## farm and Home Problems.

OUR growing boys and girls are llabie to meet with even graver problems than those of to-tay. in the coming century. Then for the love of them and of humanity, select the very vest teachbegin sight now. Methous are secondary; get the wisest, kindest. broadest men and women to be found, such as men and women to be tound, such as
will sympathize with the puplls and bring out the best that is in them. bring out the best that is in them. Scores of letters recelved in our hired-
help contest emphasize the cconomy of getting good men and paying good wages. liow much more important to employ the best teachers to be had!
A woman whose early home happened to be in a district where verandas did abound, and is living now in a difrerent region, writes me: "it mee farmhouses with eversthing clise see farmonescs $\begin{aligned} & \text { one wints except a piazza-which here- }\end{aligned}$ inouts isn't much bigger than a pocket mouts isn t much bigger than a pocket holy of holles of a parlor. If there is a scrap of a plazza, it is sure to be on the hottest side of the house."

Is your boy talking of seeking employment in the clty this fall, against Your wish? The larger places must bare some of our brightest and best. but they have had more than their but they have had more than their
share. After sounding many fathers share. After sounding many fathers
and 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 bave falr play in the working of the farm, and second, that he have enough oi contact with the outside world, enough of changir and recreation to escape the craze which some boys have for a diferent. ilfe. It is human nature ior a dircerent infe. it is human nature th crave that which is denied. Take the
boy around with youn, ict him see with boy around with yon, let him see with
his own eyes that the successful farmer is a man of affalrs. with a wide acquaintance. and the farm will cease to be a prison and become a dellght.

The speculators on the Chicago board of trade are becoming wonderfully virtuous, making a night to the anlsh against the bueket shops. The anish against the bucket shops. The
latest develonment is the refusal to jatest develonment is the refusal to
send out over the telesraph wires continuous guotations because these enable the bucket shoys to do business. A little earlier the board suspended for one to fre ycars some of tis inembers, including one inominent omeer, for bucketshopping and within it few days the clty nuthorltics have mate 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 remalns these nefarious outits *hould so. There is not the semblance of ristht in their no-called trades, and the tendeacs is 10 depress the price of farm speculatite commodities such as srain and provislons.

## One Way to Co-operate.

A movement has been started for free rural mall delfwery by the board of trade in the small clty of Windsor. Ont, opposite Detroit. There is every reason why the royal service should deiver the farmers mail right to his door, just as is being done by Uncle Sam arross the line. This year $\$ 1.750$.000 will be expended in free rumal mail dellvery among the farmers of the states. Iut the post office department will get a larse slice of it back by largely increased business and closing


The Agricultural Fair of To-day-Where Does the Agriculture Come In? It is not really quite so bad as this. but tho troting horse fi, getting to be the chice "agricultural" product shown, often robbing more important departments of their share of the prize money.
of supernuous country post offices. pay a lutle he dont. It is cheaper to honest neighbor a job delleering the mall dails thon a job delvering the drlve an averace of 3 tarmers to cach times a weer co-operative effort of this kind. our co-operative effort of this kind. our
readers can sive time. And time is money with the ambitions.

## The Foreign Trade

of the domino the past year reached proportions never liefore altained. nesrly $\$ 313.000 .000$. While the value of exports show a decrease our imports were some $3,500,000$ greater than the yoar isfore. in per cent of total trade. the United States took $4 t$. Great Britain 43y. and all wher countries 123k. Wo bought from the states werchandise
valued at $101,600,000$ and from Great
Mritain nearl: $37,000,000$. 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 manutacturing processes, including coal, culton, wool, hicies, corn, todaceo. ete.

## An Impending Evil.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce. by its alusorption of the Bank of British Colun:bia, thereby Increases its capital stock to $\$ 8,000,000$ and its reserve to

2000,000. Its branches for doing busineas nie increased to 6.9 in number. If a few more "absorptions" of this charncter occur, the Dominion will have a lankers' trust far more powerful than the one now sald to exist in the states. Cannda's area is too Exeat and the country 200 sparsely setuled to allow a few persons of wealth to control its Anances Niready the C P R is commonly refarded as a creature greater than its creator and should It and the few lanks join hanis it woull be a sad day for the people of Ganadn.

## Reilroad Promoters Still Active.

One of the worst exposures of the utter Fenkness and possible cortuption of cxisting mothon of tranting rallway, the grapi to the propoecd rallway
from Yamaska river to St Francois du lac. Que. The federal government pald the promoters $\$ 3200$ per mile and the Quevec government 4000, a total of 7s00. The subsidy secured, the enterprising promoters took up the ralls, carried them over to Niculet and put them down on a section of the Nicolet and St Gregolro rood and recelved a new federal subsidy of 3200 per mile on the same rails. But ono train his ever been run over the ralls of this road which has cost the people 10.400 per mile.

## The Hired Man Problem.

Not only ought the hiring farmer to be interested in our "hired help" contest 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 suod a place to work. of he has others will watch with louging conrse orhers witer place than they nove hopes for a better pllace every hircd manis place is made pleasanter and better place is made pieasanter and bettur
when mutual co-operation exists inetween the hiring and the hired.

## A Big Prize, Easily Won.

This coupon pretty nearly tells ite own story. All the competitor has to do is to read the adivertisements in Firm and llome (Aug 1 and 15) to find that one which you think is the most efiectively writen; that is which adverthsement is so expressed as in your judgment to best accomplish its purpose of making known, or increasing the demand for, the article advertised. II rite the name of such advertigement in the counon 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 carliest malled that names this advertisement will win the $\$ 25$.

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