

These causes are, therefore, explainable and can be remedied. Since agriculture evolved as rapidly as industry and commerce; since the agricultural population goes so far as to consider this occupation as an inferior one; let us try to straighten out the situation by giving back to agriculture its real rank and by procuring the farm laborer on the farm the comfort he expects to find in industrial life in the city. This is quite an easy thing to do by starting small industries in the country. People quit agriculture to devote themselves to industry, let us make of agriculture a genuine industry, the finest of all industries!

The general use of farm implements having given some leisure to farmers, certain prejudiced individuals have taxed them with laziness, because they did not devote these hours to some other work of a nature to increase the yield of their soil.

Such wholesale statements strongly flavor slander.

The farmers' apparent lack of initiative and ambition is due to the fact that nobody, from the farm implement agent to the agricultural lecturer, has shown them the possibilities offered by this new era. To know something, one must have learned it.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Let us now consider the most proper means of fighting against routine and of making the farmer's situation as enviable as possible. First of all, stands agricultural education.

One's fondness for agriculture increases in proportion to one's insight into its possibilities. This fact, true in the days of Virgil, has remained true nowadays. The gentle poet, who was enjoying the sight of the Roman gardens, could not understand the repulsion of the farmers