

AN EXILE'S SONG

I lean from my window that looks on the street
And send out my spirit to those I would greet;
And homesick, my heart wanders forth as it wills
To a little green valley that's cradled in hills;
I'm hearing, instead of a great city's roar,
The sound of the wave as it laps on the shore;
My heart seeks the land where I'm longing to be—
In dear little Acadie, down by the sea.

And in that green valley how well my heart knows
Where, through the dyked marshes Annapolis flows;
Bee-haunted acacias, drooping in grace,
And great arching elm trees bend o'er the place;
And in the thorn hedges that border the street
The milky-white may and the sweet-briar meet;
Apple blossoms by miles are sweet as can be
In dear little Acadie, down by the sea.

And then in the autumn what glory! what gold!
The fruit-scented farms I remember of old;
One sees the far hills through a magical haze,
Blue asters and golden rod blazon the ways;
And up from the marshes, at close of the day,
Ox-wagons creak slowly with sweet-scented hay;
And swift tidal rivers flow ruddy and free
In dear little Acadie, down by the sea.

You think it a country bleak, barren and bare,
I know it a land that is fruitful and fair;
It has wealth of the rivers, wealth of the shore,
Wealth of the woodland and marsh, mines full of ore;
Sheltered valleys like Edens; from harbors and bays
Her vessels sail forth over oceans' wide ways;
No province of Canada fairer than she—
Our own little Acadie, down by the sea.

FREDA ERNEST in Toronto Globe.

FARMIN' DON'T PAY

Oh, I know it for a fact, sir:
Farmin' don't pay.
In my barn this line I've tacked, sir:
"Farmin' don't pay."
I have had the best of trainin',
On the farm my bread I'm gainin',
But my faith in farms is wanin';
Farmin' don't pay.

Yes, I guess you're right about that;
"Farmin' don't pay."
Seen your farm, I do not doubt that
Farmin' don't pay.
Drainage, culture you don't practice,
Every tool you shown me cracked it;
I'll agree the honest fact is
Farmin' don't pay.

Had you tried fertilization,
Farmin' would pay;
Drainage, moisture conservation,
Farmin' would pay;
Practiced food elaboration,
Tillage, weed eradication,
You'd declare to all the nation:
"Farmin' does pay."

—M. E. KAINS.

An English doctor claims that the less clothing a woman wears the warmer she is. Probably the exercise she gets by shivering warms her.

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THE BIRD AND THE CHERRY

A writer in the New York Herald and Sun says of the farmer who wants to kill off the birds that eat his cherries, "Of course there wouldn't be any cherries if there were no song birds. The bird puts the cherry on the tree; why shouldn't he eat his own cherry? The farmer only holds a second mortgage on that cherry. He may think otherwise and kill the bird. Then the bird won't get the cherry, and neither will the farmer."

As to spraying, the writer says: "One might as well undertake to moisten Arizona with a medicine dropper as to clean all the trees of all outdoors with a spray, and it if were possible how would the cost compare with the value of what the birds eat?"

FARM LETTERHEADS

Many farmers are beginning to realize the advantages to be derived from the use of printed letterheads, with envelopes to match, for carrying out either their business or their personal correspondence. If their farm has a name, and if any special line of farming is being followed, it is usually put in the letterhead, together with the name of the proprietor. Care should be used, however, that too much matter is not crowded into this, as a large, ungainly letterhead is not as effective as a small neatly arranged one. When having the stationery printed, it will be most economical to have a considerable quantity printed at one time, as the rates are cheaper for large amounts than for only a few hundred sheets. —Maritime Farmer.

FOREIGN BASIC SLAG

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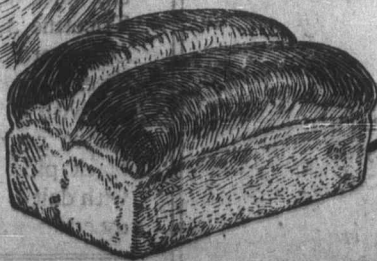
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