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IS YOUR HOME READY FOR WINTER?

You Have Fixed up the Barns So the Stock Can be Comfortable, Now About the Wife and Children.

With the coming of winter, there is a whole lot of "fixing-up" that needs to be done on mos. farms, not only about the barns and in the poultry yard and around the potato shed, but also, and more especially, in and about the house.

Is your winter stove wood ready?

A whole lot of winter comfort depends upon the fuel supply. Most of our Southern farmers burn wood; and everybody knows that dry wood burns better than wet wood. The wood should have been cut long enough ago to be getting dried out by this time. If it was not it may at least yet be put under a shed. To have to go out in the rain or snow to get wood isn't a pleasant job; and when the wife has to go out in such weather for stove wood, and then find none cut or else find it all wet and "sobby"—well we can only say that no good farmer should allow such "caryin'-ons" at his home.

HOW ABOUT THE WATER SUPPLY.

A more serious problem is often the water supply. Too many farm-houses depend upon a spring or well away from the house for their water; and the women and children have to go out after it in all sorts of weather. This is a shameful state of affairs. Many houses could have water pumped into them by a hydraulic ram or a windmill without any excessive outlay to begin with; and with positive profit when two or three years of water carrying or pumping are considered. The time will come when a supply of water in the house will be regarded as essential to the comfort of the country, just as it now is in the city.

KITCHEN CONVENIENCE WORTH CONSIDERING.

Then it is worth while to think about the conveniences of the kitchen and the facilities the wife and daughters have there of doing their work. No good farmer would expect to get along without the use of improved tools and machinery, or to keep his stock in uncomfortable sheds or barns during the winter. But many seem to think that any old up-and-down dasher churn, and a back-breaking wash-board, are all the conveniences their wives need. She may have to stav, too, in a little, insufficiently lighted and poorly ventilated kitchen, that is dark on cloudy days intolerably hot in summer, and the coldest place in the house in winter.

It may be away off the ground with no underpinning so that the wind can blow under it and cool off the feet of the unlucky cock without any restraint. No one would expect a cow or horse to do well under such conditions; but women, you know, can stand a great deal.

THE NECESSARY MINISTRY OF BEAUTY.

Mere physical comforts is not all, either. There are many houses that have a general aspect of forlorn dilapidation, and look like places in which misery was meant to dwell. A little patching up a little paint, walks or two, a few shrubs or vines or shade trees will often make a world of differences in the appearance of a place, and in the feeling of a home-likeness that goes with it.

The inside of the home is too often neglected. The boys and girls on some farms are not so well cared for as are the pigs

and calves. They may be fed well just as the pigs and calves; but children require something more. Can you call that place a home for the child which makes no provision for his mental and spiritual development?

THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

Every child has certain individual rights which even his parents may not violate—which they, in fact, are under a sacred obligation to secure to him. Among these is the right to share in the beauty and joy of life. The man who will not make any effort to make his home beautiful who cares nothing for grass and flowers outside or for pictures within, who regards music as a waste of time and books as unnecessary luxuries, is wronging his children as surely as if he failed to feed or clothe them sufficiently.

Make the home attractive. When you sell the crop do not regard it as extravagant to brighten up the old house a little, to get some new books for Johnny or a piano for Mary. Your life and the lives of all about you will be happier for the association with the wit and wisdom of the best books, for the sweetness of music in your home and for the beauty of sward and shade and bloom about it.—Progressive Farmer.

Machinist is Electrocuted.

Yorkville, S. C. Dec. 10.—William F. Downs, head machinist of the Tavora Cotton Mills, at this place, is dead as the result of placing his hand on a live electric wire in the transformer house at the mill this morning about 9 o'clock. The machinery of the plant is propelled by electricity supplied by the Southern Power Company. At the usual starting time this morning it was found that there was something wrong with the current and that the machinery could not be started, and up to 9 o'clock there was still no current, or there was supposed to be none, when Mr. J. T. Ramseur, the superintendent, and Mr. Downs were engaged in trying to locate the trouble and get the machinery started. It is said that the switch which forms the connection between the power line and the motor that drives the machinery, or cuts them off as desired was open. While the two men were investigating Downs placed a hand on a wire which he supposed was dead; but it was not, and as a result he was instantly killed.

Cana Va. News.

The weather is very cold and the roads very bad through this section at the present.

Last week there was quite a still time at Cana, most of the people gone to Hillsville court.

The Revenue Officers located and cut a still and arrested Zackaria Payne about 11-2 miles from Cana Tuesday of last week.

Married on Sunday Dec. 6th at the home of Rev. H. M. Easter: Mr. Henry Easter to Miss Minnie Tolbert, Esq. W. V. Johnson officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Combs from Woodlawn Virginia were visiting home folks and friends at Cana last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Sells from Greensboro N. C. were visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Towe of Cana Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Edwards of Cana is improving his dwelling considerably this week.

Mr. J. O. Speas is gone to Galax Va. this week on business.

