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BEGIN NOW FOR A MORE BEAUTIFUL HOME

On page 4 we have a little advice as to the fixing of the house just at this season when the crops have been sold and there is a little cessation of labor—something about getting ready for winter, and something about getting ready to live, in the fullest and truest sense, the whole year round.

Let us here, with this beautiful farm home to emphasize our words, remind you that it is the time of year to begin preparations for a lawn and to set out trees and shrubbery. Everyone can not have a home like this; but with grass and trees and flowers, the humblest home can be made attractive.

Shadow any place with a fine tree or two, border it with a well-kept lawn, brighten it with a few flowers, and it will tell of peace and comfort and earnest, hopeful lives to all who see it, and gladden all who dwell in it with "the friendly feel of home." There is no excuse for an ugly farm home, and we shall soon come to the time when it will be counted a disgrace to have one.

Now, at this Thanksgiving tide, will you not think of these things and resolve that, if not this year, certainly next year you can be thankful for a home within which there is tasteful comfort and about which there is something of the wealth of beauty that every country home should share.

People necessarily reflect in some measure their surroundings; and you can not plant and care for trees and grass and flowers. can not do anything to make your home more cheerful and more attractive, without adding to the brightness and happiness of your own life and to the happiness of all others who may at any time share your home.



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This Week's Paper.

THE most striking feature of this week's paper is, of course, our report on the big Farmers' Union meeting at New Orleans.

We especially commend to your reading Mr. Parker's accurate and incisive diagnosis of, and prescription for, the farmers of the South. Note, too what Mr. Saunders says about the advantages that accrue to both farmer and banker from the farmer's bank account. A sound, conservative bank is not only the safest place in which to keep your surplus funds, but also the place where they are worth most to you and to the community.

It is not necessary for us to ask you to read about Bill Wunorse on page 9. You are sure to be interested in him, and you should profit by his experiences. If you are yourself in the "wunorse" class there is a little talk to you on page 10 that it might also pay you to think over.

What Mr. French has to say about taking care of the manure is of vital interest to every real farmer; and our poultry page should appeal to everyone who owns a fowl.

There is a very practical article on getting rid of stumps, a paper that tells you just how to do it, and what it is worth to have it done.

Mrs. Stevens's article on the Woman's Farmers' Institutes treats of the work in only one coun-

ty; but the application is general. Such work as this will benefit your county also; will broaden the interests and outlook of the women on the farms and make for a closer and more helpful companionship between town and country. What are you doing about it?

Then there are the special Thanksgiving features, the interesting note about the "first lady of the land," and a number of other good things that you will find for yourself, including the tell-tale pictures on pages 1 and 9, kindly lent us by the American Cultivator.

What Next Week Will Bring.

THE promised message from Dr. Henry Wallace is delayed this week; but it will be just as interesting and valuable next week.

In next week's *Progressive Farmer* we shall also print a notable article by a leading Southern medical authority concerning the hookworm disease, the bane of hundreds of thousands of the South's rural population, one of the main causes of our high death rate and one of the most easily and cheaply cured of all diseases.

Another feature that should have in it something of value to every reader will be a page of short letters from different farmers telling how they raised their best crop this year. If some of them do not inspire you to adopt their improved methods so that you will raise a better crop yourself next season, we shall be disappointed.