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Editor's Talk

NEXT week we publish our second supplement devoted to country and suburban life. This will contain several pages of reading and pictures in the interest of those who have retained and those who are rediscovering something not merely worth while, but profoundly necessary in the tendency to get closer to the land. Not far from Toronto there is a small colony of millionaires and other men who are working out the principle that as much of a man's life as possible in the country and not too far from business is the best way to cure the ills of civilization.

But of course everybody can't afford a country seat; and because the normal average man has to stick pretty close to the office or the factory for all but two weeks in the year, we expect from time to time to show how with a reasonable expenditure on a little land and a suitable dwelling a man may have glimpses of nature and a greater degree of contentment. "God made the country and man made the town" was the plaint of an English poet who also sighed, "O for a lodge in some vast wilderness." But he was a dreamer. Canada has vast wildernesses enough; but unless a man is either a poet or an explorer he has no hankering after the Great Barren Grounds or the wilds of Cariboo as a dwelling-place. There are little wildernesses at men's doors; and they are worth finding out. A little economy, a considerable imagination and a contented soul—these are the chief needs for the town man who would enjoy country life.

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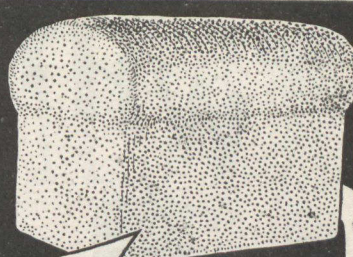
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