

HAY MAKING SUGGESTIONS

Mr. French Gives Some Pointers That Will Help Us to Get the Hay in at Less Cost and in Better Condition.

The hay crop of our territory is, year by year, assuming a stronger place in the minds of the people, and this, in my judgment, is well. But this crop on very many farms, both North and South, is costing altogether too much to harvest, cases being known where a cost of \$5.00 per ton was required to place the hay in the barn or stack. And on the other hand, many more will testify to having harvested this crop, in a large way, at as low as 80 cents per ton.

Anyone will admit that if hay can be harvested under right conditions at 80 cents per ton, \$5.00 per ton means too heavy a tax to pay for obsolete methods or inferior judgment in handling the crop and, too, this amount per ton is more than hay is worth in some sections of the United States, and in many sections a \$5.00 harvesting charge would eat up half the selling value of the crop.

And even in the sections of our own territory where hay sells regularly at \$20 per ton, one-fourth of its value seems too much to give up for the harvesting costs. The main difference in harvesting costs, I have found by quite careful observation to be based on judgment and machinery.

When a boy I heard a big

practical farmer say that hay couldn't be cured until it was down, meaning that in order to cure crops of hay economically enough it must be cut at a time to keep men and teams busy while good weather lasted. And this is where the good judgment comes in. The boss must know what his crowd can handle, when directed to the best advantage by a man who knows, when using the most economical tools possible under his conditions, when these tools are in the best working condition. Then, too, the weather reports should be studied constantly, and if possible have the bulk of the cutting done when the weather is clearing after each storm, so that the entire period between storms may be utilized in curing and hauling.

I know of no piece of work on the farm in which judgment counts for more than in haying and, too, it is the sort of judgment that must be acquired by constant study, for it is not the kind that may be learned from books. Take it from me, though, that it is the kind one must have if he would harvest large crops of hay at the minimum of cost in labor.

Where a large acreage is to be handled the cutting may well start, in my opinion, by the time the bulk of the plants are in full bloom. The hay will not be quite as heavy as that cut just after the blooms have fallen or even a few days after that time, but if well cured will be of superb quality and the chances are that, even with the early start, much of the crop, will stand too long

and the hay become less palatable and nutritious because of growing woody.

Let every machine that has to be put in commission during haying be thoroughly overhauled and extra blades, guard plates, rivets, etc., be on hand in abundance. And don't try to scrimp on forks. I have seen a man lose one-third of the day during the height of the season, going to town for a fork to replace a broken one, when the fork could have been purchased at the same price two weeks before and had been waiting in the shop.—A. L. FRENCH, in *The Progressive Farmer*.

Have a Farm Clean-up Day.

All over the South during the month of May many cities and towns are having clean-up days, when all litter and trash are disposed of and the premises, front and back, are made presentable. The idea is a good one, and we see no reason why its application should be confined to the towns. We've seen several farms that wouldn't suffer at all from being "tidied" up a little.

As a matter of fact, we can see no reason why man should persist in making ugly what God has made beautiful. Trees and green grass are lovely; add to them a sprawling woodpile, a broken-down wagon, a harrow that ought to be in an implement shed, a few rails, some tin cans, plus a collection of miscellaneous odds and ends, and the front lawn ceases to be slightly, and becomes merely "a sight."

These things are easily remedied, and there is no better time than right now to tackle the job.

We insist that the view from the front, at least, to the roadway, is for mother and the girls.

—theirs to make pretty, rather than to be the farm dumping-ground for everything that is useless and unsightly. Put the woodpile in the rear, near the kitchen, where it belongs; fix that broken-down wagon or sell it for junk; clean up the trash and burn what can't be put to some better use. Get it away from the front, at any rate, and then plant grass and flowers.

The change wrought will be wonderful, and will afford new pride in an old farm. Moreover, let's not forget the splendid object lesson that neatness affords for the farm boy and girl. Our observation has been that slovenliness in one thing usually means slovenliness in another. The man whose lawn is littered with all sorts of junk usually has a poorly kept farm, and his mental processes and ideas are often little less scattered and disjointed. Neatness and a place for everything are examples that every child should have before it, and a well kept farm is one of the best ways of furnishing such examples.—*The Progressive Farmer*.

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Another Two-Sided Difficulty.

We have in North Carolina 22,000,000 idle acres that need to be developed by home-owning farmers. On the other hand, in 1910 our tenants and renters with their families in the town and country regions made a landless, homeless population of 1,158,000 souls. How can we get these people settled down upon land of their own? How can these idle acres get into cultivation by home-owning farmers? How can landlords and landless people come into agreement?

These people need the land and this land needs the people. What are the difficulties in the way of bringing together the two ends of this problem?

As a matter of fact, are landlords holding land out of use for speculation rises in value? Are they agreedly aware of the fact that farm land in North Carolina increased in value \$201,000,000 during the last census period? Or that the increase in land values in the South Atlantic states last year was 19 per cent? Do they hold desirable farm land at prices beyond the reach of industrious, thrifty tenants? In many instances, Yes. In many other instances, No.

For instance, we found a landlord in Richmond county the other day who really wants to sell off 5000 acres of good farm land at a reasonable price, on comfortable terms of payment. He is not bothering himself to sell it, and nobody is bothering him to buy it. Such is the situation in a county in which two-fifths of the white farmers are tenants!—*University News Letter*.

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