



**SMALL FARMERS PLOWING IN DENMARK.**

Altho there are a great number of small farmers in Denmark, the average size of a farm being only about 30 acres, there is almost no one-horse plowing; and the above picture, obtained by Editor Poe on his visit to Denmark this summer, shows how thoroly all Danish land is generally broken. It will be remembered that in an issue of November 23, Mr. Poe reported that farmers with only 15 acres ordinarily keep two horses, but he found one eleven-acre farmer who kept only one horse. But he went on to say:

"This one-horse farmer, does no one-horse plowing; however. The truth is, one-horse plowing is an unusual sight anywhere in the Danish Kingdom. One of the secrets of its prosperity is, that it has more horses to the square mile than any other country on earth—an average of 32—and while here and there a small holder like Yensen, with only ten or 12 acres, and that not quite paid for, may have only one horse, even then, he usually thinks too much of his time and his land's time, to do one-horse plowing. When Marius Yensen wants to plow, he borrows another horse from a neighbor, and in return Yensen lends his horse to the neighbor when the neighbor needs it. That is true co-operation for you!"

preparations for obtaining another horse.

In the winter of 1898, I bought another mule and some more land, and entered the two-horse class. I began turning the land with a two-horse plow as deep as I well could, and as was consistent with the condition of the land at that time. I had made a success so far in my farming, and kept my debts paid up, and I had already brought up the yield considerably from what the land had formerly produced. The proof was plain, that more horsepower would double my efficiency as a farmer, and enable me to do my work with greater ease, and in much less time than it required under the one-horse plan.

Each year I have plowed deeper, and yet deeper until I have brought up the producing power of the soil to more than double its former capacity, but the deep plowing alone is not the sole reason for the excellent condition of the land. The adding of humus to the soil in the shape of trash, coarse manure and all refuse matter that grew on the land, comes in for its share in helping to build up the soil. Still, without the big plows to plow deep, the coarse trash could not have been buried and mixed with the subsoil.

I have just begun to realize on that farm, which lies just below the one I have been cultivating so long, and hope thru deep plowing to come into full possession of it ere many more years shall pass by.

I have gone up from the one-horse class to the eight-horse farmer, from the 15-acre farm to the 130-acre farm, from producing ten bushels of corn to 25 bushels to the acre; from making 400 pounds of seed cotton to 1,600 pounds to the acre; from 15 bushels of oats to 25 bushels to the acre; and last, but not least, from a family of two to a household of nine children besides.

The income from the farm has gone up from a mere pittance to the sum of \$3,000 to \$3,500 per year, much of which is consumed on the place by the stock and poultry, and the healthy band of youngsters, that

have grown up, and are still growing up on the farm which the parents have striven to make so attractive that none will have the desire to leave.

Any young, ambitious man of ordinary intelligence may get out of the one-horse class if he possesses a fair amount of get-up-and-get, and has made a success of his business as a one-horse farmer. If he has not succeeded as a one-horse farmer, he will likely fail as a two-horse farmer, for the possession of two horses only enables him to do in a shorter time, and with greater ease that which he ought to do with one horse.

To the young man of ambition and energy, I would say, "Get another horse." If, however, he thinks there is no way for a one-horse farmer to make a good crop, I would say to such, "Let the other horse alone, and work according to some other man's direction until you can be master of your own plans, and carry them out in a definite way."

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**Two Horses Pay Better Than One.**

WHEN I was married, my father gave me a mule. That, and a good woman, was all I owned. I farmed for five years with one horse and could hardly make a living.

So I bought another one on time, and have a very good team of mules now. I also own a wheat drill, corn planter, disk harrow, section harrow, mowing machine, hay rake, turning plow, cultivator and a good many other tools, all bought and paid for since I have been working two mules. I have also bought a farm on which I have paid more than \$650, and propose to do better in the future by reading and studying The Progressive Farmer.

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**The Parting.**

Aunt (to engaged niece)—So Henry went away yesterday, I hear. Parting is very painful, isn't it?  
Niece—I should think so. Every rib in my body is aching today.—Fliegende Blaetter.

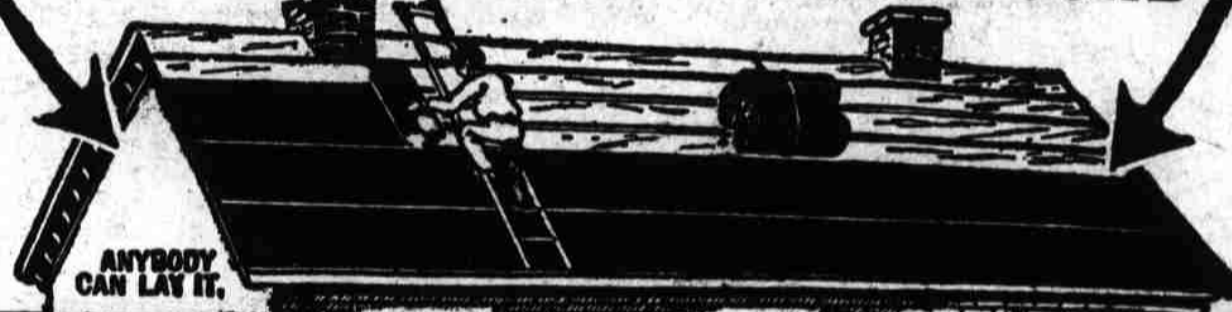
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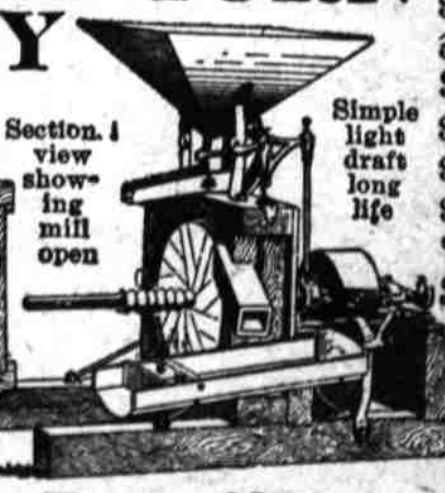
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