

THE FORUM

THE AMERICAN FARMER

By Rev. V. L. Eggleston.

The time is past when the farmer is referred to as a "Hayseed" or a "Rube" and he should be, and is to-day looked up to by intelligent and well informed people as being among our best and most reliable citizens.

The time was when he was the lone and lonely inhabitant of the back woods or the wide prairie; with nothing but a small clearing and a log cabin or sod house with its slowly curling smoke to mark his whereabouts; but now in the majority of cases we see him, in his comfortable farm home surrounded by immense barns and other buildings filled to overflowing with farm products while the surrounding hills and wide prairies are alive with live stock ready for the market.

Not only has our American farmer progressed beyond comparison in bodily comfort and financially but his social and intellectual conditions have more than kept pace with his other affairs.

Where he formerly hauled his farm products many miles to market, often over impassable roads, he now, in the majority of cases, draws them to some nearby station on a steam or electric railway, thus saving much valuable time and labor both by man and beast.

In many instances his family, instead of perching on the top of a load of grain or other produce to ride to town for the purpose of making necessary purchases, either uses the convenient telephone to order what they wish or in the family automobile, over good roads makes a trip to town and return in a short time which in the old times took a whole day. Many other improvements such as the Rural Mail delivery, the gasoline engine, the buggy plow and all kinds of improved farm machinery render the American farmer's condition so far superior to what it was a few years ago and gives him the time and opportunity to improve himself both socially and mentally, that in many cases he is the peer if not the superior of his city brother.

Another tremendous gain in the farmer's affairs is the steady advance which is constantly going on in his real estate holdings. Farms which a few years ago were bought for a song now bring prices of which their owner never dreamed in former days.

Every building, every fence, every drainage ditch, every string of tile put on his farm has been as so many dollars deposited in the best and safest bank in the world—a farm—on which he is constantly drawing for his support and which is still increasing in value.

While we do not claim that the above mentioned conditions exist in all farm locations in our country, we have personal knowledge of their existence in a great many instances and the tendency all over our land is toward improvement in every way, so that the farmer will not only have the bare necessities of life, but also many of its luxuries. This is evidenced in a very forcible manner by the tremendous sale of automobiles to farmers where in many or a majority of cases they formerly ridiculed and opposed them.

Is it any wonder, considering above well known facts, that so many of our tired, over-worked city residents are seeking the free air and broad acres of the country?

Is it any wonder that they begin to realize that their country cousin with his perfect brain and brawn derived from outdoor life in pure air, with plenty of hard work, plenty of sleep, and a bill of fare containing fresh vegetables, eggs, butter, fruit, etc., with his daily mail delivery, his telephone, automobile and so many

other modern improvements—is it any wonder, we ask, if they begin to realize that they may be outstripped by him in politics, finance and even art? In conclusion let us say to the country boy "Stick to the Farm."

Your surroundings are constantly improving—you can be taught law, commerce, in fact almost any business or profession by mail and unless you are positively sure you are much better fitted for some other pursuit in life "Stick to the Farm."

If you are already located there and understand the work and care demanded of a successful farmer you have a foothold which it will take years of hard labor to establish in any other line of business, and farming is a business which is represented and looked up to to-day, as much as any other business or profession, in fact, as we stated in the beginning, the farmer is classed among our best citizens—the backbone of our country.

Suffrage Department

CONDUCTED BY Mrs. Anna Cadogan Etz Upstate Woman Suffrage Press

Plymouth, California, has a woman coroner said to be the only one on record. She is reported as pursuing her avocation with zest and intelligence but as not advising other women to follow her footsteps in so gloomy a career.

Three months have fled of the year 1917 and in that short time three states, North Dakota, Ohio, and Indiana have granted Presidential suffrage to women; Arkansas has given primary suffrage; Vermont has given municipal suffrage; New York, Maine, South Dakota and Oklahoma have voted for suffrage referendums. It is small wonder that cheerfulness abounds with industry in the suffrage world.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court in favor of the workman's compensation laws of Iowa, New York and Washington calls attention to the fact that the most effective law is in equal suffrage Washington, which state led the way in granting efficient protection to the man injured in industry.

The Bath Advocate calls attention to the fact that the husband inherits all the personal property of an interstate wife dying without descendants; that under similar circumstances the wife would inherit but part of her husband's personal property. As less than half the people who die leave a will, the conclusion is drawn that New York laws of inheritance are most unjust to women.

The untiring efforts of the Consumer's League in safeguarding women and children in industry secured in Albany a recent negative and positive gain. The negative lay in the withdrawal of the Johnson bill suspending the labor law when women worked in the manufacturing of military supplies, and the positive gain lay in the introduction by Assemblyman Perling of an amendment to the labor law, which would prohibit the manufacture of toilet articles, artificial flowers, feather and hat ornaments in the tenements where now only clothing for dolls and children is prohibited.

"The women workers of this country have always been an isolated exploited group," writes Mrs. Raymond Robins, in an appeal for the Women's Trade Union League, and she quotes a United States Health Service Bulletin to the effect that one-fifth of our women workers earn less than \$4.00 a week, one-half of them less than \$6.00 a week, and two-thirds earn less than \$8.00 and that these wages represent barely forty weeks of employment. The watchword in Mrs. Robins' Organization is "Mrs. Robins' tolerable conditions, but she never

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ARRANGERS

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Denmark is known as "a little land full of happy people"—it is also the country where agricultural co-operation has reached its highest development.

The older folks belong to lodges, clubs, societies, and unions but often fail to help the youngsters in club work. Fairness demands that they encourage the boys and girls on their home and club projects.

With the high price of potato seed big yields are the only guarantee of profits. This means a good seed bed; good seed; spraying and cultivating. New York's average of 88 bushels can be doubled by the careful farmer.

Take time to read up on the latest knowledge about crops and animals before the spring rush catches you. The State College of Agriculture at Ithaca, will supply you with bulletins and so will the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington. Ask your farm bureau manager about reading matter.

CANNOT AFFORD TO FEED POOR COWS

With prices of feed at the present levels the dairyman can not afford to feed poor cows and the man who has purebreds in his barns this year is the only one who gets good returns from his feed, says the state college of agriculture, which advises that in planning the new farm year it will pay to plant plenty of silage crops against next winter's probable high feed prices.

Basing its estimates on mixed carlots of feed, any station taking the Rochester freight rate, the college suggests the following dairy ration for April: 700 pound distillers, dried grains, 600 pounds hominy, 200 pounds cottonseed meal, 300 pounds gluten feed, and 200 pounds wheat bran or malt sprouts. This ration should cost about \$45 a ton.

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"But, Tomasso, your father has a right to whip you when you are bad," some one of the family said.

Tomasso's eyes flashed. "I am a citizen of the United States," he declared. "Do you think I am going to let any foreigner lick me?"

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