

Interesting School Pupils in Agriculture.

It seems that a few of the county superintendents in various States of the Union have of their own accord been endeavoring to introduce into the rural schools, not so much the study of agriculture, but the spirit of agriculture, without which the study is comparatively useless. Among these is Cap. E. Miller, of Keokuk, Iowa. Our esteemed contemporary, Wallace's Farmer, asked him to furnish a statement of the methods he has adopted. This he does in the following communication, which we commend to all who are interested in the vitally-important and pressing problem of rural education reform:

"The teachers and pupils in the schools of this county have been interested in agricultural education for a number of years. Each year our boys and girls have planted seeds, watched the plants grow, have cared for the plants, have studied the plants, keeping notes on growth and tendencies of the plants. These notes have been used as the foundation for composition and language work in our schools. The products and seeds from the plants have been brought to school, and have been studied and examined in connection with language work. Many of the teachers have arranged for school fairs, where these products are placed on exhibition, and where the best compositions and essays are read. The parents have taken a keen interest in this phase of education, for it makes them feel that our teachers are interested in farm work and life.

"When our boys and girls study a plant for a whole summer under the direction of their teacher and county superintendent, they are able to write a life history of the plant which is astonishing to adults. They learn many things not found in books. It teaches them to rely on their own figures and investigations. There is a logical order in the study of plant life which has a good influence. Our boys and girls have received the benefit which comes



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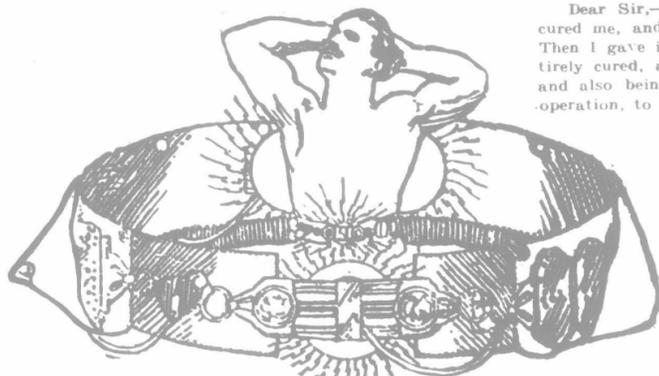
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from this study. We have used these life-histories in place of orations, and the scheme works well.

"Our boys have an organization known as the Agricultural Club, and our girls have an organization known as the Home Culture Club. These boys and girls hold township and county meetings from time to time. They have secured the help and co-operation of some of the most able and noted speakers in the State and nation. These speakers have talked to them on various subjects connected with the home and school. The parents are always glad to get a chance to attend these meetings. These speakers have brought messages of instruction and enthusiasm and inspiration to the meetings, and, in turn, a new spirit is found in our rural schools and in our farm homes.

"Our teachers have used bulletins from the State College of Agriculture, and from the United States Department of Agriculture, to good advantage. These bulletins, together with the outlines from the county superintendent, have given them the source from which to work. It would take a volume to tell of some of the unique things which have been done by some of our teachers in connection with agricultural education. This phase of education has furnished a means in a number of cases for teachers to get hold of the bad boy. It has helped to do away with truancy, for it has made our schools and school-work interesting and attractive. It has helped to connect the home and school more closely than ever before.

"One of our most successful plans is to arrange each year for a few visits to prominent, but attractive and up-to-date farm homes. Here we meet, and, under instruction of teachers from the College of Agriculture or other institutions of learning, we study live stock, soils, buildings, machinery and products on a real farm. On this great day we study weeds, and conduct judging schools or contests in domestic science, corn, and live stock. Hundreds and thousands of our farm people turn out to see the boys and girls take part in these annual short courses. Parents, teachers and pupils all go home with new interest in farm work, farm life, rural schools, and farm homes.

"Agricultural education has been a wonderful factor for good in making our boys and girls realize that the farm is not a place to be dreaded, but a place for growth and progress, a place for comfort and happiness, a place for freedom and liberty, a place of opportunity and possibility."

GOSSIP.

SUNNYMOUNT BERKSHIRES.

Years of judicious selection of breeding stock has brought the Sunnymount herd of Berkshire swine, the property of Mr. John McLeod, of Milton, Ont., to the high standard of type and quality of this herd, which easily ranks among the best in Ontario. The stock boar is the splendid quality hog, Imp. Diamond Cutter, a boar that, for ideal bacon type and superb quality, would make many of the best of the other bacon breeds look cheap. Among the dozen or more brood sows, two or three deserve special mention. Imp. Kingston Maid is now suckling a litter by Imp. Lord Monmouth. Imp. Stratton Lizzie is also suckling a litter got by Lord Roberts; also, out of her are several young sows, got by Imp. Lord Monmouth. Another of the extra-choice sows is Nellie 2nd, a daughter of Premier Longfellow 3rd. Out of her, and got by Imp. Lord Monmouth, are two six-months' sows. She is now suckling a litter by Lord Roberts. All these young sows mentioned as well as a number of others, are for sale. In boars for sale, are four yearlings, two of them got by Imp. Lord Monmouth, and out of Imp. Kingston Maid; the other two, sired by Kingston Lad, and out of Imp. Kingston Rose. Here are a quartette of stock boars fit to head any herd of Berkshires, being large, smooth, even, and possessed of lots of quality. Parties wanting something choice in Berkshires should write Mr. McLeod.

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