

PART V—SUPPLEMENT

CHAPTER XXVII

TYPES OF FARM ENTERPRISE

Soil and Plant Interests are General Interests. The definition of agriculture given at the beginning of the book is, that it is the use of the soil for the production of plants and animals that are useful to man. We have learned a great many things about the properties of soils and about the behavior of plants, about the uses and methods of tillage, and about field crops, garden crops, and trees. These are things that boys and girls should know, whether the soil in which they are directly interested is the soil in the front and back of a city lot, or the soil in the fields. We have been able to study these things directly and practically because the soil is everywhere and it is used everywhere: in the gardens at home and at school, and in the nearby fields. Plants are found wherever soil is found. Many of the important things to be learned about soils and plants can be learned by bringing them into the school-room.