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TWO KINDS OF FARMERS.

Example of Two Types That May Be Found In Every Farm Community.

A short time ago we had a rainy day—one of those days that make so many people feel miserable and wish they were somewhere else. The wind blew from the northeast in chilly gusts, and everything had a wet, bedraggled, dreary look. I had occasion to call on two farmers, and thinking that was just the sort of a day to catch them at leisure, I wrapped myself up well and drove over to their farms. The first one I called on is one of those rushing, always busy, driving fellows. He is doing fairly well, but doubly earns every cent he makes. He farms entirely by muscle power, and as he is a strong man he makes things fly; but he reads very little, and is totally ignorant of what is going on in the world. His family appear to have very little interest in the world generally, and but little interest in the farm; their thoughts appear to run principally on the work before them and bodily ailments. When I arrived he was in the barn with his two little boys, hard at work shelling corn for the pigs, cleaning out the stables, and doing other odd jobs with the same old hurry and rush. "Lots of work to do," said he. "Have a hard time to keep up with it, though we get up at four and never get down before ten. There's no time wasted on this farm, I tell you." Then he began boasting of what he had done, and kept at it until I went away.

At the next house I was met at the door by a boy with a book in his hand. "Pa's asleep," said he. "He always takes a good nap on rainy days. It's nearly time for him to wake up, though, come in and wait a few minutes." On the table I saw copies of three agricultural papers, one magazine and a youth's paper. In a moment the man's wife came in. "John's asleep," said she. "He says he just loves to sleep while it rains. He thinks it rests him more than a whole night's sleep." Then she and the boy and a twelve-year-old daughter chatted about what is going on in the world, and seemed to be perfectly familiar with current events. While they talked the woman patched the boy's shirt and the girl peeled the potatoes for dinner. This man began with next to nothing. Now he owns a good quarter-section of land, is entirely out of debt, and has money loaned out. He says very little, but he knows how to make every stroke of work count. He keeps himself thoroughly posted concerning everything pertaining to advanced agriculture, and he is considered a leader and money-maker. His children are well satisfied with life on the farm, and his two boys are fitting themselves by study and practice for farmers.

I have referred to these two men to show that it is not necessary for a farmer to be a slave to succeed. There are times when he must rise early and work hard, but they are short if he manages right. There is no necessity for a farmer to employ every moment of his time in all sorts of weather. He may have time to rest as well as anybody in the world. It is not the skillful farmer who is always rushed and worried; it is the man who farms with muscle, and allows his brain to become stagnant. The farmer of this day and age must be a reader and thinker if he would be successful, and the boy who desires to become a suc-

cessful farmer should fit himself for it as carefully and thoroughly as boys are fitted for other skilled vocations. I have poked fun at the clodhopper, and deplored his ignorance; but the clodhopper is not a farmer, he is merely an unskilled laborer. If the farmer wants his son to be something better than an unskilled laborer he should see that he is instructed in the science of agriculture. We have schools and colleges for that purpose now, and they not only teach agriculture as a science, but also inculcate a love for the farm, and impress on the boys the fact that the farmer is an important factor in the world, and entitled to as much consideration as the merchant, manufacturer and banker; that the prosperity of the country depends on his success, and that his success depends largely upon his skill. The farmer must be a reader and a student. Time spent in reading and study is well spent if he applies the knowledge gained to his vocation, and he should see to it that his son is well fitted by both study and practice to farm successfully when he begins for himself. For many years boys have been fitted in schools for all vocations but farming. Now agriculture is rapidly coming to the front, and the farm boys with it, and in a very few years they will stand with the front rank of the world's skilled workers.—Farm and Fireside.

ALL TEACHERS MUST ATTEND.

Supt. of Schools Smith Issues Circular Letter To the Teachers and School Officers of the County.

Supt. of Schools J. T. Smith has issued the following circular letter to the teachers and school officers of Stokes in regard to the Teachers Institute, which will be held here in the month of August:

Danbury, N. C.,
July 6, 1905.

To the Teachers and School Officers of Stokes County:
The Stokes County Teachers' Institute of two weeks will be held at Danbury, beginning August 21, 1905, at 10 o'clock A. M. According to law, all teachers of public schools in this county must attend this institute regularly and continuously for the two weeks, unless provisionally hindered. Regular and continuous attendance means to be present promptly on the opening and attend all the sessions without absence or tardiness.

All teachers are urgently requested to bring their public school books which they use in their schools along with them. Copies of such books are necessary to have for use in the institute, as this institute will be a school and not a course of lectures.

The Board of Education and all school committeemen are requested to attend.

The Institute will be conducted by Prof. Charles L. Coon, of Raleigh.

J. T. SMITH,
County Superintendent.

THE DIAMOND CURE.

The latest news from Paris, is that they have discovered a diamond cure for consumption. If you fear consumption or pneumonia, it will, however, be best for you to take that great remedy mentioned by W. T. McGee, of Vanleer, Tenn. "I had a cough, for fourteen years. Nothing helped me, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which gave instant relief, and effected a permanent cure." Unequaled quick cure, for Throat and Lung Troubles. At all drug stores; price 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

INTERESTING TO THE FARMERS.

