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BOYS AND THE FARM. The Right of a Boy to Choose His Vocation Defended.

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## MAKING FARMS AND LOSING THEM.

Farm Life and City Life as it Strikes Eoys-Why Boys Leave the Farm-What Can be Done to Improve Matters and Make Farm Life More Attractive for the Young?

Attractive for the Young? Prof. Mills, the principal of the On-tario Agricultural College at Guelph, is being adversely criticised because one of his sons has taken a clerkship in a bank instead of takingsup a hun-dred acres of land and going in for farming along those scientific lines laid down by the college. The ob-jections are based on the ideal that a doctor should not be afraid to take his own medicine. In a case of this tind it is very easy for newspapers to ay impertment things, and it is the private affairs. The day has gone by when the average father can choose at career for his son or a husband for his daughter. I believe that fifty prears ago fathers used to arrange such matters. Once upon a time a boy of years ago fathers used to arrange such matters. Once upon a time a boy of fifteen or eighteen was not supposed to know anything about life, and the father mapped his career—he would apprentice the youth to a trade, or place him in a counting-room, or at the foot of the ladder of one of the pro-fessions. To-day a boy insists on choosing his own course, and public opinion supports his claim to exercise that right.

ON FIRS AT SEA.
It is all very well to find fault with a man because his son strikes off on a line of his own, yet we must not for get that boys have mothers and anuts and grandparents as well as fathers, and these generally supports hald in his preference for some fancy occupation. Fifty years ago the average boy of eighteen had traveled little, had read only certain standard books, and his mental diet had been in every way of to dary travels whiely, reads the daily papers, and opense the covers of all the new books that are printe I. He are amont his bleycle and ride one hundref miles in less time than it would take him to hill an are of potatoes. Young men now on the threshold of life cannot be expected to see the world through their father's spectacles.
Out on the farms one men are called for properohs hald forme me not. On mest farms there is thard work for everybod and they well the order of potatoes. Young men now on the sime horked, and the law are farms there is thard work for everybod and for startage passengers. It is stock is and in the weak farms there is thard work for everybod and for startage passengers. It is stock is and in the passengers, wild were sitting or motion and shed him how he was farming to file. The area disting along rapidly towards the passengers, wild were sitting or motion and the passengers, wild were sitting or motion and bod his father had been and the they example the there, and the bar and had here was dotailed to notify the passengers, wild were sitting or motion and here difficult and here was dotailed to motify a tree, wild work for everybod and the the passengers wild were sitting or motion and here difficult and here was dotailed to notify the passengers wild were sitting or motion and here difficult and here was dotailed to notify the passengers wild were sitting or motion and here difficult and here was dotailed to notify the passengers wild were sitting or motion and here was dotailed to notify the passengers wild were sitting or motion w

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There is a farm up the country that schot a man went to when it was a solid site orty years ago. He worked all his it was ays improving it, and raleed his fam-ity there, and when his oldest boy vas full-grown he mortgaged the farm o buy our the adoining handred acres. St. L was using rown as more gauged the arms to bur out the adjoining hundred acress. This second farm was in course of time taken from him and sold, but there still clung a more gauge to his own farm. He died, and now 1 am teid that his son is to be ejected and sold out The second farm was in course of time taken from him and sold, but there still clung a mortgage to his own farm. He died, and now I am teid that ins son is to be ejected and sold out by a loan company. I know very it the about the people, and there may have been mismanagement semewh re; yet, bigger than any possible errors of ludgment, the fact looms up, big and disturbing, that there was forty years of hard work done on that farm by that amade it a fruitful farm; built log

ter twenty years of work, as poor, perhaps, as when he started, lets the boy go. Need we wonder at that? His neighbor's son went away to the eity ten years ago, and now comes home for a week at mid-stimmer, wearing a slik hat and boasting loud-ly of the fortune he is making and the big things he is doing. The fellow may be lying, yet he creates the im-pression that he could buy up half the county if it were worth having. The boy comes to the eity and soon finis that it is pretty much of a sham —that some young people own wheels who do not own the boots they wear and that as people know mothing about the affairs of their neighbors, one need not hesitate at any hollow pretension, for one who begs from door to door every forenoon may wear a silk hat and a monocle every after-noon.

