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FARMER LIFE IDEAL

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Drudges In City Shops Know Nothing of His Independence, and Al-though the Work Is Hard and Incessant the Reward Is Sure.

If some of the farmers who are discouraged because they have not made a fortune off their farms and who feel inclined to envy their brother toilers in the city, imagining that life in the city more desirable than theirs, easier and filled with plenty of leisure to en-joy all the pleasures with which the rustic imagination gilds and glorifies those distant scenes and activities. they need only try to find out their mistake. "Far fields are green" and lose much of their attractiveness upon

To the city man of ordinary means and opportunities, who, like the ordiand opportunities, who, has the ordinary farmer, has no bank account to fall back upon in case of emergency, life is one "demnition grind" and without the soothing influences of nature that surround the farmer to quiet the fever and unrest with which the struggle, competition and turmoil around him keep his nerves on the rack day after day. As a rule, such men are not their own masters, but must order their speech demeanor and inclinations to please the powers that have control over their daily doings in order to keep bread in the mouths and clothes on the backs of both themselves and their

The farmer, if he does not feel well, an rise in the morning at whatever hour it pleases him so to do, for an hour or so or a day or two does not make much difference in his affairs. except at the most critical periods of except at the most critical periods of planting and harvesting. He can have his own opinions, and voice them, too, on politics and religion and all the stirring questions of the day without fear of antagonizing the powers that be, who can "sack" him if his views and opinions do not happen to calcide and opinions do not happen to coincide with those of his masters or "overlord" (the boss).

That the farmer is a hard worker nobody can deny. Tilling the soil is not easy work. Since God gave the comeasy work. Since God gave the command to man to "earn his bread by the sweat of his face" the farmer's life has been a life of toil. It takes some strength and effort to dig a living out of the ground. It is not easy to earn a living, much less a fortune, without effort, and the farmer is not the only one who "sweats." Brain workers have no sinecure, although some persons imagine that all they have to do is to sit at a desk and add up figures or to twiddle a pen in their fingers. The life of a salesman behind the counter is most wearisome and monotonous. The beautiful days of spring go by, the birds are singing as they build their nests, the flowers are blooming in the valleys and on the hillsides, and the grass is growing greener and greener in the mendows, yet never a glimpse does he get of the beauty of the bright world except when he can take a car ride of an evening or on a Sunday or holiday.

A grocer's clerk works more hours and harder than the average country boy, who can go to the "corner" and pitch quoits and gossip with his cronles when the city young man is just get-ting from work, and, as for the man who delivers milk in the city, he has even harder work and longer hours. At 4 in the morning and even earlier his wagon is heard on the streets and himself racing from top to bottom of the high apartment buildings in the cold and sleet of a midwinter's morning or in the enervating heat of summer. At breakneck speed he goes, and one could almost imagine that his life depended upon getting through his rounds in due season. Competition is rounds in due season. Competitor is so great that he must neglect nothing and always be pleasant and obliging to the most unreasonable of customers for fear of losing one. There are the icemen, carrying fifty pounds and often 100 pounds of ice up four flights of stairs, which is no easy task, and as it is not skilled labor the pay is probably not more than it should be, considering the amount of strength expended. Hard as the work is and moderate as is the pay, no man can afford to lose his job, so he has to be very careful not ******************************

to antagonize his employers.

The man who does business on a small scale and is his own boss probably finds it no easier to make a living, for he has to do the greater part of his own work, and in the case of a bad or upprofitable season is sometimes not so well off as his hireling, who is sure of

well off as his hirests, who is said of this wages at least.

That man who owns his land and has good health is a poor farmer who cannot make at least a living for himself and family. It may not be a sumptuous living, but it may be a comparatively comfortable one. This cannot be said of all sorts of occupations.

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There is another hope ahead for the farmer. If he doesn't have good luck this year, he may the next. There is always a chance that there will be a better yield in crops and a better price in the market. The element of uncertainty adds zest to life which a settled amount of warms from month to work the settled. amount of wages from month to month and from year to year cannot give, and he is always sure of enough to eat on

he is always sure of enough to eat on the farm of some sort or another.

The time is coming and is not far distant when the farmer's life will be looked upon as the ideal life by many of the world weary tollers of the crowded cities. Even now the one bright dream of many a drudger in the stores and offices is of a happy time coming when he will have a farm, a home all his own in the country, where he can rest his tired brain and nerves as he sits beneath his own vine and fig—or apple—tree. Whoever despises a farmer's life is a fool; it is the most independent life on earth.—Country Gentleman. Gentleman.

MORMONISM IN CANADA.