A South Edmeston, N. Y., Reader Enjoys the Letters of Prof. Harris and Dog-Killer.

South Edmeston, N. Y.,
June 27.

Mr. Editor:

I agree with Prof. Harris on farming. I think there are too many one-horse farmers in Stokes. I think if the farmers who are not able to buy the necessary machinery would sell their farms and work the large farms, where they can have all the latest machinery, it would be so much better both for the large and the small farmers and at the end of the year they would be 10 per cent better off than if they tried to work their little farms like so many of them do. I say let the one-horse farmer sell his horse and work the larger farm, either for wages or for part of the crop and both parties will be far better off in the end. I also think Irish potatoes would be more profitable than tobacco. Here, they raise lots of potatoes and what they can't eat themselves they feed to cows and chickens; they cook them for the hens and feed them to them warm. Here on this farm, they have about 200 hens and feed them one-quarter bushels of potatoes per day besides the grain they feed them and at night bring in from 150 to 175 eggs per day. I enjoy reading Prof. Harris' letters very much and wish he would write often. I think his letters are a great benefit to the farmers of the South. I think from what he writes, farming is about the same there (in Washington) as it is here in New York. The farmers will begin haying here soon and they will be quite busy for awhile, not much time to play.

I enjoy reading Dog-Killer's letters. Write again.

The people here are planning a great time for the 4th.

If it escapes the waste basket, I may write again.

CICERO.

CHILD FEEDING.

In the August Delineator Dr. Grace Peckham Murray has some remarks of value to mothers or others who have to solve the serious problem of feeding the child. "Infant or child feeding," says Dr. Murray "is a question that has been studied with the utmost care by the medical profession, especially in the phase relating to artificial feeding. In former times the doctors had an aphorism, 'The breast-fed child lives; the artificially fed child dies.' It is, therefore, the duty of every mother who possibly can do so to nurse her child. The best food for children who are unable to have the breast is cow's milk. Cow's milk differs from human milk in that it contains less sugar—a little more than half as much—it has three times as much proteids (curds) and salts and less fat, and it is more acid. It has been found that by changing the milk of the cow it can be made very nearly in character that of human milk. In large cities this this 'modified milk,' as it is prepared ready for the child at laboratories, but this can be done at home also. The milk of a single cow used to be considered best for children, but it has been discovered that mixed milk is more uniform in its composition. A child should take about fifteen to twenty minutes for nursing. He should not take the milk too fast, nor should he be permitted to go to sleep until he has satisfied his hunger. Gradual weaning is much better than the sudden removal of the child. A well-known physician recommends that a child at the breast should have an occasional bottle when very young so as to become accustomed to it."

A PLEASURABLE OCCASION.

A Large Company of Lads and Lassies Visit the Mountains.

Dalton, July 8.—A large company of lads and lassies went from Dalton and King to Vade Mecum, Moore's Springs and Cascade on July 4th. We all went to the cascades and ate our lunch under the shade of the huge rocks. This place is sure a beautiful place of scenery. I think everybody enjoyed the trip fine. I know the boys did; if there is one that did not, he'd better not tell it unless he wants the rest of us to white cap him. Some of the boys killed a large rattlesnake up near the cascade. It had ten rattles and a button, and certainly was a fine type of his species. There were thirteen buggies in our crowd; all decorated with flags in the nation's colors, red, white and blue. The company consisted of: Messrs. Ernest Boyles, Chas. Kirby, J. A. Keiger, W. R. Keiger, Omnie Grabs, Ed Campbell, Manuel Garner, L. R. Coe, T. E. Shultz, W. N. Shultz, C. T. Ham, N. R. Ham, Jim Moore, Walter White and Misses Minnie, Hattie and Grace Grabs, Flora Spainhour, Annie and Stacie Love, Maud Coe, Lula Shultz, Emma Hutchins, Hessie Campbell, Fannie Newsom and Elmira Rumley.

Another crowd from Dalton and Pinnacle went to the Pilot Mountain July 4th. Have not heard their report, but suppose they had quite a jolly time. Mr. Albert Phillips says he is going to visit Mat and Ernest Phillips this week.

Mr. Ed Shultz says he is going to leave us again Monday for Roanoke, Va. Sorry to see you leave, old boy, but wish you good luck and lots of it.

THAT'S WHO.

TOBACCOVILLE ROUTE 3.

Tobaccoville Route 2, June 26.—If you will give me a little space, I will tell a few things. The people are very busy at this season, ploughing and making hay.

It will be a busy hot time with the women canning and preserving their berries for a short while.

Our little Sunday School at Crooked Run, is still alive. We do love Sunday School, especially the Bible class. Mr. John Mickey is our teacher, Mr. George Richardson and sister, Rachel, and their niece.

Miss Bettie Taylor, of Walnut Cove, spent Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night with their sister and Aunt Ellen Harris. They were received with gladness and had plenty of ice cream.

Mr. G. W. Vest has moved into his new house.

