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Modernizing the Farm-House.

By C. R. Barns, Minnesota University Farm.

A large portion of the dissatisfaction which stimulates the drift of population from the country to the cities has had its origin in the inferior comfort and convenience of the average farm-house as compared with the city dwelling. This inferiority has been, and still is, mainly shown in the matter of the water supply, heating, lighting, toilet facilities and the kitchen equipment.



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could not be better illustrated than by the fact that each of the street cars in the Twin Cities is independently heated by such a plant. The provision of "hot and cold running water," and of bathing facilities, is brought within reach in the country home by such a variety of appliances in the way of elevated and basement air-pressure tanks, "baby engines" and pumps, as will surprise any one who thinks that a farm-house must longer dispense with these. The matter of sewers and drainage, with the toilet facilities dependent thereon, is, in some instances, more difficult to handle; but an inspection of the work necessary to drain many a private home in St. Paul will satisfy the farmer that it costs not a few city dwellers more to connect with a sewer than it would to provide similar drainage for his country home.

A great many farmers are already awake to the fact that not the slightest reason now exists why their homes should not be equipped with all the appliances for comfort to be found in the city home. An illustration is given, herewith, of a home recently built by such a farmer, Mr. J. J. Sprenger, at Zumbro Falls, Minn.

Workers Remembered.
The ladies of the Synod church presented Rev. J. N. Anderson with \$25.00 as a Christmas gift and the children of the Vikor Sunday school also remembered their pastor with a gift. Miss Jonetta Thorpe, the organist at Vikor church was given a purse of 20.00 as a slight token of appreciation of her faithful work.

Miss Phyllis Coles was here from Benson last Friday and Saturday with one of the most artistic displays of hand painted china ever brought to Willmar. The beautiful collection was exhibited at the Merchants Hotel parlors and attracted many of the lovers of the dainty and beautiful, who were delighted with the opportunity of procuring articles so acceptable as Christmas gifts. Miss Coles' coming next season will be looked for with pleasure.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS.
I have sold my place at Spicer to Charles Olson and will quit the blacksmith business, and wish hereby to thank all my customers for the liberal patronage they have shown me, also hoping they will continue the same patronage with Mr. Olson. Respectfully
William Nelson.

The Christmas entertainment at the Orphan's Home was a happy affair. Beside a pleasing program there was a beautifully decorated tree laden with a multitude of well chosen gifts. Several from Willmar were present.

Louis W. Hill, president of the G. N. railroad has presented the Willmar Public Library two volumes of "Highways of Progress" by James J. Hill. "Baron is Shakespear" has also been presented by the author, Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence, Bart.

Miss Elsie Roberts expects to leave on Friday for Minneapolis where she has accepted a position in the schools. Miss Roberts' many home friends regret her departure exceedingly.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palm were hosts at a pleasant gathering at their home Sunday evening, entertaining their guests with an elegant dinner and Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Rasmussen had a small group of friends for their guests at their home Christmas night and entertained them very pleasantly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hornbeck had for their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Guy Porter and little daughter, Helen Louise, of St. Paul.

Licensed to Wed.
Dec. 20—Earl L. Udell to M. Alice Johnson.
Dec. 21—Vilhelm M. Steen to Lina Olson.
Oscar E. Erickson to Ellen Mary Peterson.
J. Wallace Estes to Leola M. Cale.
Selmer K. Field to Tina G. Hough.
Dec. 27—Swan Erickson to Adelia Bernadina Mattson.

H. T. Olson on his recent trip to St. Cloud purchased a car load of finished granite to be used in the orders he has taken for spring delivery.



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Seed Corn; Its Selection and Care.

By Otto Uhlhorn, St. James, Minn.

It has been truly said that the education of the child begins with its grandparents. So, too, with the development of seed-corn. Let us prepare to raise a bumper crop of corn, in 1912, by this fall setting aside, in some isolated portion of our farm, half an acre as a seed-plot. It should be distant from any other fields devoted to corn, that pollenization from such fields may be avoided. It should be plowed in the fall, and thoroughly disced in the spring, to make a fine seed-bed.

Seed corn, for planting in the spring of 1911, must have been picked before killing frosts in 1910, and stored where it would be thoroughly dried, and stored dry, and where the temperature would not get below freezing, if one expects to have vigorous seed.

Ear to Row Test.
Having selected, from the 1910 crop, thirty of the best ears, and tested them for germination, plant the seed from each ear in a row by itself. Label each row by driving a small stake at the end, on which has been written the number of the row. Make all the rows of the same length, and plant the same number of kernels in each hill. This is necessary in order that the results may be comparable.

Give this plot good cultivation, and, when the corn begins to tassel, go through it once a day for at least a week and pull out the tassels from all weak and barren stalks. This will prevent undesirable plants from shedding their pollen upon the silks of other plants, and reproducing themselves.

