

raising corn on new land plowed this year, and the Slater family of Washington have as much more, beside these.

Probably the surest indication that it is a sound business proposition is the purchase and development of 25,000 acres by Frederick T. Gates. Mr. Gates, who presides over the dispensation of fabulous sums of money for the improvement of agricultural methods in this country, as chairman of the General Education Board, determined to make his son Frank into a farmer. He made a careful and deliberate investigation of all the possibilities in Virginia and the Carolinas and the advice of every authority there upon bucolic matters, and in the end bought 25,000 acres near Pinehurst. This year he has cleared a thousand of these, and has the makings of a perfect plantation, one of the few thoroughly diversified farms in the South. ¶ Several other prominent New York bankers have followed his example. Edgar L. Marston of Blair & Co., and S. B. Chapin both have large holdings in the vicinity. Both were acquired for agricultural purposes.

Following the example and success of these gentlemen, Walter H. Page, the present ambassador to Great Britain and the editor of *Country Life in America*, last year selected a tract immediately adjoining Pinehurst for his country place, his purpose being there to demonstrate and live the bucolic life in the manner found most satisfactory in all details by Mr. Roosevelt's Country Life Commission, of which he was a member. ¶ The result of these efforts is bearing fruit. Dairy cattle from their farms took the first prize at the State Fair. They sold the highest priced car of peaches sold in the East for the last two years. They have organized a Farmers' Cooperative Association which employs a competent secretary to assist every resident in the best possible method of farming, in the study of profits in agriculture. They hold meetings that are a pleasure as well as instructive, and in which the leading men in the country on their subjects plan with them. ¶ They raise hogs, chickens and turkeys; grow corn, peas, tobacco, peanuts, potatoes, yams, onions, melons, grapes, peaches; run dairies, feed cattle and beautify the landscape.

This steady growth has not begun to take up the land in the section. There still remain many acres which can be had at from \$12.00 to \$25.00 an acre. There is no boom in land. Every effort is being made to give the wild land a chance. It is the desire of everyone to obtain good neighbors and to open the country, and for that purpose to obtain cheap unused land for newcomers at the lowest possible figure. The Sandhill Farmers' Association, represented by its secretary, Mr. L. M. Smith, and the County Board of Trade, represented by the Page Brothers, sons of Ambassador Page, have opened an office in Pinehurst. It is their business and desire to show anybody in the world all over this section—everything set forth here and a great deal more—to sell them land or help them to buy for themselves. It is their business to help the community and to do all in their power to encourage others to make their homes here. Write to them or, what is better, call on your way back from the golf course. You will find, at least, an interesting story of modern pioneering.

CHAMPION OUIMET'S PLANS

Open Golf Title Holder to Sail with Lockwood on April 14

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Francis Ouimet, the American open golf champion, arranged today to sail on April 14 for England, where he will play in the amateur and open championships this spring. He will be accompanied by Arthur G. Lockwood, formerly of Weston Super Mere, England, who has been in this country twelve years and is ranked among the leading amateurs here.

Upon reaching Liverpool, Ouimet and Lockwood will visit the near-by links of Hoylake, and then journey leisurely to the south of England, arriving early in May at Sandwich, where the amateur championship will be played. Their stay there for the first time will be brief. When they return a week before the championship tournament, which begins on May 18, they expect to be joined by J. D. Travis of Upper Montclair, the American Amateur champion; Frederick Herreshoff of New York, and Heinrich Schmidt of Worcester.

The open championship will be held at Prestwick, Scotland, beginning June 11. After the play there the American golfers will visit France. Ouimet expects to return in time to defend his title in this country.—*New York Times*.

N. B.—Ouimet plans to reach Pinehurst March 20 for practice preliminary to the trip and participation in the United Championship.—ED.

Songs by Mr. Sherman

Mr. C. E. Sherman of New York delighted the entire household at The Holly Inn on Sunday evening with vocal selections; his score including: "The Rosary," "I Love You Truly," and "Forgotten."



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