

WHERE TRACTOR IS JUSTIFIABLE

Chief value is in Rapidity With Which Work Can be Accomplished.

The purchase of a tractor is a business proposition, and is justified only when it will pay its way, according to W. E. Grimes, Assistant Professor of Farm Management in the Kansas State Agricultural College. The advisability of purchasing a tractor cannot be determined entirely by the size of the farm. Other factors are as important if not more important in deciding whether or not the tractor will be a profitable investment.

"There are certain conditions under which a tractor is advisable," said Mr. Grimes. "If the tractor will

reduce the number of work horses needed so that the expense of keeping them is lowered sufficiently to offset the expense of the tractor, its purchase is justified. Some farm work needs to be done quickly, and if a tractor will make it possible to do this where it cannot be done with the farm work horses, the increased

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REGARDING THE TEACHER

Under the above heading one of our exchanges truthfully remarks that when the son or daughter comes home from school with a complaint against the methods, it is easy for the fond parent to take the evidence and form an opinion accordingly.

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Our educational work is so im-

portant and essential that it should get the consideration of the parents. But there is one simple suggestion: Why not give the teacher an occasional word of thanks and encouragement when she does her work well—instead of expressing your feelings only when she does something that does not meet your approval? Incidentally, this little bit of thanks would not only make the teacher feel better but it would make her a better instructor.

WHY BRICKS ARE MADE WITH STRAW

Away back, even in the time of Pharaoh's time we know how the burden was made heavier on the Israelites by withholding from them the straw with which to make the bricks. But how many of you have ever thought to ask the question, why straw was used? Most of us connected the straw fibre with the binding property, classing it with the hair that is used in mortar. Alexander Findlay says in his "Chemistry in the Service of Man":

"About fourteen years ago it was found by Dr. E. G. Acheson, to whom we owe the discovery of carborundum and the process of making artificial graphite, that when clay is mixed with a dilute solution of tannin, it becomes more plastic, and the strength of the dried brick, is moreover, greatly increased. Although straw does not contain tannin, it was found that when straw was treated with water, the extract obtained has the same action on clay as tannin has, the plasticity of the clay and the hardness of the brick being greatly increased."

BACK YARDS AND CHARACTER

You can generally tell what kind of man he is by looking at his back yard. And the question that every householder should ask himself is, is it as well kept as it ought to be? Is it a privilege to have a back yard, even if it is a small one, and those who are fortunate enough to have such a place for fresh air and for its garden should appreciate their advantage and take care of their little yards. The cleanliness of a place is in ratio to the health education of its people and you can always tell the standards of the population by looking at their back yards.

When the people can maintain their gardens and little breathing spaces in good order they will then be able to use their influence in keeping the streets clean in their town. It is true therefore, that the condition of the streets will indicate pretty well what is the condition of the backyards, and these will let the observer know with reference to the intelligence of the citizen.

THE ACCIDENT EVIL

A man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank on his automobile was empty. It wasn't.

A man looked down the barrel of his gun and pulled the trigger to see if it was empty. It wasn't.

A man blew out the gas to see if the asphyxiation tales were jokes. They were not.

A woman used gasoline stove polish to see if it would explode. It did.

A man jumped aboard a moving street car to catch the next train. He didn't.

A boy hung on a street car to see if he could. He couldn't.

A boy ran across the street to beat the automobile. He didn't.

A woman tried to cross the street without looking both ways. She failed.

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BEYOND CONSOLATION

When the Rev. Mr. Knox was about to give up the pulpit he had occupied for seven months, an old lady in the congregation seemed very much distressed. The pastor, at the close of the sermon, attempted to comfort her, and said:

"Be of good cheer, Mrs. Judson; the Lord will send you another pastor, and I expect a better one than I am."

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Us farmers' getting wiser now, and down there to Ottawa, we've spoke sharp to our members, for to vote against that law.

That daylight saving business, that you city folks desire, so's you can raise more garden truck, and no more be a buyer.

Of stiff us farmers has to sell, and give us all the josh;

Well, we have put a crimp in that, we surely have, by gosh.

And don't forget, you city folks, with you're not yet through,

There's many another thing we want, that we're just going to do.

We're going to knock the tariff out, and have free implements.

And you had better knuckle down, unless you've got no sense.

Till now you've had just all the say, and made the laws to suit,

And us poor farmers nothing got, excepting just the boot.

But times have changed, and now we stand united one and all,

Just watch us, city people, any you'll see the tariff fall.

I know we're making money, and are having real good times,

A piling up the dollars, and spending just the dimes;

But long you've had your innings, right now we rule the deck,

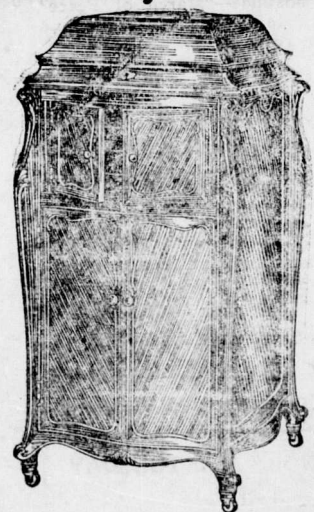
So we will make you trot a heat, we surely will, by heck,

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An impulse was upon her, a womanly, to call him claim him, keep him, for was a very woman, and inconsistent. A flush swam on her face to the very temple. "Oh, come back! Do not on her lips, but her lip speak. She stood so a thing with her pride, and ment he went. The doo hind him; the sweep of t al march, sped him; he without the poor return swer to his good night. I and won.

A wise general has said to a great defeat, a great the most cruel of all t haps Vera realized this at where he had left faint and sick, her face hi hands.

The crashing tide of down to her; the feet of echoed overhead. She m to them, make one of the smiling face to the end. Richard Firench and sh him away; in the last hal had done what she woi her whole life long.

Meantime the unbidden gone. Once more he was er darkness, in the night storm. The melancholy dripped; the wind blew in ing blasts; the black tre about like tall specters a blacker sky. And a figure beneath them—the laggi trian of an hour before him with sinister eyes un out of sight.

CHAPTER XI A Cry in the Night

Mrs. Fanshawe's ball n Mrs. Fanshawe had meant a brilliant success. Her o never flagged; she danced by, the red of her cheeks

"I MUST be you
"Yes, I suppose
old, you know."

"Oh, you are not s
run down after the co
be all right when you
up again."

"Well, I hope so, de

"You remember h
was, Grand Dad, when
anaemic. It was no j
these stairs then."

"You are all right

"I never felt bette
Dad, and if you will us
Food for a while you
well, too. That is wh

"But do you think t
is any good for old me