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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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farmer himself showed a fine little well-built farmhouse in the foreground near the shore of Somenos lake, with a towering mountain at the other side all covered with rugged pines and fir trees. Even the Duncan showgrounds is a picturesque spot having a mound in the center which is used as a sort of natural grandstand. This is covered with maple trees while other parts of the surrounding meadow is covered with trees of varied hues and varieties. In the bread department there were no less than thirty-five entries and the bread was all of excellent quality. Jams and bottled fruits were also much in evidence.

There was an attendance of about two thousand people mostly local, although a few came in from the neighboring cities.

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THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF AGRICULTURE.

The chief difference between American and European agriculture, between farming as it is followed in this western country and the same business as it is practiced in the East, is the lack of solidity that characterizes the calling here.

In England to own land is a mark of respectability, it gives a man social standing. A community where such a spirit prevails puts pride, ambition, and solid, strong, purpose in the mind of the farmer and his family. They are not so anxious to sell out and retire to town. They are not tempted by every man that comes along offering a good price for their homestead. They have ambition and that ambition is to build up a fine farm just as the merchant's is to establish a fine trade and stay by it. And this is as it should be.

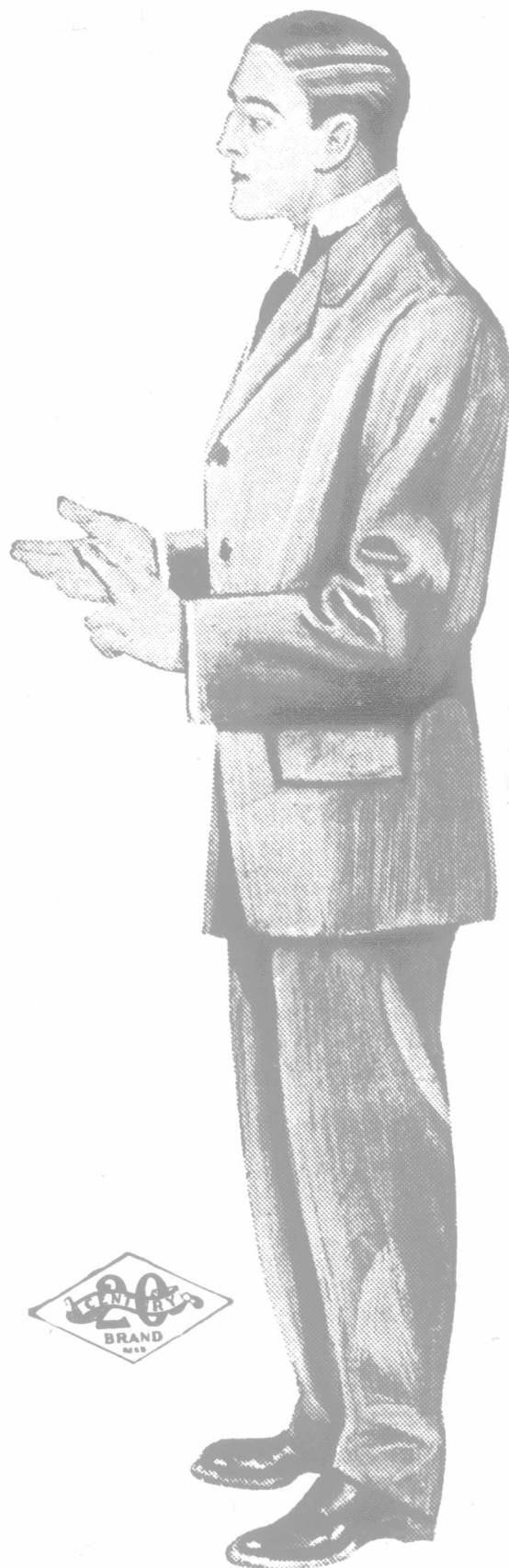
Few of the farmers to-day have any definite plan of the future. They don't look ahead far enough in the way of putting up farm buildings, tilling the land and so on. Too many are surface men, living for this year only, looking on the cheap side of everything. These are not the people who make the largest success in their calling. These are not the farmers who make the largest profits from their business. This is not the class of citizens that build up a substantial nation. These things one and all, may best be done by those whose center aim in life is progress real and true, who aim to make the farm what it is or ought to be, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Whiskey has gone up 2 cents a gallon, but the consumer will not feel the increase. The gentlemanly bartender will only add a little more water to the barrel.

In consequence of the reports of some fraudulent practices in the use of the tuberculin test in case of purebred cattle shipped from Great Britain to the Argentine Republic, the quarantine station at Buenos Ayres, heretofore run by a private company, will be taken over by the Government, and a proposal made that a quarantine station be established, probably near Liverpool, England, to be controlled by the council of the Shorthorn Society, so as to exclude the possibility of "doctoring" or "faking" in the future.

The Central Experimental Farm's poultry appliances exhibit at the Dominion Exhibition was a very instructive one. The trap nests of the very simplest kinds were shown as well as individual hens that had been tested for their use. While some of the hens shown had a record of two hundred eggs or more in ten months, others did not have a single egg to their credit. Each farmer should have several trap nests in his poultry house and by their use find out and eliminate from his flock the non-payers. The trap nest is to the poultryman what the scale and Babcock tester are to the dairyman.

Southwestern Indiana was last week visited by a most terrific wind, rain and hail storm. Many acres of corn are said to have been almost entirely ruined and other crops suffered serious damage. Farm buildings and live stock were also subjected to great loss. Knox, Orange and Davies counties the greatest damage is reported.



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