Mr. G. W. Thomas' dwelling will be completed in the course of eight or ten days.

An Interesting Family.

Charlotte Observer.

Editor Bigham insists on a communication from me, but I am at a loss for a subject.

Perhaps I may interest your readers by telling of some things I saw out of Mecklenburg county.

Recently I have spent sixteen nights in sixteen different farm homes.

At one home the family was a fine exhibit of physical make-up the father a giant in build, over six feet tall, 210 pounds weight, 48 years old. By his side was the wife, handsome and with a fine face, beaming with kindness. Around the fire were ten children, every one a perfect picture of health.

Sitting before the large open fire place in the light made by the blaze of pine knots, I listened to the conversation. The talk was about cutting timber, gathering corn, the sowing of wheat, the killing of hogs in the light or dark of the moon, etc. etc.

Not a word was said about President Taft or Governor Kitchin, the revision of the tariff was not mentioned, and when I ventured a remark about the agricultural department of North Carolina, the oldest son, 20 years old, said he did not know that the state maintained a department to help farmers in their farm work.

Only one member of this family can read and write; there are no newspapers, no farm papers, and no church paper.

The whole family know how to work and at 4 a. m. all over six years of age were up and doing their particular part of the morning work.

Before it was good daylight, the plows, harrow, and grain were moving over the field.

This is a happy family. They know nothing of the Academy of music, the moving picture hall, nor the skating rink; they are content with their home many miles from a railroad and apparently do not bother themselves with Charlotte News or New York commercial reports.

The head of the house said that 9 cents was not enough for cotton and unless he could sell for above 11 he could not buy new shoes this winter for all the feet in his family.

I asked him if he knew what it cost to grow cotton, how much per pound? He said "Yes, it cost my schooling when I was a boy and it is now depriving my children of their schooling."

Not one of this family at school and no school open in the neighborhood.

So rely cotton is a costly crop. C. C. Moore.

Preacher Killed in Fight Over Negro.

Washington, Ga., Dec. 11.—At the end of a brief fierce quarrel over the employment of a negro laborer, the Rev. G. Forest Tuttle, aged fifty years, was shot and instantly killed near here this morning by Warren Bailey, aged twenty-one, who, as he shot, was felled by an iron wedge, used by the preacher and lies unconscious with a broken skull, himself near to death.

A negro whom Mr. Tuttle had employed went to work for Bailey and the preacher went to the latter's home, quarreled with him and the fight followed.

It is stated by an eye witness that Bailey fired while the iron wedge was in the air after having been hurled by Mr. Tuttle. The preacher leaves a large family.

Three Bandits Held Up Train.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 10.—Three men held up the eastbound Great Northern train, No. 4 a mile and a half east of Hillyard this state, this morning, robbed the mail car and made their escape.

Only the presence of mind of the fireman prevented the looting of the express car, which carried a large amount of money including \$20,000 consigned from the Spokane bank to a Montana town.

The train had slowed down in the yard at Hillyard when three men, armed with revolvers, crawled over the tender of the engine, and covering the engineer and fireman ordered the train brought to a standstill, a little over a mile from the station.

The engineer obeyed and when the train had come to a stop the bandits forced the engineer and fireman to leave the cab.

While two of the robbers stood guard over the engineer the other took Fireman Perrin back to uncouple the mail and express cars from the rest of the train.

In the darkness the bandits failed to notice that the first car was mail, while the second was baggage, and the express car, which contained the desired booty, was the third in the train.

Perrin saw this mistake, and quickly taking advantage of it, in spite of the menacing revolver held close to his head, cut off the baggage cars, leaving the express car attached to the train.

The robbers then left the engineer and fireman with the train and boarded the locomotive and themselves ran it several miles east from where they brought it to a stop, rifled the mail car, then again boarded the engine, uncoupling it from the cars, which they left on the track, and proceeded three miles to Read.

There a rig was awaiting them and they made their escape.

Read is only 10 miles from Spokane, and it is supposed the bandits were on their way to Spokane.

The amount of their booty is unknown.

Girl Changed her Mind.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Engaged to be married to a North Carolina beauty, Nicholas F. Alston, of New York City, while on his way to see his pretty fiancée, was met in this city with a telegram telling him that he had been jilted and that the girl, who was Miss Nan Branch daughter of Alpheus Branch, of Wilson N. C., had been married to Fred Carr, private secretary to Senator Overman. The telegram stated further that the marriage had been performed at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Harrison, sister of the bride, and was in the nature of a surprise.

Mr. Alston is deeply grieved over the fickleness of his fiancée but takes the matter philosophically. Mr. and Mrs. Carr left on a bridal tour which will take them to points in Florida and Cuba, immediately after the ceremony. Alston, instead of pursuing his journey to Wilson, remained over in Richmond to-night and will return to New York to-morrow. When interviewed at his hotel to-night he acknowledged that his sweetheart had jilted him for his more successful rival. The date for his marriage to Miss Branch had been set for December 22nd. His visit to the South at this time was for the purpose of making final arrangements for the ceremony.

