

# Farm and Garden

## BETTER FARMHOUSES.

### Department of Agriculture Makes a Plea For Economical Buildings.

The importance to the farmer of having an economical farmhouse has been emphasized by the farm architect of the department of agriculture, who states that the mental and physical fitness of the laborers both within the house and in the fields is vitally affected by the building that affords the family shelter. The average American farmhouse has failed to share in the improvements that are every day being made in agricultural conditions and, according to the architect, is a rebuke to our boasted civilization. Relatively, he says, the housewife of a century ago, with her fireplace cooking and log cabin, was better provided for than is the housewife today.

The most important building on a farm is the home. The health, comfort and happiness of the family are dependent upon its construction and equipment, and unless these matters are looked after the sanitary dairy



EXAMPLE OF AVERAGE FARMHOUSE.

barn and the economically constructed buildings for stock are of little value. Happiness and contentment in the family are as essential to efficient service as improved tools and outbuildings.

Although the housewife spends, in many cases, a lifetime in her "workshop," the kitchen and the family rooms, she is not, as a rule, capable of planning a house in the highest degree serviceable and comfortable without assistance. Her help, however, is essential to the farm architect, as the result of his plans most vitally concerns her.

In 1910 a western farm paper, at the suggestion of the department of agriculture, conducted a competition for farmhouse plans. About 600 plans of farmhouses were submitted, not one of which was fully satisfactory. The larger number insisted on some particular pet notion and emphasized a single feature to the neglect of other important ones. The men and women who familiarize themselves with the work to be done and then apply themselves to the single task of devising means are the ones who, with the co-operation of the farmers and their wives, can best handle the farmhouse problem.

One of the most important details regarding the average American farmhouse is that it must be inexpensive. The average annual net income of a farmer today after deducting 5 per cent interest on his investment is less than \$400. This does not mean that the houses may not be attractive. They may, if intelligently planned with the help of vines, shrubs and trees, become the prettiest spots in the landscape, and more beautiful and inexpensive than the crowded city houses.

After economy in the construction of the building and in the house work has been attained, attention will be given to developing beauty. Simplicity in line and good proportions are meant by the use of this word beauty, and not so called applied "ornaments." This simplicity is entirely in keeping with a general plan of economy.

Economy, however, is not a synonym for cheapness. Double strength glass may even be more economical in a tenant house than single strength, notwithstanding its greater first cost. A kitchen sink may be a paying investment, although it excludes a bay window, or a fireplace, which has been the pet notion of the housewife. Screened in kitchen porches, sleeping porches, double or triple windows and kitchen conveniences are fine economical features which even the smallest house plans may well consider.

## ORCHARD OCCASIONALS.

An orange range hedge is an ideal breeding place for San Jose scale. Pears are treated in much the same manner as apples.

Judicious pruning is one of the secrets in growing good grapes.

Pears are adapted to a clay soil, peaches to a sandy soil, while apples do best on a light loamy soil.

If you have a poor seedling pear or apple tree it may be entirely made over by top grafting.

The young trees should be banked with earth, which will keep water from settling about them.

Keep the orchard land in good tilth. The trees can be set as soon as the frost leaves the ground.

### A PIG.

I always like a pig. His appetite is big. But he isn't like a chicken with big feet. And he isn't like some men. Who are only happy when they have grabbed the choicest morsel in the other fellow's pen.

A pig's not overeat, And his food's not always sweet, And his highest aspiration is to eat.

It's the synonym for greed; But, unlike the human breed, he doesn't keep on piling up a lot he doesn't need.

Now, a hen will scratch around Over forty teagues of ground. And flocks. "Come and look at what I've found, found, found."

And she'll scratch around With his tail for empty fame. But a pig just fills his stomach, carping naught for praise or blame.

Making an imposing front Is the human's favorite stunt, While a pig dabbles pretense with a grunt, grunt, grunt.

No, his figure isn't trim, And he's not the best of the bunch.

And he's apt to be untidy—still, I

### ESSENTIALS FOR FARMING.

Columella, a Spanish-Roman traveler and writer of the first century A.D., said that for successful farming just three things were essential—knowledge, capital and love for the calling. As true today as it was when written, the fact that knowledge is essential is too often lost sight of. Men who have succeeded in other lines of work or in none enter agriculture and fail for the lack of it, then christen it "hard luck." Had Columella been inclined to be a maker of epigrams he would probably have added to his statement that knowledge, capital and love for the calling are essential, the no less true statement that lack of the first is apt to result in loss of the second and third.—Better Farming.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, April 7, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Caroline Hutton, of Egli, Oregon, No. 00773, for lots 15, Township 26 N., Range 24 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon, on the 5th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witness:

Alfred T. Parker, W. E. Reed,

Eggleston, C. R. McConnell, all of Burns, Oregon.

W. FARR, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, April 7, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that William F. Parker, of Egli, Oregon, No. 00773, for lots 15, Township 26 N., Range 24 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon, on the 5th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witness:

Mary L. Hill, Alfred Thomas, Andrew

Thomson, Perry Boyd, all of Burns, Oregon.

W. FARR, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, May 15, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Roy O'Brien, of Burns, Oregon, who, on March 25, 1911, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 00774, for Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Township 26 N., Range 24 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon, on the 15th day of June, 1914.

Claimant names as witness:

George Zimmerman, E. W. Park Tom-

lin, Frank Blackmer, all of Burns, Oregon.

W. FARR, Register.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, May 15, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Luther L. Hall, of Burns, Oregon, who, on December 16, 1911, made Homestead Entry, No. 00775, for Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Township 26 N., Range 24 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon, on the 15th day of June, 1914.

Claimant names as witness:

Ira Steiner, Michael J. Peterson, Harry

Eager, William H. Carpenter, all of Burns, Oregon.

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Claimant names as witness:

John E. Zimmerman, Fred J. Moulton, Ben L. Cain

et al., L. Hendrie, all of Riley, Oregon.

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