

The Boy—Why He Leaves the Farm

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Some time ago a number of boys, farmers' sons in particular, started to study in the Manual Training School of Stratford. May I ask: "What prospects have these boys, or what are

they going to receive in return for their studies?" Many who are engaged in studies in colleges, universities or technical schools are there for the hope of obtaining good positions in later years, or a fairly decent wage or salary at the end of their working terms.

What does the farmer pay his son? Next to nothing in the majority of cases. And still they wonder and pull a long face if they find upon waking up some morning that the boy has packed up and gone. I say it serves them right.

Farmers pay their hired men \$25 to \$35 a month and during harvest time as high as \$2.75 to \$3.00 a day. The son has a hard time if he can so much as secure a dollar a week or occasionally that a month. I know of instances where the son has a little tobacco money and his church money at the week end. The farmer also promises his son the farm when he dies.

There are few boys these days with any ambition at all who will stay at home and put up with these conditions. Is it any wonder that they go to large cities where \$5.00 a week looks good to them with work not nearly so hard? If they secure work as helpers in a foundry, or as packing and shipping clerks in large establishments and receive \$1.50 a day, they think they are on the road to fortune. Many whom I know are willing workers and have no trouble to obtain \$12.00 a week, pay \$3.50 for board and 25 cents for washing and have a fairly good balance left. Then they can attend the Music Hall or show. These amusements seem to be the great attraction for this class of men and no wonder.

Farmers, pay your sons. Treat them as you treat the hired man in the matter of wages. Do not be mean. They are your flesh and blood. Give them some encouragement to stay with you and manage your affairs right. Offer them the first year a dollar a week after leaving school. If they are of service to you raise their pay each year. If at the end of a couple of years they are as valuable as a hired man, pay them accordingly. Then they will not want the city life. They can pay a visit to the city because they have the means. They will be glad to return home and secure their \$25, \$30 or \$35 and all found except their clothes. This is the secret of keeping your sons on the farm. Don't be a slave or nigger driver. Make some set hours some days in the week for work to be done. Don't make chores for them up to eight and nine at night and then expect them

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When washing out glass and a little ammonia to the suds. This gives a brightness to the glass that nothing else can.

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To get an obstinate glass stopper out of a receptacle, tap it around with another glass stopper.

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Everybody Works, even Father.—A Fall Scene on Glenock Farm

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to be out in the morning at five. This also applies to other members of your family, who wish they had never seen a farm.

The farmer of to-day,—his only object is to save, grind and save and then retire, as most miserable specimen of a citizen he makes when he goes to town. He is himself out of place. He votes all live movements down, because he may have to pay a few more rates and then bewails his lot, grumbles at prices and forgets how he made his miserable fortune such as it is. He boasts of how he worked himself and forgets the bright young woman he pulled down and the miserable time his daughter had to secure a yard of ribbon and finally the slave he made of his son. (a conclusion letter to live, stay on the farm and be fair.)

Note.—Mr. Dickinson's remarks hit home in too many cases but most decidedly they do not apply in general. What have our readers to say about the points raised in this article?—Editor.

Awakening the Farm Women

I am convinced that the reason why the women of the town have made more advancement than their sisters in the country is because they have had better social advantages and have taken a hand in the matter and banded together for mutual betterment. It has been a matter of environment, and not natural ability. How often, as I have been present at meetings of farmers, and noticed timid women slip modestly into back seats and drink in with much eagerness the new theories about plowing and silos and all these important matters regarding farm improvements, have I thought that little did we realize the latent powers they lay within the breasts of those women; powers only needing the awakening touch to bring into existence thoughts and plans that would revolutionize the conditions in rural communities, beginning with the women themselves.—Mrs. John T. Burns.

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