

QUESTION DRAWER

This department of the Guide is open to all readers, and it is hoped that they will take advantage of it. All questions relating to the problems of the farmer of Western Canada will be answered in this department. Write questions on one side of the paper only, and send only one question on one sheet of paper. Join in making this department of the greatest value.

J.E.W. Ingleford.—May a farmer's wife who owns a cultivated farm hold shares in the Grain Growers' Company?

Ans.—Yes.

C.H.B. Yellow Grass.—Can you give me the names of the publications you speak of in your article "Know Your Own Business," which are furnished free by the government? Also the names of the books which every farmer should read?

Ans.—There is no list available of the books and pamphlets published by the various departments of the government at Ottawa. However, nearly every subject of interest to farmers in Canada has been dealt with by officials of the Ottawa government as well as by those of the government at Washington. In writing, you will have to specify the subject upon which you want information. A letter addressed to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., will bring a printed list of the pamphlets published by the United States Government and the price of each. A list of books for farmers' libraries will be published in THE GUIDE as soon as it can be compiled. In the meantime, watch the "Book Review" column.

BOOK REVIEW

"ROSE OF THE WORLD." A Novel by Agnes and Egerton Castle, and beautifully illustrated by Harrison Fisher and Clarence F. Underwood. The Publisher is the Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York. Price 75 cents.

This is a modern book, penned by very modern writers, and is an innovation. Two authors, a man and a woman, worked upon the same book and a distinct advantage is thereby gained for we have then a hero conformable to a woman's ideal as well as to a man's, (to say nothing of a double outlook upon all the matter treated). Such a hero must necessarily be a splendid creature, even though kept within reasonably human possibilities.

After a perusal of "Rose of the World" there can remain no doubt that a woman's pen is the charmed medium through which a man-lover can best be presented. No masculine pen could ever delineate with such subtle understanding and refined sympathy, the manly attributes that woman, the world over, so universally seeks, and so unflinchingly fails to find.

The book from cover to cover teems with surprises. The story is strikingly new in plan, unrivalled in incident and irresistible in diction.

Unlike the average modern novel and play, every character is absolutely free from any moral taints; thus forming a tangible concrete proof, opposing the contention of those writers and playwrights who seek to excuse the shady morals of their prominent characters on the ground that only those attract a satiated public.

Bright spots occur with great frequency; indeed wherever "Raspasia" appears, she brings girlish impertinences and scintillating repartee with her. Of course, she is only a girl in her teens, but her heart is in the right place. Replying to her uncle the Lieutenant Governor, who expresses a fear that his wife is "mad" she says, "Well, if the doctor asks me, how poor auntie ever married you, I shan't know quite what to say, but that's the only queer symptom she's ever shown, to my knowledge."

The soliloquies and analytical diagnosis of human thought and purposes, in mixtures of French and English of Dr. Chateaufort, the world famous French scientist are worthy even the wit of his brilliant native school, but the letters of Harry English, the army hero, the invincible captain, the lover-husband, to his wife, when he held his besieged starved forces against the native troops at Inziri stand in a class by themselves.

"Rose of the World," as a love story, stands without a rival—not even the Castles themselves have reproduced its equal, though they have given us several fine books; but our esteem and appreciation are doubtless all the greater for this unique rare pearl, wedged in a sea of driftwood.

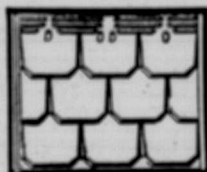
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Use buying-sense when buying roofing

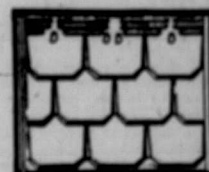
Mr. Farmer! Would you buy a horse from a man a thousand miles away—a man you did not know personally, on a mere paper guarantee? Certainly not. When you buy a horse you judge him yourself. You don't buy him on any paper guarantee, you buy him on what you know about him.

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The Old System and The New

An idea of the conditions which THE GUIDE is endeavoring to remedy, by placing the producer in direct contact with the large city merchants thereby eliminating the profits of the middle man and others, will be found in the following letters, which have recently been received:

"Editor, GUIDE:—I noticed the article, 'Full Value for Dairy Butter' which appeared in THE GUIDE, November 24. It fully endorses all we say. We are on a ranch at Dog Lake, and last summer I made between 200 and 300 pounds of butter a month. Although all who have tested it have pronounced it first class, there is no chance of disposing of it except to the little country stores. Last summer 16c. and 18c. was the highest

price paid by them, and they asked exorbitant prices for the groceries they exchange, compared with those in Winnipeg. All the farmers in this district have butter for sale and they would like to find a market where they could get it properly graded and be paid a uniform price. Selling to a grocery store in the country is not satisfactory, as they can give you just what they like.

SUBSCRIBER.

Pine View, Man.

"Editor, GUIDE:—We have about 200 pounds of choice dairy butter, which we have made since the creamery shut down, and would like to get a cash market for it. I have one fault to find with our merchants here. They pay the same for

good or bad butter. They claim that if they made any difference it would hurt their custom trade with the farmers. As long as our country merchants do this there will be poor butter on the market. I have shipped eggs to Winnipeg seven and ten days old, and they have written me, saying they were not fresh. However, they kept them and asked for more. Farmers who raise the best quality of products are handicapped to get full value for them.

FARMER."

Swan River, Man.

THE GUIDE furnished both of these men with the names of firms to which they could ship all their produce; secure a top price, and get immediate returns.

"What's the matter?" Doesn't life look rosy?"

"Not much." "My creditors are after me, and life is more of a dun color."