Another Utah in the Territories-State-ments of a London Journal. The rumor that the grandson of Brigham Young, now under arrest for a most brutal murder in New York, was married some time ago to a young Mormon woman in the Canadian Northwest, has attracted renewed attention to the followers of the Mormon faith in Canada, says The London Morning Leader. Every now and then one of the Canadian newspapers will publish an alarmist article about the astonishing influx of United States settlers into the Northwest Territory, and the, danger there is of these settlers gradually obtaining the balance of political power, and some day or other using their influence in favor of annexation to the United States. In all these articles, however, the fact that the Mormons are gradually establishing a new Utah in the Territories is entirely missed. And yet that is what they are doing, and that is what is their avowed intention.

Headed by a visionary, but a visionary who, like a true prophet, sees his visions materialize, they have started to settle in the district around Lethbridge, and have founded a town called Raymond, which is destined, says a Canadian correspondent, to have a population of at least thirty thousand souls. They have selected a most fertile neighbor. The rumor that the grandson

destined, says a Canadian correspondent, to have a population of at least thirty thousand souls. They have selected a most fertile neighborhood and a country which will be immensely benefited shortly by the great irrigation ditch, which is now being constructed. The man who is at the head of the Mormon movement is Mr. Jesse Knight, a Mormon capitalist from Utah, who claims that in a vision he saw the possibilities of the Northwest country, and that in a vinibility and the power with the of the Northwest country, and who founded a town named Raymond, after his son, which he says will be the modern Salt Lake City will be the modern Salt Lake City of the Canadian West. This vision, which he announced publicly, showed him his son Raymond leading the ten lost tribes into the colony. The banners they carried were sheaves of wheat, and their way lay towards a stately tabernacle, which is to be the principle place of worship of the Mormon church in the north, and where thousands were worshiping.

FAMOUS DOGS ARE EXTINCT.

Last of Newfoundlands Are Dis: ppeuring Dog lovers are discovering with regret that one of the finest canine species has become almost extinct. The Newfoundland is practically no more in this country and in England

The fast-vanishing breed is native he fast-vanishing breed is hative he Island of Newfoundland, and records say early settlers found Indians in possession of magnifi-t specimens. It is generally sup-ed, however, that the Newfoundwas the result of a cross of English strain and the native

dogs.

At any rate, this particular animal is celebrated in history as the embodiment of courage and intelligence and kindness—the highest type of canine excellence. Landseer, in his famous painting, "The Child's Best Friend," rendered the species imported."

mortal.

In spite of this, it is a fact that the valuable dog, in its original habitat, is quite extinct. And he was most useful there, too, in saving drowning persons along the storm-swept coast, where shipwrecks are frequent. Nevertheless, it is charged that it was through starvation and neglect that these famous dogs died out in Newfoundland itself.

The British Government has lately The British Government has inchy been obliged to purchase for the ewfoundland life-saving station a sew breed of dogs to take their laces. These are the Leonbergs, a coss between Newfoundlands St. cross between Newfoundlands, St. Bernards and the Pyrenees wolf dog. They are the most powerfully built dogs in the world and stand more than four feet high. Those sent to Newfoundland the British Government paid from \$250 to \$400 apiece for, and some specimens have sold for as high as \$500.

Ontario's Cut of Pine Logs.

An estimate of the probable cut of An estimate of the probable cut of pine logs and square timber during the present season on territory held under license from the Crown has been prepared by the Crown Lands?

Department. The report is based on figures received from agencies and shows a cut of some 884,500,000 feet, divided as follows:—

Sudbury	121,000,000
Parry Sound	171,000,000
Biscotasing	40,000,000
Whitney	50,500,000
Webbwood	150,000,000
Sault Ste. Marie	130,000,000
Port Arthur	13,000,000
Arnprior	40,000,000
Pembroke	100,000,000
Peterboro	44,000,000
Rat Portage	25,000,000
In addition there will	be about 1,-

railway ties, telegraph 500.000 poles, fence posts, etc., also a quantity of hemlock and hard wood. The total cut of pine in 1901 was 658, 000,000 feet. The chief difficulty is sufficient labor but under any circumstances the cut will be very

Continually Misunderstood.

Mr. Archibald S. Hurd, of London, in a lengthy and very interesting article on "The Foreign Invasion of Canada," leads off with saying "Canada is the one colony which has been continually misunderstood in England. Just as the English people were awakening to its real character and were beginning to take an interest in its future, Mr. Rudyard Kipling checked the movement with a phrase. Canada is "Mv Lady of the Snows" in the imagination of Englishmen. In the minds of nine out of ten persons in the old country in which residents suffer the most terrible hardships owing to the extreme cold which is supposed to wrap the country around for seven or eight months together, bringing all industrial and social life to a stand-still." Mr. Archibald S. Hurd, of London,

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