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lose a great deal in interest to the public generally. The plan recommended will also enable the work to be done at the lowest cost. The money remaining, which at a fee of ten dollars per stallion would average about \$500.00 for each county will be of material assistance in financially aiding spruce horse shows. The three years provided for the riddance of the province of grade stallions should be all that is required for this purpose and the day of grace offered is long enough.

Servant vs. Stenographer

To the Editor, Farming World:

I have read in the last issue of your journal the article entitled, "The Servant Girl," signed, "A farmer who needs a servant."

It is easily seen that the need of a servant girl has dictated to him what he has written. He has in view his own personal interest, nothing else. Work of any kind is noble when the party is doing it with a view to accomplishing his duty perfectly and earning for himself and others an honorable living. But will "A Farmer, etc.," say that the girl employed in a farm house, washing dishes, scrubbing the floor, and milking the cows, has secured a more elevated and noble employment than the telephone girl, the stenographer, etc.?—No, because every position, when filled by a good, smart and noble person is a noble position. And then will he say this for a girl who has had some education, there is more pleasure, more interest in household work than intellectual work? No! no! that I know everybody knows. There is pleasure in the work that teaches something new every day. But what pleasure, what interest can be found in washing, scrubbing, and cooking? What benefit will intelligence derive from such work?

I quote from "The Farmer's" letter: "Does The Advocate think the employment more elevating or noble than service in the ordinary farm home? Does he suppose the morality of the average girl by going to labor during the day and walking the streets by night or attending cheap theatres, is increased or retained?" Will your correspondent kindly listen to the better information he needs very badly: That all the girls going to labor during the day do not walk the streets at night and attend cheap theatres. The majority of them have been well enough brought up, and received a good enough education to have a better taste than that and to respect themselves. Country servant girls and misses, the farmers do not, I am sure, attend cheap theatres—a good reason why, Jack wouldn't eat his supper; he had none to eat).

I am a stenographer, and have been working in an office for ten years, and wish to say to your correspondent, that if he ever has a daughter or a sister undertake

such work, if she has been well brought up, and respects herself, she will always be respected, and remember, she will always be treated as she deserves to be.—So, no fear! Now, Mr., "A Farmer who needs a servant," good luck in securing and keeping one.

A Montreal stenographer.

The Motor Nuisance

It would appear that the same annoyance and inconvenience is experienced by farmers in the Old Land that is felt here. In regard to the reckless and inconsiderate driving of the automobile over country roads. The following letter which appeared in one of our English agricultural exchanges voices some of the grievances caused by these machines in the "land of good roads." The comfort and retirement of the country life is to be destroyed by these hideous machines, even in Old England. Evidently it is the reckless and excessive speed which is so objectionable there as here:

"As a Wiltshire farmer living less than twenty yards from the main road, I sympathise very much with Mr. Berry Torr, and think I have a fair idea of the discomfort and annoyance, as well as expense, caused by motor-cars. Our gardens, fields, hedges, and cows are smothered in dust. The drivers rush past, most of them racing as if against time, with little thought of anyone but themselves. One has to pull into the sides to allow them to pass, and they invariably drive right in the middle of the road. It is often impossible to see whether anything else is behind for a quarter of a mile in a westerly, at the least. Just lately, I have seen a valuable Shire mare frightened through a gateway out of the road, and striking the post she received a wound nine inches long by four inches deep. It took her a month to recover. Is it any wonder that she dislikes motors?"

"Last week some ram lambs were coming out of a road: a motor came by, and without waiting a moment cut into them, laming one so badly that it will only be fit for the butcher. The driver hesitated not, but sped on his way rejoicing. Fortunately for him, and myself, too, it was not one which cost me over £200 recently. I have lived here the best part of fifty years, but am glad to turn off 'the main' into any district or down road to avoid these nuisances. Many of the chauffeurs when alone, I think, take advantage of the absence of their masters. It is like the old story of putting a beggar on a horse. Some motorists are most courteous, and I need hardly say it is greatly appreciated. Alas! they are in a small minority. The majority use our roads as if they were railway tracks."

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