

What an Up-to-date Farmer Has to be Thankful For.

It was a message full of wisdom that was sent by a certain woman to a friend who was laid up temporarily: "Remember your mercies." It is a grand message for us all to keep in mind at all times. But it is particularly suitable for this Thanksgiving week. Remember your mercies; the many blessed privileges you enjoy. Drop all envy of others who you think have more to be thankful for than you have. Fully appreciate the many comforts and blessings that you are surrounded with. The writer never goes to the city without coming home profoundly thankful for the peaceful, quiet, healthful life that he can live on the farm. This is no taffy; he doesn't want any of your votes; it is the solemn truth. The rush and strain and high pressure of the city, and the usual lack of the most healthful surroundings, have no charm for him. It does for an occasional visit, business or a recreation, and to set off the farm-life by its dismal background. Take it in the grocery store where we trade in the city. Scores of clerks are on the rush every instant, working to the very utmost limit of their capacity usually, and often beyond, until they get so nervous and keyed up that they hardly know what they are doing. Floor walkers are on the watch every second, and if a customer does not come to a clerk he is transferred to a customer where help is needed. When there is any lull in trade, clerks are kept busy putting up orders that have accumulated, or packages of staple goods for the next rush. And then a record is kept of each one's sales and his chances for the future are governed accordingly. And all this, six days in a week, in air so impure that I dread to stay in the store even long enough to leave an order. This part of the situation is simply awful at times and must cause sickness and breakdowns and deaths far sooner than they come to those whose lives are spent on the farm. And the same conditions will be found almost universally throughout the business district of the city. Many thousands must work in stores, shops, offices, etc., where the sun never shines, and where no provision is made for systematic and thorough ventilation, and work amid noise and confusion and rush that must in time undermine the strongest nerves. Go where you will and these things are quite generally true. And men and women often become nervous wrecks when they ought to be in their prime. Then their services are no longer wanted. The young men and young women can stand the strain best, and it is usually their lives that are being sapped. Yes, and the boys and girls, too. Oh, how my heart does ache for them often. They do so need the freedom and healthfulness of country life to give them strong constitutions. I could name a fine hotel where time and again I have seen bright, fairly healthy looking little bell boys transformed in a few weeks

into pale, puny, sad looking lads. This from lack of sunshine, light and fresh air. When one has to give up there are a dozen more ready to take his place. Oh, you do not realize the terrible mill that is waiting to grind you up, my young friends, when you are so anxious to leave country life for work in the crowded city. Of course wealthy people can live all right in the city, but how many are there of them? And almost without exception they have their homes away from the worst rush of city life, where something of country surroundings can be had. This is one of the first uses made generally of abundant income. Many thousands pay out every dollar they earn and cannot have a home then where the sun can shine into more than two or three windows. They can scarcely have room in their dooryards to turn around, and air to breathe that is free from dust and smoke and soot is simply out of the question. And they must pay for water, often unfit to drink, and their taxes on \$100 are two or three times what we farmers have to pay. Of course they have some advantages over us, but these are growing less and less yearly. Thirty-three years ago we were almost out of the world on our farm. It is on a cross-road, at that time little traveled, and two and a half miles from town. Now we have telephone connection with most any part of the country right from our home. If a telegram comes it is telephoned over without extra cost. Every day but Sunday Uncle Sam's carrier brings and takes our mail. (I am thankful our Government keeps the Sabbath in this respect.) Electric cars pass within half a mile of our farm on their way to and from Akron and Cleveland. Only those with large incomes, in the city, can live in a better home, with better surroundings, that we have; we do not want any better. The sun can shine into every window. The air is as pure as nature gives us, free from dust and smoke and soot. All is quiet and natural. Every room in our home is now warmed in winter as perfectly as it can be done; I will not except a single palace on Euclid Avenue. We can make the bed rooms cool enough for comfort any summer night. We have a good bath room and a chance for a perfect grate fire. We know the water is pure and safe. Oh, what a change since the time we came here! How thankful we are for it all. You are not all as well situated, of course, but the greatest of these blessings you can all have, as fast as you are able, and others are coming. Be thankful for the great privileges that are within your grasp now and as fast as you can; reach out and take them. In due time others will come to you. The most enjoyable life is one of steady growth and advancement. Few people know much about real happiness who have every want supplied without any effort. Be thankful that these things have been so ordered; that you may usually be the happiest class of people in the world, and work to improve your condition from year to year, and thus enjoy life. Will you spend a few evenings after you read this, my dear friends, in thinking and talking over and perhaps making out a list of the many blessings you

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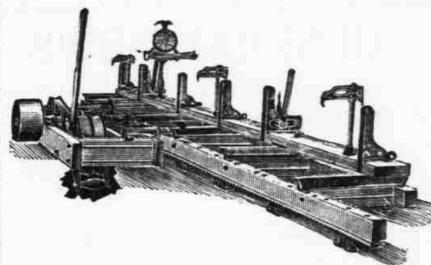
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enjoy now? Think how many are worse off than you, not with any spirit of superiority, but with thankfulness for mercies received. Try and value your own blessings at par, or as those would who do not have them. I hope what has been said above may help you some. Oh yes, and there is so much more. You are your own boss. No one can discharge you after your farm is once paid for. No one is watching to keep you at work to the utmost limit. You have quite a few days when you can be at home with loved ones, particularly in winter, and still lose no time. Your business is the safest in the world and as honorable as any. Come what may, let mills and factories close down and merchants wait in vain for customers, people must eat, and you can be sure of enough whether you have money or not. Your work goes right on. You may not get as good pay, but you are safe. And all the time your surroundings are, or, may be, the most healthful in the world.—T. B. Terry in Practical Farmer.



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