

Why Boys Leave the Farm.

An official connected with an eastern agricultural college has made a summary of the reasons given by 155 sons of farmers for abandoning the pursuit of their fathers. Sixty-two of this number said that farming does not pay. A strong argument can be made on the idea that it pays better than other forms of business. The secretary of agriculture has stated that the products of the soil in this country in 1905 reached a value of \$6,000,000,000, which is a good deal of wealth to divide up as a reward in one industry. Seventeen of the young men said the hours of labor on the farm are too long. No doubt they meant at certain seasons, but this is a detail open to adjustment. Twenty-six thought social advantages on the farm are not equal to those in cities, which is also a matter of opinion. Sixteen said they had a natural bent for something else, which is a point that deserves consideration always. Others objected to farm monotony, and fifteen said they would return to farming as soon as they made a pile of money at something else. Many of these young men are the victims of illusion, and unfortunately, of a kind seldom cured except by experience. Probably they are not aware that 90 per cent. of those who branch out into general business fail to accumulate any considerable wealth, while the positive wreckage in means, health and comfort is large. A farm never monotonous to a good farmer. It is rather a book of fresh interest each succeeding day. A surplus at the end of a year is and should be more probable on the farm, in the city a surplus is the exception and the style of family living, on the whole is in favor of the country. But statistics show that plenty of boys remain on the farms. The farming population of the United States in 1900 was four times as large as in 1850, and the value of their property increased five-fold, or from \$4,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

(John Ruskin.)

The Kingdom of Heaven is within you. If you do not wish for His kingdom, don't pray for it. But if you do you must do more than pray for it; you must work for it. And to work for it, you must know what it is; we have all prayed for it many a day without thinking. Observe, it is a kingdom that is to come to us; we are not to go to it. Also, it is not to come outside of us; but in the hearts of us. "The Kingdom of God is within you." And, being within us, it is not a thing to be seen, but to be felt; and though it brings all substance of good with it, it does not consist in that. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost"—joy, that is to say in the holy, healthful, and helpful spirit.

"Should you ever encounter a rattlesnake and he shows fight just begin to whistle softly and the reptile will uncoil and lay with his eyes closed and body quivering," said John T. Shelton, of Petersburg, Tenn., at the Tulane. "On more than one occasion I have run across rattlesnakes and have always taken the fight out of them by whistling. The snake seems to become absolutely helpless when he hears a soft whistle and will make no attempt to spring upon you. This whistle appears to soothe his anger and robs him of fighting power. I saved my life on one occasion in this manner. Try it and you'll find that I am telling the truth." Nashville Tennessean.

A politician is the man who pulls the wires that create what the world calls statesmen.

Coyote and Man in a Duel.

A remarkable story reaches Boise from Burley of a fight between a man and a coyote at the bottom of a forty foot mining shaft. The man was Nephil Birch. He had occasion to visit his claim in the mountains south of Burley. His mission took him down the shaft on the ladder. This did not reach quite to the bottom, so he dropped from the end, two or three feet.

He was immediately made aware that the narrow space was occupied. A wild animal sprang at the ladder as though to climb out. Failing in that, it turned on Birch and jumped on him, knocking him down.

It sprang at his throat, but missed, and in a second spring grabbed the collar of his coat, to which it hung. A fierce battle ensued for a long time, Birch using his fist to beat the beast off, his hands being badly injured.

Finally he found an old drill and with this beat the beast off and then killed it. Lighting a candle, he found it to be a coyote.—Boise Dispatch to the New York American.

Money sent to mail order houses is taken entirely out of the circulation of the communities from which it is sent. There are people who insist upon dealing with foreign houses even when they can get the same commodities at as low a price at home. This is a very bad policy for all concerned, and is as harmful to the people who practice it as to others. It is good policy and good business to pay a little more for articles at home rather than buy them abroad.—Ex.

The Goldsboro Record is authority for the statement that there are more young men in the penitentiary learning trades than there are young men out of the penitentiary learning trades. We haven't the statistics at hand to verify the statement, but if it is true the trades must soon suffer from the consequences. The trades offer a better and surer means of a living than the professions, and it is to be regretted that more boys do not turn their attention in that direction.—Tar Heel.

The Court—Have you anything to say before I pronounce sentence upon you?—The Prisoner—Yes, Your Honor—I'd like to apologize for my lawyer. He attended me as well as anybody could be expected to do for a \$2 fee.—Chicago Tribune.

Friend—But suppose your party were to throw you overboard, dear boy? Promising Young Politician (full of confidence)—Well, I should have strength to swim to the other side, old chap.—New Orleans Picayune.

"Did I understand you to say that my appearance had improved?" No; I said you looked more like yourself.—Laf.

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Mother-in-Law.

"Mother-in-law," said Richard Thompson, of Knoxville, at the Utopia, have long been the target for all sorts of jokes. I heard one the other day about a mother-in-law that pleased me mightily. However, I have no mother-in-law. If I had one this interview would never be told for publication.

"Not far from Chattanooga, near the Georgia state line, lived a fellow with his wife and three children. His mother-in-law must have been rather a burdensome somebody or the joke would have never occurred.

"One day this fellow's mother-in-law was taken quite sick. When the physician arrived he told the son-in-law that his mother-in-law should be taken at once to a warmer climate, as she was suffering from a peculiar throat trouble. Leaving the room instantly the son-in-law went out into the back yard and secured an axe from off the wood pile. Entering the room where the doctor stood by his mother-in-law's bed he said: "Here doctor, you hit the first lick."

"He thought after being knocked in the head with the axe she would certainly depart for a warmer region."—Nashville Tennessean.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County. Superior Court. Fall Term, 1907, Sallie Baird plaintiff, vs. Walter Baird, defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action has been commenced against him as above entitled, for absolute divorce from the bands of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant. It is there fore ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, commencing the defendant to appear at the next term of this Court to be held in Boone, N. C. on the 9th day of September 1907, and plead answer or demur to the complaint which will be filed in this office 30 days before said Term, or the relief prayed for in said complaint will be granted. This July 23rd 1907, THOS. BINGHAM, C. S. C.

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By virtue of a power in me vested by the terms of a deed of trust executed by G. F. Bingham and wife M. A. Bingham on the 27th day of July 1906, and which appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga county, North Carolina, Book L, page 126, I will, on the 9th day of September, 1907, at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the court house door in Boone, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate to wit: A certain tract of land lying in Watauga county, Cove Creek township, adjoining the lands of Harve Proffitt and others, and containing 17 acres, more or less. Also a one half interest in one other tract of land in said township known as the Jas. McGuire mill property on Cove Creek, adjoining the lands of Mrs. J. Oliver, James Isaacs, Philip Younce and others, together with the mill and all machinery on said tract, except one smelter in said mill house. This sale being to satisfy as far as it will, a certain note executed to J. B. Cunnell and R. L. Ballou, trustees for various creditors of the said G. F. Bingham in the sum of \$1,475.62, with interest from July 26, 1906, and the costs of this sale. This July 26, 1907. J. W. TODD Trustee.

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