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#### farm and Home Problems.

UR growing boys and girls are liable to meet with even graver problems than those of to-day, in the coming century. Then in the coming century. for the love of them and of humanity, select the very best teachers to be found for the public schools. Begin right now. Methods are secondary; get the wisest, kindest, broadest men and women to be found, such as will sympathize with the pupils and bring out the best that is in them. Scores of letters received in our bired help contest emphasize the economy of getting good men and paying good wages. How much more important to employ the best teachers to be had!

A woman whose early nome may pened to be in a district where veran-das did abound, and is living now in mark region, writes me: "It woman whose early home hapa different region, writes me: "It makes me hot when I drive around and makes me hot when I drive around and see farmhouses with everything else one wants except a piazza—which hereabouts isn't much bigger than a pocket hadkerchief. Yet inside there is a holy of holies of a parlor. If there is a scrap of a piazza, it is sure to be on the hottest side of the house."

Is your boy talking of seeking employment in the city this fall, against your wish? The larger places must have some of our brightest and best, but they have had more than their share. After sounding many fathers and sons I am convinced that the averand sons I am convinced that the average boy would be willing and glad to stick to the farm if two conditions, in particular, were right: First, that he have fair play in the working of the farm, and second, that he have enough of contact with the outside world. enough of change and recreation to escape the craze which some boys have for a different life. It is human nature to crave that which is denied. Take the boy around with you, let him see with his own eyes that the successful farmer is a man of affairs, with a wide acquaintance, and the farm will cease to be a prison and become a delight.

The speculators on the Chicago board of trade are becoming wonderfully virtuous, making a fight to the finish against the bucket shops. The latest development is the refusal to send out over the telegraph wires con-tinuous quotations because these en-A little earlier the board suspended for one to five years some of its members, including one prominent officer. for bucketshopping and within a few days the city authorities have made numerous arrests of operators of these fraudulent trading concerns. While the efforts of the produce exchanges of cities to exterminate the bucket shops may be ascribed to selfish reasons, the fact remains these nefarious outfits should go. There is not the semblance of right in their so-called trades, and the tendency is to depress the price of farm executative commodities are the farm. farm speculative commodities such as grain and provisions.

### One Way to Co-operate.

A movement has been started for free rural mail delivery by the board of trade in the small city of Windsor, Ont, opposite Detroit. There is every reason why the royal service should de-liver the farmers' mail right to his door, just as is being done by Uncle Sam across the line. This year \$1,750. will be expended in free rural mail delivery among the farmers of the states. But the post office department will get a large slice of it back by largely increased business and closing | stock to \$8,000,000 and its reserve to

valued at 101,600,000 and from Great Britain nearly 37,000,000. Our exports to Great Britain were 99,000,000 and to the states over 45,000,000. Much of the imports from the states is raw material which goes through manufacturing processes, including coal, cotton, wool, hides, corn, tobacco, etc.

### An Impending Evil.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce, by its absorption of the Bank of British Columbia, thereby increases its capital

from Yamaska river to St Francois du Lac. Que. The federal government paid the promoters \$3200 per mile and the Quebec government 4000, a total of 7200. The subsidy secured, the enterprising promoters took up the rails, carried them over to Nicolet and put them down on a section of the Nicolet and St Gregoire road and received a new federal subsidy of 3200 per mile on the same rails. But one train has ever been run over the rails of this road which has cost the people 10,400 per mile.



Not only ought the hiring farmer to be interested in our "hired help" con-test but the hired man as well. Many points are brought out in the short opinions and practices of our hiring farmers that are of value. And many a hired man can thank his lucky stars he has so good a place to work. Of course others will watch with longing hopes for a better place than they now have. But after all, every hired man's place is made pleasanter and better when mutual co-operation exists be-tween the hiring and the hired.

# A Big Prize, Easily Won.

This coupon pretty nearly tells its own story. All the competitor has to do is to read the advertisements in Ferm and Home (Aug 1 and 15) to find that one which you think is the most effectively writen; that is which advertisement is so expressed as in your judgment to best accomplish its purpose of making known, or increasing the demand for, the article advertised. Write the name of such advertisement Write the name of such advertisement. in the coupon below, together with your own name and address. The advertisement that gets the largest number of votes will be the correct answer, and the coupon earliest mailed that names this advertisement will win the



# The Agricultural Fair of To-day-Where Does the Agriculture Come In?

It is not really quite so had as this, but the trotting horse is getting to be the chief "agricultural" product shown, often robbing more important departments of their share of the prize money.

of superfluous country post offices. But even if he don't, it is cheaper to pay a little more taxes and give some honest neighbor a job delivering the mail daily than for 100 farmers to each drive an average of 3 to 6 miles several times a week for the mail. By a little of superfluous country times a week for the mail. By a little co-operative effort of this kind, our readers can save time. And time is money with the ambitious.

## The Foreign Trade

of the dominion the past year reached proportions never before attained, nearly \$313,000,000, while the value of exports show a decrease our imports were some 23,500,000 greater than the year before. In per cent of total trade, the United States took 44, Great Britain 43½, and all other countries 12½. We bought from the states merchandise Wo

2.000,000. Its branches for doing business are increased to 69 in number. If a few more "absorptions" of this character occur, the Dominion will have a hankers' trust far more powerful than the one now said to exist in the states. Canada's area is too great and the country too sparsely settled to allow a few persons of wealth to control its finances. Already the C P R is commonly regarded as a creature greater than its creator and should it and the few banks join hands it would be a sad day for the people of Canada.

### Railroad Promoters Still Active.

One of the worst exposures of the utter weakness and possible corruption of existing method of granting railway subsidies, is the Sun's investigation of the grant to the proposed railway successive s

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