

mental ability deservedly commands. All this can be done while he is earning and enjoying the best of "bread and butter and clothes," while independent of the frown of any task master, politician or government.

No other man on this earth can do so, and yet how often the farmer thinks his lot a hard one, if it be so it is to a great extent his own making.

No business will respond so freely to the brains and capital expended on it as the farm, and I know of none that receives so little of either. No one expects to get more out of a financial bank than he puts in, yet the bank of earth is expected to give generously every year and receive nothing outside of its own waste products as deposits. This will not continue. Farmers must give the farm capital and intelligence to reap the possible reward.

If a farmer wishes to amass wealth he must touch the lines of the manufacturer, (with risk of loss may be,) and he has many ways of doing so. He now manufactures butter, cheese, beef, milk, his crude vegetable products soon stock the market, and he says a good year brings poor prices and a bad year there is but little to sell.

He can manufacture, it is not either difficult or costly to convert his raw potatoes, turnips, cabbages, &c., into products that will not decay, and that the world is the market for at all times. He can thus wait for a rising market and have plenty in the year of scarcity.

One branch of this department is the canned fruit manufacture, but it is a costly process and very limited in the articles to be treated, with prospect of decay, even with care, and they are not unfrequently poisonous from developing some noxious compound. This does not obtain with the better and cheaper evaporated products that can include everything from hay or straw to eggs.

You can't raise too much of anything, for half the world is yet but half fed. You will make more money with apples at \$1 a barrel than now, as you should have ten apples for one, and there are so many ways in which they can be manufactured to last for an indefinite time, and furnish delicacies, if not necessities, to the many who cannot now afford them.

No matter in what way I look the farmer's prospects are bright, but more observation, experiments and brains, (even more than capital,) must be put into the business.