

Nonpareil, we not only lead the world but to a great extent enjoy the monopoly.

Another difficulty the young man has to encounter is the tenacious grasp with which the old-time farmer holds his land. How many farms there are through this valley of from one to four hundred acres when five, ten, or twenty acres, will cover the whole cultivated area, and of the rest ten acres will barely support a cow. But the owner "wants the earth," or at least a large portion of it, and cannot be induced to part with it save at exorbitant figures. There are farms in this valley to-day of ten acres in extent, on which the proprietor lives in luxury and turns out an income of a thousand dollars per annum, while too many of us are eking out an existence on farms hundreds of acres in extent.

"Rich in broad acres and half-tilled fields,
And yet so pinched and bare and comfortless,
The veriest straggler limping on his round,
The sun and air his sole inheritance ;
Shrugs his shoulders in self-complacency,
And laughs at a poverty that pays its taxes."

Another point, and one on which we are fearfully deficient, is the inculcation of loyalty. In this we should also learn from our neighbor. In the United States loyalty is born and bred in the boy from youth. It is the United States first, last and always. I heard an American citizen say he would rather be a lamp-post on Boston common than a man in Nova Scotia. That is the sentiment, gentlemen, that builds up a country. This is the sentiment we need to infuse into our youth, a sentiment that will keep them in the country even at a pecuniary sacrifice.

Lastly, and not least important, *marry the boy to a loyal loving woman*. Much depends on the fair sex. They can often keep the boy at home when all else fails. The opinion is prevalent that a farmer's wife must live a life of drudgery and privation. In these days it need not be so with the improved appliances for house-keeping and every department of farm labor, there need be no more drudgery than in other business. There is toil in every department. There must always be hewers of wood and drawers of water, but the wood is not necessarily harder nor the well deeper in farm life than in the trades and professions.