Harvesting.
When the corn is ripe, each row should be cut and shocked separately, and tied firmly, to prevent the shocks from blowing down. When well field-cured, husk each shock separately and weigh the product. The greater yield of one ear over another will be surprising. Our breeding-plot yielded 65 bushels per acre in 1909, and the yield from a single ear varied from 5 1/2 bushels to 7 1/2 bushels per acre. Valued at 60 cents per bushel, the yield of one year, expressed in dollars and cents is \$39.75 per acre for the lowest and \$35.20 for the highest yielding ear. A difference of \$5.50 in favor of the best. This all lay in the seed; as the land was equally fertile

Types of Corn for Minnesota Conditions.

By Andrew Boss, Professor of Agriculture, Minnesota Experiment Station.

Corn, more than any other of our farm crops, is localized as to variety and type. There are only a few varieties, commercially known, that are adapted to growth in Minnesota. With a season of ninety days in the extreme northern portion of the state and 115 days in the southern portion, it is not possible to grow the large-eared varieties of the states farther south; nor is it necessary that they be grown to secure profitable yields. Quite as large average yields can be obtained by growing some of the medium-sized Dent varieties, that are practically sure to mature every year.

In Northern Minnesota, the smaller Dent varieties only will succeed, such as Minnesota No. 23, White-Cap Yellow Dent, Pride of the North Yellow Dent, and a few varieties that have not become commercially important. The above named varieties in dent ears that will average seven to seven and one-half inches in length, but yield forty to fifty-five bushels per acre where grown under favorable conditions.

In Central Minnesota, Dent varieties of a somewhat larger type are grown. These include North-eastern Dent

ANNUAL FINANCIAL LIBRARY REPORT

A special meeting of the Library Board was held at library building Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. Eight members were present. The routine work was attended to; the committee in charge of the matter reported that the Council had granted the Library \$500.00 additional appropriation for a new roof. This gives the Library the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose. The Librarian gave her report for Oct. Nov. and December; the annual report will be given later.

The Secretary's financial report for the year was presented and approved.

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements, listing various financial items and their amounts.

BREVITIES

Robert Weiss spent Christmas at his home in Litchfield.
Mrs. M. Downs is spending a few days with her sons at Spicer.
P. L. Sorenson was the Christmas guest of friends at Rosendale.
N. W. Nelson was here from Hancock Sunday and Monday.
Miss Alma Halvorson went to her home at Norway Lake for the holidays.

Dr. Henry Lang visited with his brother in Minneapolis at Christmas time.
Miss Mamie Peterson will go to Paynesville on Thursday to visit friends.
Miss Esther Sorenson returned on Tuesday from her Christmas visit at Milaca.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kent went to St. Paul on Sunday to spend a few days.
Miss Betsey Boe is home from Minneapolis to remain until after New Years.

Will Markhus of Minneapolis spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. I. Markhus.
Mrs. W. K. Strawn went to Minneapolis Friday to remain until after Christmas.

Miss Karen Hanson is in Hutchinson this week the guest of relatives and friends.
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bailey left for Minneapolis on Monday to remain a few days.

Miss Eunice Spicer will be hostess at an informal dancing party at her home this evening.
Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hedlund were here from Kerkhoven and spent Monday with relatives.

J. H. Wiggins returned from Browns Valley to enjoy Christmas at his home in this city.
Mr. and Mrs. John Englund gave a five o'clock dinner of twenty-four covers Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Olson spent Christmas at the home of their son Fred Olson at Raymond.
Miss Borghild Sand entertained the "Silent Ones" very delightfully at her home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Kandiyohi visited at the August Johnson home over Christmas.
G. H. Stephens came from Minneapolis and spent Sunday and Monday with his family in this city.

Miss Dena Ostenson, who has been ill at the Orphan's Home for sometime continues about the same.
Commencing with Monday, the 2nd of January, the East bound fast mail train will take mail at Willmar.

Philip Gates returned to Minneapolis Tuesday morning after a holiday visit with Rev. and Mrs. H. Gates.
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sharpe arrived from St. Paul Sunday evening for a visit at the John Williams home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Altman and son Harold of Minneapolis spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sandberg.
Miss Emma Paulson returned to Willmar Tuesday from Cottonwood where she had been for the Christmas holiday.

Mrs. L. W. Porter had for her Christmas guests Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Porter and Dr. Lester Porter of Atwater.
The new Industrial Building is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in the early part of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Solon Benton and little Beulah Benton went to Hawick for a Christmas visit with Mr. Benton's parents.
Mrs. G. Forsberg and children of Litchfield are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sorenson and other Willmar relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Nelson and family arrived from Hancock Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Olson.
Hon. A. E. Rice is the proud possessor of a genuine blackthorn shillalah sent him from New York City as a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whittaker were entertained at the home of Senator and Mrs. John Wright at Litchfield over Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nelson are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Wallin and daughter of Hughtenden, Can., who will visit in Willmar and vicinity for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludvig Danielson, of Aberdeen, S. D., and George Danielson of Morris, arrived on Tuesday and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Danielson.
Rev. M. B. Michaelson officiated at the Christening of the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Kirkvold Friday afternoon. In honor of the happy event Mr. and Mrs. Kirkvold entertained a few friends.

