

right when every lick is made to count to the fullest.

Let's all try to be that sort of boss this summer and just remember that being boss of ourselves is just as important as bossing the hands well. Don't fool away time, it is the most important thing we have, for it only comes once.

Now is the time to get the "summer hair cut" and buy a new suit. A farmer is just as much of a gentleman as any other man and I don't see why he should not look the part when his business takes him to public places. Overall and hickory shirt suit me all right to work in on the farm, but I need something else for a change when I am not working. A \$25 suit and a 25-cent hair cut will make you feel like a new man. Try it.

Hasn't the madam spoken to you about mowing the door yard? If she hasn't, I take it she has just been waiting to see if you won't think of it yourself. Have the children pick up all the old cans and sticks, then take the shoes off your cutter bar, load yourself up with Sunday language, and cut the grass and weeds close with the horses. Do this every 10 days and you will have a better looking place.

The writer has been carrying a great hidden sorrow for the past 15 years and the whole family has felt its blighting curse. The soil of "Sunny Home Farm" just would not produce watermelons. But now we have another farm over in Virginia where, between the rolling red hills, are little rich, sandy loam bottoms, fashioned for the express purpose of producing melons to perfection. And we are preparing now to make the summer months a sweet, happy season. The land broken deep; hills laid off eight feet apart; a forkful of well-rotted manure, thoroughly mixed with the soil of each hill; a good handful of fertilizer along with the manure, and long years of sorrow changed by sweet anticipation.

Are you making preparations now for one or two good heavy colts to make their appearance on the farm next year? Raising most any sort of good colt to do the work on the farm is far better and cheaper than to depend upon buying mature animals when needed. But now, when the automobile is making such inroads on the prices of light horses and draft horses are holding their own in the best markets because there is nothing to usurp their place, it seems folly to me to breed our mares to a light-weight horse, providing the service of a good draft animal is available within driving distance. Regular breeding will produce a surplus of horses after a time, and a good draft horse never looks for a buyer long.

One cold February day some years ago a neighbor lady who was enthusiastic over the winter garden asked me what Mrs. French was getting out of the garden. I responded promptly that "I saw her getting two sheep and a bull calf out the day before." Salsify, parsnips and turnip salad are about the only crops we have found profitable in the winter garden. But of the summer garden a different story may be told, if the planting and cultivation are carefully attended to.

A helpful pamphlet to the grower of fruit and truck is "Marketing Southern Products of the Soil", issued by the Southern Railway Company, Washington, D. C. It contains many suggestions on what to grow, where to market, and the form of package to use for all kinds of produce. It is a fitting companion to their former booklet, giving a list of the reliable commission merchants throughout the country. Both publications can be had on application to the above address.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

THE BOY'S CHANCE ON THE FARM

Young Men of Pluck and Energy Make Opportunities Everywhere, Rather Than Having to Wait for Them

SOMETIMES we hear it said, "There is no chance for the boy on the farm."

Now let me make this statement: The young boy has just as good a chance on the farm as he has the mind to make. Now may I try to prove it?

Just now I have in mind a young man who went away to a State Normal school when he was 17 years of age. It took him five years to finish the course. All the way along his heart was true to the old farm; and although he had fitted himself for the occupation of teaching, and would have done well at it no doubt, he went back to the farm and is making a marked success of it. The knowledge he gained from books is a

ing gave this man his success as an office-holder, neither did office-holding make him a better farmer; but the point is that he had it in him to win and he did win, and is winning now. Getting ready puts one in the way of taking advantage of chances when they come. Waiting for chances one is not fitted to take is the most unsatisfactory thing in the world. Good chances do not come to anybody; they have to be hammered out on the anvil of ambition and enterprise.

Many a young man has thought at the beginning of his career that if someone would only set him up in business, furnishing him his farm, fitting it out and placing a nice sum of money in the bank for him to draw from as he needs, then he would surely do grand things. It does not take many years for the majority of young men who set out with that idea to come to the end of their rope and be forced to admit that something more than having a chance given them is the way to success. If they had said "I'll make my own chance," they would surely have come out at the top of the ladder.

There is something fine about working out one's own success. The world honors the young man who brings to his life a well-defined purpose and who presses toward the accomplishment of that purpose steadily and unflinchingly. It will lay every possible tribute at his feet. The very soil of the farm seems to respond more readily to his touch than to that of the man who goes to his work in a half-hearted way, complaining that he is hampered all the time, and who looks upon farming as a poor business at best.

Success in farming is to be won just as success everywhere is—by earnest, faithful, persistent work. EDGAR L. VINCENT.



A TEN-THOUSAND-DOLLAR PAIR

help to him every day and gives him a firmer grip on the people of the community. Already they have chosen him to represent them in the local law-making body, and he handles a large amount of money every year and carries on the affairs of the township in a thoroughly business-like way. True, office-holding is not the highest aim a young man may cherish; and still it is a fine thing for one to get such an experience as this term of office will afford him.

Another young farmer I know had the advantage of an academical education and went part way through college when his health failed and he went back to the farm. He took an old, run-down farm and made it over so that you would scarcely know it today. He has more than quadrupled the number of cows kept on the place, and there is no such poultry plant anywhere in all that region of the country as you may see there. This man, too, went to the local Legislature and then on to the State Legislature, serving with credit to himself and his constituents. All through that section he is known and highly respected for his ability and integrity. He does not know the meaning of the word fail.

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