I like to read the Reporter. You must write again, S. A. WELL WISHER.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out all obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Lonnie Coe Tells Of His R. F. D. Ups And Downs.

Dalton, July 8.—We R. F. D. boys all think it a measly shame that our Uncle Sam did not give us holiday on July 4th, but carried on King Route 2 and myself sent on subs and took holiday anyway. We joined the throng that went from Dalton and King to the springs and a jolly time we had. It was quite a different experience from the jostle and worry of the R. F. D. Of course, I guess everything has its ups and downs but I have decided that the downs on the R. F. D. are more numerous than the ups. My route is 20 1/2 miles, mostly country and mountain roads. It is very poorly patronized with only sixteen boxes. I have been in the service ever since Dec. 1st, 1904. I handle on an average about 500 pieces of mail a month. I like the work very well only sometimes when I get blue, then I would just as soon quit as to continue. I don't think now that I will stay with them another winter. I do not get as much nice fruit as No. 2 at King says he does. I think the patrons of my route like fruit better than I do. Ha, ha!

I hope the people along the route will wake up and take more interest in R. F. D. and erect suitable boxes for the reception of their mail. Enough to keep me from going to sleep any way.

Will ring off for this time. Let us hear from more of the R. F. D. boys.

L. R. COE.

Sunday School Convention For Beaver Island Township.

Dillard, July 6.

Mr. Editor:

Will you please publish in the Reporter the following announcement:

The Beaver Island Township Sunday School convention will convene at Bethesda M. E. church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

Every Supt. and teacher is urged to look after their respective schools and to train and prepare them for this occasion. Let it be the ambition of every Sunday School worker and pupil to endeavor to make this the most brilliant and successful session ever held by the Sunday Schools of Beaver Island township. Let every Secretary be present on that day with a full, thorough and carefully prepared written report of their work since last convention. Each school is requested to furnish for the program two recitations by some of its pupils. Please select your parts soon as possible and send me title of recitation and name of speaker, that I may make out the program a week before the time.

Respectfully,

A. J. ESSEX,

President B. I. T. S. S. Association.

Take Notice.

Chapter 318 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, ratified Feb. 28, 1901, and Chapter 616 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, ratified March 9, 1903, protect Telephone lines from injury, and make it a misdemeanor for any person to carelessly or negligently cut or fell any tree or limb or branch therefrom in such a manner as to cause any injury to line or poles, or to cut, tear down or destroy, or in any way render unfit for the transmission of messages any part of the wire of a telephone line.

People living along telephone lines might save themselves trouble by bearing the above in mind.

WHAT STOKES FARMERS NEED.

Letter From a Young Farmer Of Vade Mecum.

Vade Mecum, July 8.

Mr. Editor:

It is with great pleasure that I boast of being one of many of your interested readers. I enjoy reading Prof. W. B. Harris' letters in the Reporter. Let us have more of the experience of up-to-date farmers. I am a young farmer and think that farming is the best life that any one can live. I have a nice farm and plant corn, wheat, rye, oats, cane, potatoes, cabbage, onions and tobacco. I think that if all the farmers would stop planting so much tobacco and raise more food supplies and stop using so much high priced guano and raise more stock and manure at home, the Stokes farmers would soon be independent farmers. I am deeply interested in the advancement of the Stokes farmer and he cannot but fail in planting all tobacco and thereby be forced to buy all he eats and food for his stock. Nineteenths of the farmers are twelve months behind financially. When they begin their farming in the spring they open their liens. I wonder if the farmer ever counted the cost of preparing, planting, cultivating ten acres of tobacco; if they would sit down and count the cost; everything attached to this ten acres, they would find it takes more to raise tobacco than some claim. The farmer needs to raise his own meat and bread and stock food and some to spare for his hands. Plant about two acres to the team in tobacco and prepare and fertilize it well.

Now, what the Stokes farmer need is more cattle and plenty of good pasture. He should have 3 to 5 cows on a two-horse farm. He thereby secures his own fertilizer which is far better than all the guano he can buy and at much less cost. The farmer does not prepare his land well enough. We often hear farmers say: I can not make wheat and oats and there is no use to sow.

Now, Mr. Editor, if the farmer would select good land for grain and prepare it as well as he does for tobacco and fertilize as well, you know his results would be quite different. I have tried deep plowing and find it makes a big difference. I see that some of the girls are writing some nice letters and I hope more of them will write as you know that it gives boys better encouragement. Cheer up, old Stokes, and let us all come together and have a county fair this fall.

J. J. J.

Meeting At Rose Bud Church.

Editor Reporter:

I want to announce through the Reporter that a protracted meeting will begin at Rose Bud Christian church on the third Lord's day in this month. There will be a sermon and after this there will be dinner on the grounds. There will also be another sermon in the afternoon.

Everybody come out and let's have a good meeting.

H. G. TUTTLE.

FORCED TO STARVE.

B. F. Leek, of Concord, Ky., says: "For 20 years, I suffered agonies, with a sore on my upper lip, so painful, sometimes, that I could not eat. After vainly trying everything else, I cured it, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve." It's great for burns, cuts and wounds. At all drug stores; only 25c.