The Holstein-Friesian breeders association of the state will meet in annual convention in connection with the State Dairyman's meeting at Litchfield Jan. 17, 18, 19 and 20.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Carlson of Minneapolis have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson for a few days. They expect to return home today. Misses Esther and Emma Johnson are also spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

The Young People's society of the Lutheran Free church of Lake Lillian will hold their annual meeting at the church of that place Friday evening, Jan. 6, commencing at 7 o'clock. An oyster supper will be served consisting of the following:
Oysters Sandwiches Crackers Coffee Sandwiches Cake
A cordial welcome is extended to Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Feig, Miss Ella, John and Adeline Feig attended a Christmas gathering at the D. F. Seneschal home in Atwater on Monday at which the guests numbered forty.

A Good Resolution for the New Year.
WOULD BE to determine to deposit part of your earnings each week or month in our Savings Department earning liberal interest. The saving habit leads to a good many comforts and fewer troubles when the time comes that money is needed.
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Miscellaneous Want Column

For team work inquire of Mrs. Eda Day. 39f
FOR RENT—Five and six room flats; all modern. Apply at the J. H. Wiggins Company. 8f
FOR RENT—272 acre farm, one mile and a half north-east of Svea. For particulars see A. H. Brown. 41f
FOR RENT—Unfurnished rooms. Inquire of R. W. Stanford. Post office Building. 43f
FOR RENT—Three room house, furnished for housekeeping. Mrs. Eda Day, Benson Ave. and 3rd St. 43f

LOST—A pocket book, between Pacific and Benson Avenues on Fifth Street. Finder please leave at this office. 43f
LOST—On the streets of Willmar Wednesday afternoon, a fur lined kid mitten. Finder please leave at Tribune office. 46pd
ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished. Inquire of Mrs. Eda Day, Corner 3rd St. and Pacific Ave. 37f

WANTED—Girl for general housework in family of two. Good wages. Mrs. C. L. McLaughlin, 800 Lake Ave. 43f
LOST—Sunday, between the Presbyterian church and 300, 7th Street north, a pair of glasses. Finder leave at Tribune office for reward. 452p

Remember when you need window glass, room moulding, wall paper or paints you will always find complete stock at O. A. Jacobson's. 35f
WANTED—A good, competent girl for general housework. Apply at the Tribune office for further information. 46f

FOR SALE—About 30 thoroughbred Plymouth Rock roosters. Write to or call on Anton Bjorling, Ekdahl farm, Willmar, R. 2 442p
WANTED—Girl to work for her board and attend school. Some wages will be paid to good girl. Mrs. N. B. Carlson, 329 Becker Ave. W. 46f

A Phenomenon.
A handy word much misused is "phenomenon." The London Globe once heard a man explaining its meaning to a friend. He did it as follows: "Now, if you see a cow in a meadow," he said didactically, "that's not a phenomenon. It's a pretty animal and what not, but it ain't a phenomenon. And if you see a thistle in a meadow that ain't a phenomenon. Nor if you see a lark in the meadow that ain't a phenomenon. It's a pretty bird and what not, but it ain't a phenomenon. But if you was to see that cow sitting on that thistle and singing like that lark that would be a phenomenon." His friend said yes, he saw quite plainly now.

Appropriate Decoration.
"You remember the famous ice palace built for one of the Russian emperors?"
"Yes, what of it?"
"I wonder if the principal decoration of its rooms was not a frieze."—Baltimore American.

From the Name.
"I'm just back from Jamaica."
"Full of ginger, I suppose?"—New York Press.

Olaf Wallin, wife and daughter, Mildred, of Hughtenden, Alberta, arrived last Thursday for a month's visit with relatives and old friends in the county. The Wallins are former residents of Roseland and this is their first visit back since their removal seven years ago. They are well pleased with their Canadian home.

Mrs. E. D. Woodcock spent Christmas at Darwin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty.
Mrs. Jo Perie goes to Litchfield tomorrow to visit relatives for a few days.
Miss Jennie Bergquist has returned home after an extended stay at Minneapolis.

FOR SALE—Desiring to retire, I offer my dray and ice business for sale, both together or single. I will sell on good terms, and at the appraisal of impartial parties, and will ask no bonus. This is a good opportunity for one or two active young men to secure a paying business. If interested, call and see me.
F. L. Smith.
45f

Willmar Markets

Table listing market prices for various commodities such as wheat, corn, oats, barley, and other goods.

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