

THE CAPTAIN'S ESTIMATE.
What the Great Leaders of Industry Think of the Farmer's Life.

The American agriculturist is the greatest man on earth and American agriculture the most important work. It requires great men to conduct an important business successfully. Frequently we find the business too great for the man, but rarely the man too great for the business. The weak spot of the American farmer is his desire to have and to cultivate more land than he is able to manage profitably. Acres planted are more of an object than bushels per acre at harvesting time. He forgets that weeds use up fertility as fast as grain or grass crops. He doesn't stop to think that like himself the land needs rest. Destroy the robber weeds and do not drain the land to death. Leave off hunting for more land and cultivate what you have.

Farm life teaches self reliance, familiarity with nature's laws, relations of crops and seasons, a knowledge of mechanical industries. It lays the foundation for the study of Agriculture, Botany, Geology and Horticulture and the Sciences. The farmer gains an actual knowledge of things and not a theory of things. The farm supplies the backbone of the American Republic—the result of honest toil, hard labor, honest living—a condition of life which teaches economy and self-reliance. With regard to Agriculture, I know of no more interesting and instructive study. A correct knowledge of the soil, the crop suited to the same.

Long life and success to the American Farmer. Irving M. Scott, builder of the Oregon battle ship.

The progress of American agriculture has advanced in, and sustained the progress of our country. The utilization of agricultural machinery has made millions of men enter new fields of employment. As we advance in science new fields of labor are created.

Through competition, men attain their highest efficiency. Machinery is man's benefactor instead of a blessing instead of a bane. Scientific agriculture means the utilization of scientific knowledge to secure results from agricultural pursuits with the greatest economy.

Southern Baptist Convention.
For the Southern Baptist Convention at Savannah, Ga., May 7 to 14, 1903, the Seaboard Air Line Railway will sell tickets at one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold May 4 to 7 inclusive, from points north of Hamilton, N. C., west of Lake City, Fla., and south of Baldwin, Fla., and from all points within the territory embraced by a line drawn through those places will be sold May 5 to 7 inclusive. Tickets will have final limit May 20.

Extension of final limit to June 1, 1903, may be obtained by payment of 50 cents fee and deposit of ticket by original purchaser with Mr. Joseph Richardson, special agent, Savannah, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 8 p. m. not later than May 20.

On May 12 and 15 tickets will be sold at low rates for side trips from Savannah to Jacksonville, Fla., Columbia and Charleston, S. C.

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DEATH IN A STORM.
Ten People Killed—A Village in Alabama Swept Away.

Birmingham, Ala., April 8.—Without a word of warning the little hamlet of Hopewell, forty miles north of this city and one mile from Hanceville, was swept away early this morning by a cyclone, which cut a path of desolation across a prosperous farming section of Blount county. Ten persons were killed, three or four fatally and a score seriously injured. The dead: Nathan Griffin, James Griffin, Henry McCoy and three children; C. C. Oden, a prominent planter; Heiter Oden, Miss Thelma Oden, Mrs. C. C. Oden. The injured: A son and niece of Nathan Griffin, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Nora Oden, Mrs. Henry McCoy and two children; R. G. Quick, Dick Quick, family of McCoy, seven persons; Mrs. Holstin Horton, Miss Inez Horton, Richard Griffin.

It is believed that several of the injured will die. The storm traveled in a northeasterly direction wrecking everything in its path. One of the first houses struck was that of Nathan Griffin, the house was demolished and Mr. Griffin and his son, James, were killed. Mrs. Griffin was so badly injured that she died later. Another son and a niece of Mr. Griffin made a miraculous escape by running from the house before the demolition was complete and saving their lives. They were injured, but will recover.

The house of John McCoy was then wrecked, but he and his family escaped with severe bruises. The home of Henry McCoy, son of John McCoy, received the worst impact of the storm. His wife was severely injured, two of his children are still unconscious and may die, and he and his wife and two other children are dead.

The storm then struck the house of C. C. Oden. Trees in the yard were twisted into gnarled shapes and even the vegetables in the garden were torn up by their roots. Mr. Oden was killed outright as were his three daughters, aged 15, 12 and 9 years, respectively. Mrs. Oden received injuries from which she died later.

The home of Mr. Henry Wharton was next attacked by the storm and it was wrecked, but Mrs. Wharton was not badly injured. Then came the home of R. G. Quick. It went to pieces and he and his two children were injured, but there were no fatalities there.

TEN KILLED IN ARKANSAS.
Little Rock, Ark., April 8.—Specials to the Arkansas Gazette from several towns in White and Cleburne counties, Ark., tell of a tornado which swept through that section last night, leaving death and destruction in its wake. The major portion of the country through which the storm ploughed its way is remote from railroad, telegraph or telephone lines.

The dead are: Jim Leggett, Little Red, Joe Leggett, Little Red, Tom King and wife, Little Red, three King children; young lady school teacher, who was boarding at King's; A. C. Williams, near Heber.

