

FARMER DECIDES BETWEEN TIME AND COST.

A farmer doesn't haggle many hours over the problem: if a \$60 mowing machine will make it possible for him to cut as much hay in one hour as his father cut in one day with a scythe, should he spend that amount of money for a single piece of machinery? He gets the machine if he has to give a chattel mortgage on a horse to do it. But if a \$60 vacuum cleaner will make it possible for his wife to clean her entire house in one day, better than his mother could in two weeks—that is quite a different problem, and generally solved in a different way.

To equip a farm with machinery and labor saving devices that are necessities because they enable the farmer to make one hour accomplish the work of ten without them, may cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$18,000, not counting horses, wagons, harness or any building machinery.

To equip a farm home with every contrivance that will actually lighten labor and make the home in the country as comfortable as it might be in the up-to-date city may cost anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000; the difference depending largely on the quality of material and finish.

But these are the extremes in both cases; the farm and the farm house can both be made much more up-to-date than they usually are with about one-half that expenditure.

Every woman should be the possessor of the best labor-saving device that any home can possess—a good brain and a keen interest in her work. There is a great deal of wisdom in the advice "Make your head save your heels." Every farmer's wife must decide for herself what particular tasks in her home consume the greatest amount of time and strength. These are the tasks for which she should provide the best contrivances calculated to make them easier.

POWER EQUIPPED LAUNDRY.

A laundry provided with stationery wash tubs, with power equipped washing machine and wringer, and a power-equipped mangle is an innovation, but by no means an impossibility for the farm home. A farmer no longer reaps his grain with a sickle or cradle, though his father may have done so. He rides his plow, and often his harrow. He rides his drill, and his grain planter. He loads hay by machinery, and pitches it into barns by horse power. Why should a farmer's wife be afflicted with an aching back, disfigured hands and ruffled temper, because she is compelled to do the weekly washing for her family with tub and board in the way her mother and grandmother did before her?