

Why I am Proud to Be a Farmer.

(By Frank Wellesley Porter.)

I am proud to be a farmer, and I will tell you why:
Because the farmer's life's the best of all beneath the sky;
The farmer's independent—he need not cringe or crawl,

The world depends on him for bread—the farmer feeds them all.

Although my work is sometimes hard, my life is free from care;

The fields I till are all my own—I am a monarch there;
It is a rugged, healthful life; the air is pure and sweet—
'Tis not the hot, foul, feverish air breathed on your city street.

I love the sunshine and the storm, the snow, the sleet,
the rain;

When'er a season passes by I wish it back again;

I love to hear the hum of bees, where apple blossoms blow

And turn the gnarled and twisted limbs to drifted
heaps of snow:

I love to see the cows come home in single file at eve,
To let the farm girl milk them there, and then their
food receive.

The din that fills the city streets has not a single charm
For me. I love the nobler life I lead upon the farm.

The laughter of the running brook is sweeter far than
words;

What prima donna ever sang as sweetly as the birds?

The grandest play that ever came from Shakespeare's
magic pen

Can never wake the better thoughts asleep in most of
men

As quick as can the frightened rush of storm clouds
through the air,

The night wind's whisper in the corn, the wheat field's
rustling prayer;

For nature's plays God writes himself, and that's their
sweetest charm;

Rehearsed each day in some new way I see them on the
farm.

I owe no man a single cent. The very crops I raise

Are mine, as are the rock-ribbed hills on which my
cattle graze;

The corn that stands in solid ranks beside the emerald
lane,

The maples that at autumn's touch burst out in sheets
of flame,

The wheat that fills the old barn's bins with kernels
small of gold,

The sheep with white and fleecy coats that seek each
night the fold,

Are mine—all mine! No wonder that I find life's
sweetest charm

Not in the city's crowded streets, but down upon the
farm.

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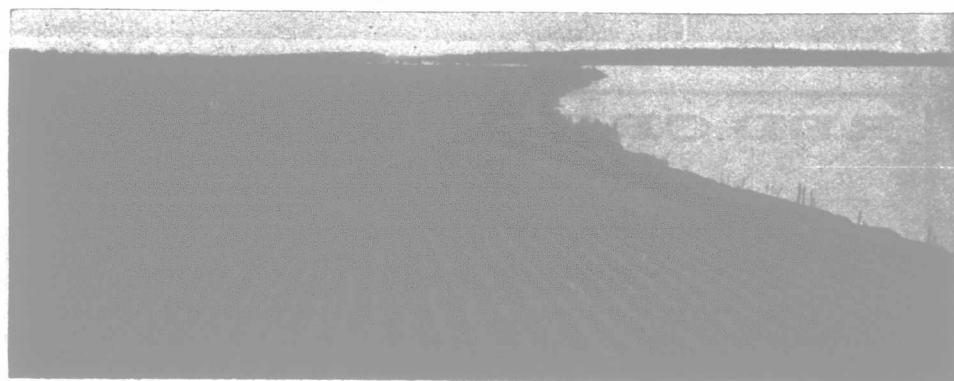
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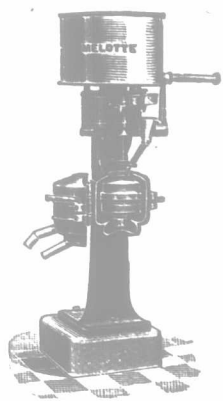
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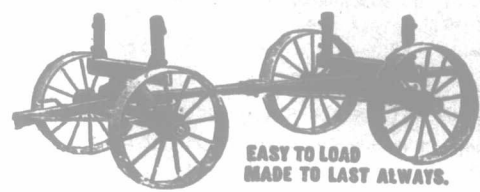
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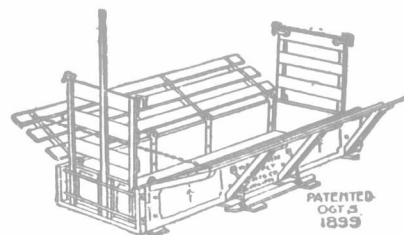


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