

temple from the market without, and sees a picture dim and distorted. Let him but come within, and a majestic brightness touches the heart. The Philistine views the agricultural colleges only as means provided for teaching clod-hoppers how to plow and to sow, and how to be chamber-maids to prize Holsteins. Naturally from such a Philistine point of view the splendid equipment of the Manitoba Agricultural College must seem ridiculously incongruous. In the same issue of the *Courier* are set forth the aims of the western women for bettering country life:—

To make farm life more attractive, thereby keeping the young people on the farm.

To increase the efficiency of the home-keeper and raise the ideal of home-life and work.

To foster and develop local taste for music, literature and the finer things of life generally.

If these are the approved aims of the leading women living in the country places in the west, the agricultural colleges cannot be far astray when, in addition to the technical training in agriculture and home economics which they give to the young men and women from the country, they try to support these same approved aims. One should not expect the "professor abroad," the Philistine on the outside, to understand these aims, but those who have been within know and understand. What he saw with uncomprehending eyes, begging description, was the means, appointed by men more discerning than he, for teaching young people not only how to make a living on the farm, but also how to live in the country.

Youthful Co-operation

The other day the writer had his attention drawn to the following incident, which happened on a farm in Saskatchewan, which is a striking example of the unconscious co-operation of children, which could be copied with advantage by their elders.

Little Frankie Baker, aged six years, was out playing with his sisters, Hilda, aged five, and Annie, aged three, when the latter intimated that she would like a drink of water, whereupon the trio proceeded to the well (about a quarter of a mile from the house) to procure the desired beverage.

On taking the lid from the well top Hilda fell in and sank in five feet of water and when she rose to the surface she splashed around and found a place where the sand had forced a board of the crib inwards, thus making a ledge where she could hold on.

Frankie, with great presence of mind, grabbed the pail and rope near by and lowered it into the well, shouting to Hilda to climb in, which she did, and finding his strength did not permit him to pull his sister out he told his little three-year-old sister Annie to run and fetch Mother.

While Annie had gone to fetch Mother, Frankie succeeded in holding Hilda's head above water until the arrival of his alarmed mother, who pulled her up, and thus Frankie saved his sister's life, as about half-an-hour elapsed between the dispatching of the little tot and the arrival of the mother and there is no doubt that the girl in the well could not have held herself up for that length of time alone.

Frankie realized the danger of leaving his sister in the critical position she occupied and stayed with her, enlisting the co-operation of his little three-year-old sister as messenger, and the latter proved a loyal little partner in distress, while Hilda found strength and confidence in the help of her brother.

This is an actual occurrence and demonstrates the value of united action and may well teach a useful lesson to the grown-ups on the farms, if they will do likewise in their business and community lives to a larger extent.



The Tornado's Work

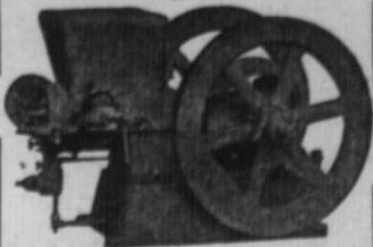


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