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Five Things Every Farm Home Should Have

WITH more money for our staple crops than we have ever before obtained, the question of how best to make use of our prosperity, the things for which we may to best advantage expend some of

may be installed at a cost ranging from \$18 up, and whatever the cost, within reason, the investment is a good one. Why not talk the water works question over with Mother today? We know she'll not object.



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our surplus funds, is one well worth considering. Here we wish to offer five suggestions, in addition to those mentioned last week.

1. Paint the farm buildings. Paint costs comparatively little, but it adds immeasurably to the appearance of the place. Not only this, but painting is true economy; money spent for paint means insurance against loss from decay, no less than does money spent for fire insurance mean insurance against fire losses.

2. Plant grass, flowers and trees. In a land where we may have green lawns the year round, we have too often been content with hard-baked, barren yards instead of carpets of green; in a land of flowers, we have used these all too little to add to the beauty of our farm homes; with a wealth of beautiful trees to draw upon, the cool, tree-bordered lane or the avenue of pecans or oaks leading up to the farm home is all too rare.

3. Put in waterworks. As a saver of labor, tired backs and worry, running water is one of the greatest of all boons. As we showed in our recent Waterworks Special, systems

4. Install a good lighting system. For our part, because of convenience, cleanliness and simplicity, we would prefer electric lights for the farm home, though the first cost is generally higher than for other systems. Acetylene lights, too, are excellent, and the cost of

installing is considerably less than for the electric lights. If neither electricity nor acetylene can be used, there are improved kerosene lamps that may be had for a few dollars and that can be depended upon to make good lights.

5. Provide good reading matter for the whole family. Truly we might have placed this first of all, for books and papers and magazines are the windows through which we look out upon the world and its progress. Five dollars a year for books and five dollars for papers and magazines for each horse we plow, or ten dollars for the one-horse farmer, twenty dollars for the two-horse farmer, and so on, is a safe rule and one by which we may well guide ourselves. Let's never forget that the child brought up with a love for good reading matter is most likely to develop into the educated, thinking, successful man or woman.

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