

"He 'keeps,' as his Danish friends would say, some of the best farm papers and others that keep him up-to-date with the times; he keeps comfort in his home and plenty in his pantry, the respect of his neighbors, the faith of his wife, the love of his children, and maintains in the latter their appreciation of country life.

"Perhaps he'll keep the children all together, for his boy told me this morning that he wants to go to an Agricultural College and take a course in veterinary surgery; and his girl says that she won't marry anybody that isn't a farmer like her father; and if you can show me any better keeping than Harry's, I'd like to have you do it."

Shingles and Shingle Stains

L. Donnell, Ontario Co., Ont.

I DO not know why I have such a decided preference for the shingled house. Perhaps it may be because I am a regular reader of my wife's Ladies' Home Journal. It may be an inherited trait as I and my people are from Nova Scotia where cozy shingled farm homes are much more common than in any other part of Canada. There is no sight that gives me greater pleasure than a small farm house, built on artistic lines, shingled sides artistically stained and the whole properly embowered in trees, shrubs and vines. This may sound like the rhapsodies of a dreamer, but it is the ideal that I am attempting to work out in my own home and which I have already seen worked out by many others.

Shingles I believe have many advantages over the brick that is so common in this and other Ontario counties. As a starter shingles cost only one-half as much as brick. We farmers who do not call in a contractor and ask him to give us figures on a complete house but do a considerable portion of the work ourselves, should find shingles very advantageous in that no expert labor whatever is required to lay them. I remember the first job of shingling I ever did. I was just a boy but the shingled side looked just as good as if an expert carpenter had done the job.

I have heard shingled houses criticized as not being warm enough. That depends on how well the walls are insulated. Shingles are just as warm as brick if two or three layers of building papers are put in underneath the shingles and an additional dead air space provided inside the studding. This additional dead air space is advisable even in a brick house if it is to be thoroughly satisfactory, so it represents no additional expense in the shingled house.

Shingles especially appeal to me, however, because of the variety of artistic colors and combination of colors that can be used in staining the house. I prefer stains to paint, because they give the shingles a soft, natural look that does not go with oil paints. Likewise the stains cost less per square yard of surface covered and are much easier to apply. Another who can handle the brush can apply stain, but the same is not true of paint. There is also a certain soft richness in the stain that paint lacks.

I have noticed that a stained shingled house never looks right unless the roof is stained as well. This, however, is no loss as the stain adds considerably to the longevity of the shingles. Another point in building a shingled house is, buy the best cedar shingles for the roof, but don't be so particular about the sides. Shingles of a cheaper material will do there. It is also well to dip the shingles for the roof, thus preserving both sides. Otherwise the water that works back under the shingles will rot them.

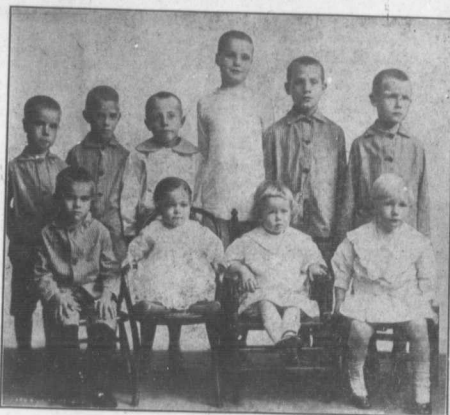
Lights on Vehicles

EDITOR, Farm and Dairy.—I am a farm auto owner. My car is one of the lighter makes. I don't consider that I gear up the roads to any serious extent, and I certainly am not a "road hog." I don't like to see carriages upside down in ditches or folks driving into the fence corners after night to avoid me. I don't like to use glaring lights, which are enough to frighten any horse, but I am driven to it because other folks won't take the precaution of lighting up as they expect auto drivers to do.

The object of this note is to suggest

that drivers of rigs carry lights after dark. If this were done, auto owners would not need to light up so brightly and we would be less of a menace to horse-driven vehicles. It on the road. This is common sense, would also make us feel much more

comfortable when driving after night. In fact, I believe it would be advisable for all vehicles to carry lights if there were only horse-driven vehicles on the road. This is common sense, —"Auto Owner," Hastings Co., Ont.



Thomas R. Harold L. Gordon K. Ernest S. William F. Frank H.
5 years. 7 years. 8 years. 9 years. 9 years. 8 years.
Alfred W. Leonard T. Roy B. Harold H.
6 years. 15 months. 3 years. 3 years.

Waiting to Be Adopted into Protestant Homes.

These sturdy little chaps are of Protestant birth, and we are sure that they will soon all be placed with Our Folks. A reading of the article on page three will show that a reward awaits those who offer a home to one of "these little ones." Those interested write to J. C. Finch, Inspector Children's Aid Society, Hamilton, Ont.



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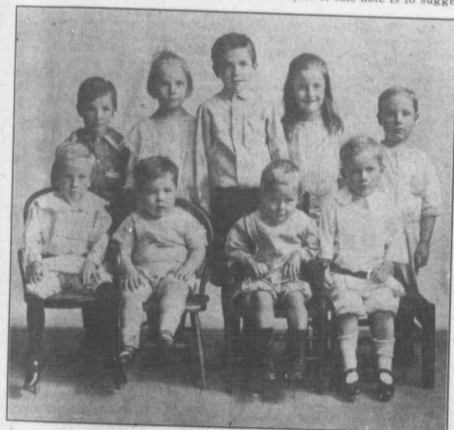
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4 years. 3½ years. 2½ years. 4 years.

Waiting to Be Adopted into Roman Catholic Homes.

These children will bring joy to the homes of some of Our Folks, as did those mentioned in our article on page three. They are Catholic children, and according to the law must only be placed in Catholic homes. Those interested write directly to J. C. Finch, Inspector Children's Aid Society, Hamilton.