

From a Farmer's Wallet.

We had a man in our neighborhood who always went on the run when doing his work on the farm. No matter what it was that he was doing, he was always hustling and puffing and acting as if life and death were at stake all the time. It was hard work to stand and watch this man. It used to make us feel as if we must hurry, too. Everybody was uncomfortable, even to his horses. They knew things were not going right and were as nervous as he was. The cows, too, caught the fever and stood with one eye turned round toward him when he was milking, as if they wondered what was going to happen next. That man is not on the farm now. He did not get along well and moved away to town to work in some factory. I have often wondered what sort of a hand he would make there. If he carried the same habits of haste with him, I will venture to say that he wastes a good deal of material and costs his employers more than one dollar a day for wasted time, strength and energy. For the man who rushes along that way surely does miss the mark. He cannot do as much in a day, and what he does will not be as good work as a man who goes steadily on about his work, planning things out right and making every action count.

It is worth while for young folks to get the habit of doing things right. The earlier in life they begin to do this, the easier it will be for them in later life to keep calm and steady and think everything out. A lady teacher in one of our High Schools once told me that she never forgot anything she intended to do, but that the moment she thought of it again she went and did it. If she intended to take a certain book with her from the school-room and forgot it, no matter how far on her way home she might have gotten when her mind went back to the book, she immediately turned round and returned for it. A few such trips helped to fix the habit of remembering the first time.

The fact is we ought never to be satisfied unless we do things right. Suppose the cap of the radiator on the automobile gets twisted when we start to put it on. It cannot be screwed down tight. Why try it? Stop, back up, start the cap so that the threads will match. Then turn it down. The same way with the cover to a fruit can. Start it right, if it takes a dozen times of trying. Don't be satisfied by saying, "I did not think." Keep your thinking cap on. That is what it is given you for. Go back if you did not start right. Let no slipshod habit conquer you.

For the call everywhere is for men and women who can and will do the right thing and do it right. From one end of his life to the other the railway engineer must keep his mind on what he is doing. It will not do for him to run past a signal or to make a mistake in the way a lamp on the switch is set. He must not sit up in his place and let his engine get to pounding anywhere, thinking, "She will go through all right to the end of this run." A wreck may send him and his train into the ditch long before he reaches the home station. He knows that the right thing to do is to report that his engine is out of order, stop and put the wrong part right, or if he cannot do it, send in for another engine.

"But," do you say, "none of us are running locomotives or doing anything that places life in jeopardy." No, but we are working with valuable machinery. Are we always as careful before we start out to see that everything is as it should be, every nut turned up tight, the bearings all oiled properly, nothing grinding anywhere, each piece of the mechanism doing the work for which it was designed? A careful hand can add years to the life of the farm machinery. Putting away a pitch-fork may seem a simple thing. How many have been sadly injured and perhaps killed, by slipping down on the stale of a fork that has been carelessly left leaning against the side of a haymow! Cows are dried up by careless, hurried, indifferent milking. It pays to do this work well. There is such a thing as milking a cow in a workmanlike manner.

After we get along in years, we learn to do our work well at greater cost. The mind now runs in channels that are pretty well defined. It is a greater effort now to pull oneself up, and say, "Now, see here, old man, that was not done as it ought to have been, and you know it. Go and do it right." But it can be done. The most encouraging thing about all life

is, that there is always a chance to do better. Young or old, poor or rich, high or low, we are all capable of making improvement in everything we undertake. I know an old man who has only recently learned to write with a pen. He has lost the best part of life because he neglected this when he was young; but you cannot imagine how happy he is now that he can write a fair hand and read pretty well. Doing all things well never fails to bring with it a sense of conquest. That makes life worth living.—EDGAR L. VINCENT.

Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Guinea Pigs.

1. Where can I purchase guinea pigs?
2. What hospital would be liable to buy them for experimental purposes?

D. S.

Ans.—1. Place an advertisement in these columns.

2. Write the Institute of Public Health, London, Ont.

Feed Prices.

If by Order No. 5, the price of bran and shorts is set at \$24.50 and \$29.50, why are market prices quoted at \$35 and \$40?

F. W.

Ans.—These prices as explained in a recent issue of "The Farmer's Advocate" are f. o. b. Fort William. Bag prices, freight and sometimes bagging and dealer charges must be added as outlined in our issue of March 7, page 366.

Record Holstein.

Will you kindly make clear to me, through the medium of your valuable paper, why the son of the well-known cow May Echo Sylvia is referred to as a 44-lb. bull? Thanking you in anticipation.

R. F. L.

Ans.—We suppose the reference is made on the strength of his dam's record of 44 lbs. butter in seven days. It would be more correct to refer to the bull as a son of a 44-lb. cow.

Contracts—Quack Veterinarian.

1. Would I have to notify the township council and also the contractor to stop them carrying out the contract?
2. If a man makes a business of practicing as a veterinarian but is not a graduated veterinarian, can he be held responsible the same as a regular veterinarian?

A. B. C.

Ans.—1. What contract? If it is township work, interfering with your rights and property, notify both.

2. No man has a right to practice as a veterinarian unless he has his graduation papers and could not be held responsible nor could he set fees.

Pigs Die.

Young sow had litter of 5 pigs. At the age of 4 weeks one pig was found dead in pen from no apparent cause. Next morning another was crippled across back and in hind legs, gradually getting worse, until death came a day and a half later. Sow has been fed on oats finely ground and seems to have a good supply of milk. What is the cause of this, and remedy if any?

H. S.

Ans.—It is impossible for us to say what ailed the first pig. The second may have been injured by the sow. Pigs may be over-fat, as small litters sometimes get. Feed sow on slop and light feed. Give exercise, and if possible let the pigs have a little outside run on warm days.

Bad Seed Corn.

I went to a farmer in January looking for seed corn. I asked him if he had any seed corn for sale. He said he had. I bought 100 bushels at \$4.00 per bushel. I went back in a couple of weeks. He helped me pick it out. He did not guarantee it. I did not ask him to. I shipped it and sold it out for seed corn and it has proven no good. I have asked him to make it right; he does not think he is responsible. Have I any claim on him, if so how should I go about it?

J. L. G.

Ans.—You would have no case against the man who sold you the corn. He didn't guarantee it as to germination and, no doubt, had not tested it at all. You should have bought subject to test.



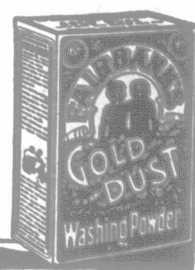
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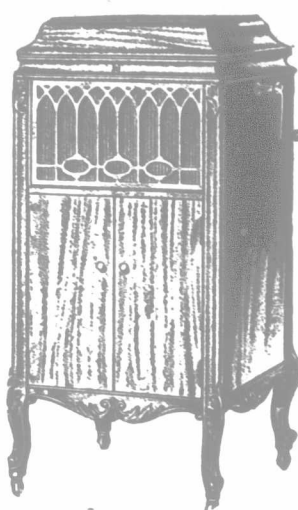
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