

**THE WATERDOWN REVIEW**

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**THE PUMP IN THE HOUSE**

Means Comfort and Convenience for the Farmer's Wife.

Water Indoors Pumped From Outdoor Wells—How to Do the Job—Up-to-date Pumps Save Time and Energy.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The writer recently described in these columns how to safeguard the farm water supply against contamination. All will agree that this matter should receive foremost attention. In this and subsequent articles various means for getting the water, whether well, spring, or cistern water on tap in the farm home will be described. In the first place I desire to emphasize the fact that it is frequently a very common thing for the farmers' wives to carry the water from the pump over the well to the house, where the pump could be located inside the house, and all the labor of carrying water avoided and without very little more labor expended in pumping.

**Distance of House Pump from Well.**

Note this question: When can the pump be located to one side of the well, and how far away? If the water supply is no more than 150 or 200 feet from the house, and the level of the water at the supply, say the well is never more than 20 or 22 feet below the level of the ground level at the house, the pump may be put inside the house, and the water drawn in quite satisfactorily. It would not cost very much to make this change in the pump arrangement, and consider what a great saving of labor and time, inconvenience, and exposure to bad weather would be effected by merely moving the pump inside. Perhaps you have never thought of this matter. How about it? Then, too, the well can be more securely guarded from surface contamination than when the pump is directly over it.

**The Majority of Wells Are Shallow.**

In many districts of our country the majority of the wells are shallow and within a short distance of the house, and readily lend themselves to the pumping system described above. It is the nearest approach to water on tap, and the system should be far more common in the rural districts than it is. If in the future some time an up-to-date water system should be installed in the home, the water line from the house to the well would be already installed, and no changes in it would be necessary.

**Hints on Installation.**

Before passing on, a few features concerning installation of the water pipe to the well or supply should be emphasized. These are: The best quality of galvanized pipe should be used, the joints in the line should be absolutely air-tight, the pipe line should be deep enough to be always safe from frost, the pipe should slope

**BUYING A FARM.**

Some Very Practical and Timely Hints to Would-be Purchasers of Farm Property.

The most important decision that a farmer is called on to make is the selection of a farm on which to live and earn a living. The judgment used in making the selection of a farm may make or break a man, may tie him up for life to poverty or to wealth. In districts where the soil is uniformly good over a large area and where prosperity is evident on all sides the task is not so great and risky. But in districts where various types and grades of soil exist a poor farm and a good farm may lie side by side. The good farm will no doubt help to sell the poor one, which, by the way, is always for sale. See Your Prospective Farm in July.

Farm purchases are most frequently made during the winter when the opportunity for close examination is least. This should not be so. If farms were purchased on the basis of the crop showing during the month of July there would be fewer regrets. If a man contemplates purchasing a farm in a district where he has lived for a long period, he will know the soil and district conditions. Knowing conditions the purchaser will hand over his money with his eyes wide open; if he does not know conditions in the district he will be handing over his money with his eyes closed and must depend upon the honesty of some one else. Purchasers of farms are advised to live and work in the district of their choice for at least a year before investing heavily.—L. Stevenson, Secretary Dep. of Agriculture, Toronto.

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