farmers need awakening to the fact that we have unmistakably reached the period where we must think and plan. I am one of the slow German farmers that had to be shown, and I am now giving my experience that others may profit, for knowledge is more expensive now than ten years ago.

"Twenty-nine years ago I began my farm career. I had an old team and \$50. Our furniture was mostly home-made—chairs, cupboards and lounge made from dry goods boxes, neatly covered with 10-cent cretonne by my girl-wife. We rented eighty acres. Being a boy of good habits I got all needed machinery and groceries of our home merchants on credit, until fall crops were sold. The first year was a wet season and I did not make enough to pay creditors. I went to each on date of promise and explained conditions, paying as much as possible, and they all carried the balance over another year. They continued to accommodate me until I was able to buy a forty-acre piece of my own.

"As soon as I owned these few acres the mail order houses began sending me catalogues, and gradually I began sending my loose change to them, letting my accounts stand in my home town, where I had gotten my accommodation when I needed it.

"We then had one of the thriftiest little villages in the state—good line of business in all the branches, merchants who were willing to help an honest fellow over a bad year and a town full of people who came twice a week to trade and visit. Our little country town supported a library, high school, ball team, and we had big celebrations every year.

"A farm near a live town soon doubles in value. I sold my forty acres at a big advance and bought eighty, gradually adding

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to them until I had 200 acres of the best land in Iowa. I then felt no need of asking favors, and found it easy to patronize the mail order agents that came almost weekly to our door. I regret to say that I was the first in the county to make up a neighborhood bill and send it to a mail order house. Though we got bit every once in a while, we got in the habit of sending away for stuff.

"Gradually our merchants lessened their stocks of goods—for lack of patronage. Finally we began to realize that when we needed a bolt quickly for machinery, or clothing for sickness or death, we had to wait and send away for it, which wasn't so

pleasant. One by one our merchants moved to places where they were appreciated, and men of less energy moved in. Gradually our town has gone down; our business houses are 'tacky' in appearance, a number are empty; our schools, churches and walks are going down, we have no band, no library nor ball team. There is no business done in the town, and therefore no taxes to keep things up. Hotel is closed for lack of travel Go down to the depot when the freight pulls in and you will see the sequel in mail order packages.

"Nine years ago my farm was worth \$195 an acre; to-day I'd have a hard matter to sell it at \$167 an acre. It is 'too far from a live town'—so every farmer has said that wants to buy. He wants a place near schools and churches, where his children can have advantage. I have awakened to the fact that in helping to pull the town down, it has cost me \$5,600 in nine years."

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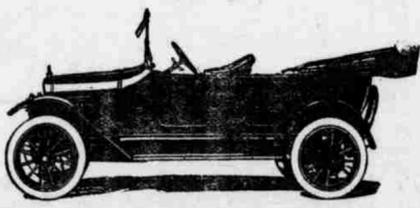
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DICK ATKINS DROPPED DEAD LAST SATURDAY

Hazel Citizen Is Survived By
Four Children.—Funeral
Services Held

Dick Atkins, of Hazel, dropped dead near his home Saturday at the age of about 73 years. He is survived by four children, two sons, Clint Atkins, of Puryear; Enloe Atkins, of Hazel; two daughters, Mrs. Nix, of Murray, and Miss Minnie Atkins, of Puryear. The body was interred at Liberty graveyard, after funeral services by Rev. D. T. Spaulding.

J. N. Barton Dead At Home Near Henry

Sunday at the family residence near Henry, J. N. Barton died of complicated troubles at the age of 75 years. He was a prominent citizen of that place and leaves a wife and three children, one son and two daughters, to mourn his death. The interment took place at the family burying ground after funeral services by Rev. F. P. Chandler.

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