and the practical man. The first is considered a simpleton, the latter as the one we are to look up to. If I may be permitted to give an opinion I would say they are both failures, if we look at possible results. The first in trying to do what he knows nothing about. The second because he does not accomplish what he should be capable of. If I were to hazard another opinion I would say the observant farmer can only be the successful man. He takes the "book" for what it is worth, he sifts the "practice" and finds a great deal to exclude in this line, he reasons from careful and continuous observation and experiments in new lines, tentatively fails no doubt, but learns why, tries again, avoiding, however, mistakes, and so on to the end, and in the end success is certain. Then he can teach the practical man how to proceed by his "rule of thumb." No other profession or occupation is surrounded by so many of the secrets and beauties of nature that are calling for attention and yet receive but little. The seed goes through its mysterious, beautiful and wonderful changes with scarce a passing thought, except how much money it will bring for the labour expended, yet this scientific study by observation has rendered immortal a host of names I have not time to mention. The wonders of animal life, the daily duty of the farmer but rarely receive other than a passing note, yet the most fervid imagination can but grasp a few of its details. He is surrounded by animal and vegetable pests and parasites that one would Think would appeal to the most sensitive part of his anatomy, his pocket, yet they receive but scant observation, and he, child like, looks up to some one to tell him about them, one who very likely has not anything like the opportunity the farmer has for observation and And so I might go on and enumerate his duties, agreeable and otherwise, and point out that each is a study in itself, for the most brilliant intellect can only enter the portals of knowledge. There is no pleasure so keen or absorbing as that of the naturalist, and unlike the pursuit of wealth it will not vanish.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING MOST NEEDED.

Would it not be possible to teach the coming generation how to utilize the wealth of heritage scattered around them, and the various intellectual pleasures at their command?

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