Go South, Young Men, The Cry.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Years ago Horace Greeley urged young men to go west and grow up with the country. John Barrett, director of the international bureau of American republics, enjoins young men to learn Spanish or Portuguese and go to South America to make their fortunes. He has this to say on the subject:

"There is today in the United States a sad lack of young men having a knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese, who might qualify as commercial representatives in Latin America, and yet there is a great opportunity in this direction. Some commercial college ought to make a specialty of preparing young men for this work, and large business houses should follow the example of European companies in sending the young men of their offices to Latin America; not at first to get business, but to learn the language, study the people, the conditions of life and trade, and finally to become efficient, trusted and capable representatives.

"Akin to this is the thought that Spanish should be taught far more generally in the colleges and high grade schools of the United States. The demand for knowledge of it during the next decade will far exceed that for German or French. If scholarships could be endowed which would send a certain number of students of the United States each year to the universities and colleges of Latin America, and so help to provide a corps of trained men, a long and great advance would be taken."

Man and Wife Carry Flails.

Pittsboro Record.

Mr. George H. Beavers of Matthews townships, is the mail carrier for the star route between Siler City and Pittsboro, and his wife is the mail carrier on the rural free delivery route No. 3 from Siler City. We wonder if there is another such instance in the United States of a man and his wife both being mail carriers? Sunday is the only day they spend at home.

Raiding illicit stills in the Kentucky mountains is a dangerous undertaking and mang a marshal or deputy has lost his life in the attempt. Equally dangerous though from different reasons, seems to be to travel in an automobile while raiding unlicensed saloons in Westchester county. An under sheriff and two special deputies started out in an auto the other day to raid unlicensed saloons in that country and came near losing their lives. After four saloons had been raided the under sheriff mistook a stone wall forming the abutment of a bridge, for the road and ran his machine into it with great force. The machine was completely wrecked and the occupants of the vehicle seriously injured. Raiding saloons is a risky thing. Some men are known to have been so completely upset by raiding but a single saloon, that they "saw things" and had to be taken to the hospital.

TOBACCO SALES FOR NOV.

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 10.—The November report of the sale of loose leaf tobacco by the warehouses in North Carolina, made public today at the state department of agriculture, shows 17,831,000 pounds total sales, first hand, from the growers, as compared with 41,201,239 pounds for October.

Winston-Salem leads again with 3,112,249 pounds; Wilson second, with 1,899,010; Mt. Airy third, with 1,470,643; Rocky Mount fourth, with 1,291,202, and Greenville fifth, with 1,139,871 pounds.

There are forty-one markets reporting sales, the smallest amount being 1,554 pounds by Fairmont.

The sales as reported by the various markets follow: Winston-Salem, 3,112,249; Wilson, 1,899,010; Mt. Airy, 1,470,643; Rocky Mount, 1,291,202; Greenville, 1,139,371; Kinston, 979,651; Durham, 941,600; Oxford, 831,542; Reidsville, 759,268; Roxboro, 664,959; Henderson, 627,895; Louisville, 501,088; Farmville, 323,839; Warrenton, 296,564; Stoneville 264,398; Creedmore, 238,722; La Grange, 194,312; Leaksville, 199,153; Goldsboro, 187,923; Madison, 172,214; Apex, 157,338; Snow Hill, 156,484; Youngsville, 146,344; Smithfield, 138,080; Enfield, 134,131; Zebulon, 133,478; Williamston, 116,125; Greensboro 103,762; Robersonville, 86,380; Burlington, 86,712; Wendell, 83,381; Ahsoskie, 79,120; Ayden, 70,072; Raleigh, 66,920; Fuquay Springs, 47,140; Richland, 46,315; Pilot Mountain, 25,103; Dunn, 18,984; Fairmont, 1,554; Total, 17,831,000.

PROGRAM PASTORS, LAY-LEADERS & DISTRICT STEWARDS MEET ING.

Elkin, N. C. Dec. 29, 30, 1908 Tuesday 29th:

2 P. M. Opening and organization.

3 P. M. Where and why we succeed and where and why we failed last year, Rev. W. M. Bagby.

3:30 P. M. A forward movement for 1909, E. H. Kochtitzky.

4 P. M. The work of the District Evangelist, Rev. Z. Paris.

4:30 P. M. District stewards meeting.

7 P. M. Financial Systems, Discussion opened by E. H. Kochtitzky.

Wednesday 30:

9 Full collections and how Rev. D. M. Litaker.

9:30 Soul winning Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt and W. I. Dawson.

10 How to reach unoccupied Territory, Discussion opened by Rev. T. J. Houck.

11 The pastor and his work Rev. D. V. Price.

11:30 Closing words from the Presiding Elder.

Please notify Rev. D. L. Litaker when you will arrive at Elkin.

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