The injured are: Infant child of the King family; Mrs. A. C. Williams, near Heber, not expected to live; Buck Neeley, Searcy; Albert Keeler, Elbert Derritt, Walker Pollard, Little Red; two of the Pollard family near Albion; Mrs. Hoverton and child, Pangburn; not expected to live; Miss Burk house, Little Red, leg broken and skull fractured; Walter Mueller Pangburn, leg broken; Mrs. Henry Wells, injured internally, fatally; unknown woman, Pangburn, both legs broken; Tom Houston, near Heber, both arms broken; an unknown man at Bradford.

Several houses were blown down at Bradford and one person badly injured. The tornado came from the west and had spent its force by the time it reached Bradford. It is feared the little town of Hiram, with a population of 150, has been wiped off the map. It is near Heber and in the storm's track. Nothing has been thus far heard from it. It will probably be several days before the names of all the killed by the tornado are known.

A special from Heber says: "In the tornado which swept across this section last night, A. C. Williams, living ten miles south of Heber, was killed. He was 70 years of age, and lived with his wife on top of one of the mountains south of this town. His house was caught up by the wind and thrown down the mountain side, he being killed and his wife badly injured. At Pangburn six residences were blown down. A large church near Pangburn was blown half a mile."

A LITTLE NONSENSE.
The German Farmer Who Grew Suspicious of Insurance Men.

To a rural district near St. Louis an insurance man, who ranks as "one of the best," found himself called a year ago. The house of the farmer, insured the year before, had burned down.

The privilege to rebuild a burned house with one every bit as good is reserved by insurance companies, and this proposition was made to the farmer.

Said this knowing insurance man, who has helped through his wise business dealings to add many thousands to the coffers of his company, "Well put you up a house a whole lot better than the one you had for \$800."

"No," said the farmer emphatically. "I will not have one thousand dollar or more. Not house could not be built again for even a thousand."

"Well, yes, it could," said the insurance man. "It was an old house. It doesn't cost so much to build houses nowadays. A \$800 house would be a lot bigger and better than the old one."

Out for a day's shooting this autumn, the insurance man rode up again to the farmer's place. "Just thought I'd stop while I was up here," he said, "to see if you wanted to take out a little insurance."

"I got no time to insure," said the farmer ungraciously, remembering the difficulties of the past in connection with insurance companies; "noting but mine wife."

"Well, then," said the insurance man humorously, "insure her."

"No," said the man with the hoe. "Den when she die you come out an say: 'I got you one thousand dollar. I get you a bigger and a better life for six hundred.' No, thank you, sir, no, thank you, sir."

And the insurance man rode away without writing a policy.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Most housekeepers should before that part of the family marketing which relates to the purchase of cheese and with the aim of the housewife, who is usually the chief consumer as well as the connoisseur, would always buy it. Sufficiently find the words of an authority of value.

A cheese with an indication of good news will stand square on the shelf and will have an even, colored, not mottled rind. The moment you press your finger tips on the rind you can begin to judge of the intricate nucleus of a cheese. If it yields readily to the pressure of the fingers and the rind breaks or does not spring back readily when the pressure is withdrawn, you have struck a soft article, caused by the quick setting of the curd, a result of acid or heat. At best it will have an irregular flavor and will go on as it does. Cheese which will not yield to the pressure of the finger tips, is of the same quality, but is so heavily cooked too much, skinned or suffering from a touch of all these complaints.

A good cheese will be golden to the color, just tinged with a reddish brown, and will have a firm, not soft, texture. The rind will be of an even tint, elastic and free from pores, and the sample will reveal firm, close grained, buttery cheese of a nutty flavor.

Geographical Knowledge in 1902.
Just very little was known in regard to the extent of the world in Aristotle's day in the fourth century before Christ, and but very little more was known about it 1,800 years later, in the time of Columbus. In 2,000 years the world had in reality remained almost the same.

It was the popular belief in the time of Columbus that the world was flat, though many contemporary scholars thought differently. The great civilizations of the world at that time were grouped around the Mediterranean sea, although England was a considerable power and the Scandinavians were a great maritime power. But Europeans at that time knew but little of Asia and but little of Africa, and America of course was unknown.

Even after Columbus had discovered the latter continent he was perfectly oblivious of the fact. He thought Haiti was "Cipango or Japan, and for a long time regarded Cuba as a part of the mainland of Asia.

Weighing a Perfume.
An Italian physicist, Signor Salvini, has devised a micro balance of such extreme delicacy that it clearly demonstrates the loss of weight of musk by volatilization. Thus the invisible perfume floating off in the air is indirectly weighed. The essential part of the apparatus is a very thin thread of glass, fixed at one end and extended horizontally. The microscopic objects to be weighed are placed upon the glass thread near its free end, and the amount of flexure produced is observed with a microscope magnifying 100 diameters. A note weighing one-thirtieth of a milligram perceptibly bends the thread.

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