

THE COMPETENT MAN.

He is, of course, one who knows the particular business in which he is engaged, and has the amount of brains that the business requires. One whose nature deprived of brains cannot be "competent" in any occupation, and one who has not had the opportunity to learn any particular business or trade, cannot be competent in that occupation.

But these are not the main requirements. Most men in any line of work have as much intelligence as that work requires, and most of them know the things they need to know to do the work. But most men are not fully "competent" even in the occupations to which they belong. And the difference between competent and incompetent is, in the main, this:

The competent man is the one who cares whether things are done right or not. The incompetent man is the one who does not care. The cook who cares whether things taste good or bad usually makes them good. The carpenter who cares whether his joints fit or not, would make them fit.

The merchant who cares whether his customers are satisfied or not usually satisfies them. The housekeeper who cares whether her monthly bills are large or small, usually finds them small. Clean milk comes from the dairy which cares whether it is clean or dirty. And the newspaper reporter who cares whether he gets things right or wrong, is the one who gets them right.

But the man who cares only to hold his job, and does not care if his work is wrong, provided the penalty is not on him, is the man who usually gets things wrong. And he is likely to be the first to lose the job. The best wages, and the most permanent and responsible positions go to the men who care for the work itself—who would rather work hard to do a good job than to work easy to do a poor job, even if the pay were the same. All good work is interested work—work inspired by an interest in the thing done, and not merely in what is got for doing it.

From highest to lowest the rewards of life go to the man who cares. The man who regards his work as an evil, mitigated only by the pay he gets for it, is likely to find that mitigation grows less and less. The man whose work is a joy, finds inspiration in doing the work itself, and the work that is done regardless of pay is the work that is best worth pay.—Ex.

The Future of the Automobile.

As a vehicle of modern travel the possibilities of the automobile seem to be absolutely unlimited; and to realize what the next ten years may witness in the elevation of this wonderful motor engine, it is only necessary to review what the past ten years have revealed.

In 1898 there were only 25 plants engaged in the manufacture of automobiles.

Today there are 253.

The aggregate capital invested in this industry in 1898 was only \$2,000,000.

Today it is \$20,000,000.

Ten years ago there were only 1,500 automobiles in the entire country from Main to California; but at the present time there are 160,000—which is said to be twice the number in use on the continent of Europe.

There are 70,000 registered cars in New York State alone.

It is said that the value of this year's output of machines will not fall short of \$180,000,000.

Within the past three years the use of the automobile in making long trips across the country has become quite general.

The sentiment which is rapidly crystallizing in favor of good roads is due largely to the demand which the automobile has created for improved highways; and it the patronage of the iron horse is not reduced in time by this modern innovation it will be due to the increased impetus which it imparts to travel among all classes.—Atlanta Georgian.

Value of Cowpeas in the Corn Field

We wish to call particular attention to the importance of a pea field, planted in corn at the last working. We made an experiment last fall to determine the value of such a pasture, the result of which should be very gratifying to Southern farmers, who have a monopoly on such a pasture. The Northern farmer cannot grow peas planted in corn, but must give them the use of the land during the entire growing season.

After the corn was gathered, fifty-one spring pigs were turned into the pea field of seventeen acres. They had no additional feed. The gain made from the peas was 2,893 pounds, or 170 pounds per acre. At 5 cents per pound, this gives a value for the peas of 10.20 per acre. And this is net, as the hogs did their own harvesting. Also the mature and humus from stalks, vines and seed were left on the land. By tests made at the Station for two years to determine the value of peas grown in corn, as a fertilizer, it has been found that they increase the succeeding cotton crop by 110 pounds of lint per acre. The land used was old and had been cropped continuously in cotton. A prolific short variety of cotton was used in the test. Figuring the increase at 9 cents per pound, the peas had a fertilizing value of \$9.90 per acre. The above eloquently suggests a means of improving our lands, worn by a one-crop system, at a profit instead of an expense.

After all, the question of richer lands is the biggest problem that confronts the farmer, and the hog is not to be overlooked in its economical solution—Bulletin 107, Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station.

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Time To Be Careful.

Warning has been given to parents by the Health Commissioner as to the care that should be exercised during the hot weather over the food of the children. It is also of prime importance that adults should be careful now, for warm days as these are fruitful of many ailments.

Moderation should prevail in all things for the thermometer up in the nineties is a heavy draft upon the human system. The Philadelphia Press gives some good advice as follows:

"Heat like that of the past two days never harms those who avoid the lesser risk of food, drink, sleep and exposure. For one man who has 'heat prostration' there are thousands who suffer loss of strength, loss in heart action, suffer from nervous overstrain or some upset in digestion. These are all liable as a result of heat, but they come to those who have lowered physical resistance by some careless act.

"In hot weather every alcoholic drink has its peril. All animal food likely to be effected by the heat if kept in hot days may bring slight or acute poisoning, causing indigestion from some one of the many toxins ptomaines take. Loss of sleep weakens resistance to the heat. Haste and hurry will do the same. Steady, continuous hard work, physical or mental, harms no one, provided it is carried on within the usual hours under sanitary conditions and without strain or pressure. But a hot day is no time to double up on anything, food, drink, work, worry, or anxiety. Avoid these, do the regular job and no more and a man can do as much in hot weather as in cold."—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

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