What can any man do to promote ontentment on the farms of this and what can any han do to phonose contentment on the farms of this and other countries? In the entire range of subjects that occupy the attention of statesmen, I do not think there is one that equals this in importance. The only method of procedure is to promote, or to permit, prosperity throughout agricultural districts. But how? Will high protection or free trade, or bi-metallism, or a doubling of money by file Government at 3.1-4 per cent, or the control of freight rates, or some other thing, or all of these things together, place farming of a payingb asis? The politicians, those gentlemen who like to pose as "advance agents of prosperity," are conforded by this fact: "That while those gentlemen who like to pose as "advance agents of prosperity." are confronted by this fact: That while farmers have weights to their ankles they will not dedicate their sons to farming, and an agricultural country without agriculturists will not amount to much.-" Mack," in Satur-day Nieht. day Night.

ON FIRE AT SEA.

### SMASH ON THE WABASH.

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BOY DRAGGED TO DEATH. Twenty-six Miners Killed by a Fall of Rock.

U. S. SENATOR STRUCK DUMB. Mgr. Merry del Val will sail for Rome next week.

Dr. Jameson sailed yesterday for Cape Town en route for Buluwayo. Cape Town en route for Buluwayo. Lady Aberdeen sailed from Quebec for Liverpool on the steamer Labrador. London West citizens vote to-day on the question of amalgamation with the city.

The Legislature of Prince Edward Island has been dissolved, and the gensland has been dissolved, and the gen-ral elections take place on July 21st. The German Reichstag has adjourned for the summer, but the Prussian Diet will remain in session until late in July.

Prof. C. M. Gayley, of the University of California, is in London engaged on a new edition of the British dramatists.

The Guelph City Conneil have voted \$100 towards the C. P. R. employees' annual picnic, which will be held on Toby 24th July 24th

A set of the works of Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, printed on velum, and of the date 1843, brought 2800 at the Ashburnham sale.

At Moosejaw a lad named Cudmore, twelve years of age, was dragged and trampled to depth by a colt he was leading.

A Valparaiso despatch says that twenty-six minors have been killed by a full of rock in the Labrar mines, in the Province of Atacama.

A man named McKenzie, foreman of the Glengarry ranch, was drowned in Willow Creek, Alberta, while attempt-ing to ford the stream on horseback.

Mrs. William Horace Lingard, the etress, well known in American theactress, well known in American the-atrical circles a quarter of a century ago, as Alice Dunning, died in Lon-don on Friday last.

The gas pipes in John Izengoot's nouse at Fort Erie were cut through by some enemy of the family, it is elived, and the result was an explosion that seriously injured the owner

While Senator Fetigrew was speak-ing on the Dingley Tariff bill in the United States Senate on Saturday he was suddenly seized with paralysis of the vocal cord. He was at once re-moved to his home.

moved to his home. The Russian tarret fronclad Gun-root, one of the best vessels in the imperial many, ran upon a reef near Transund yesterday during a storm, and sank almost immediately. The crew is reported saved.

The conference of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel met in Lon-Propagation of the Boyley for the Propagation of the Gospel met in Lon-don on Saturday. Tapers on the work of their respective clurches were read by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land and the Bishops of Missouri and Ken-turker. tucky.

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Lingering filness. Toronto, June 28.—After a long and severe illness Prof. John Petch, M. A., of Victoria College, died at his resi-dence, No. 68 Bloor street west, on Saturday matring. Over-exertion' years ago brought on heart trouble, which has affected him more for loss seriously for two years past. On March 1st he was forced to discontinue his work at the college, and for sixteen weeks he had not left his bed. Prof. Petch was 54 years old. He was married in Brantford in 1876 to Miss Mills, daughter of John Mills, of Brantford, and sister of President Mills, of the Ontario Agricultural Col-lege, Guelph. The funeral will be this alternoot to Minut Pleasant Cemetery, at 2.30 o'clock.



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is urbins, that there was lort years of hard work done on that farm by that family. They found it a solid bush, and made it a fruitful farm i built log frame buildings; picked and carried away hundreds of tons of stones; sunk wells and dug drains; built jeness and baggage master; C. M. Smith, pos-tal derk; Fraak W. Brink, postal derk; W. S. Mills, postal derk; S. M. S. Mills, postal derk; S. M. S. Mills, postal derk; G. S. C. C. Copeland, wow must walk out empty and give it all up. Along the road past that farm and scores of others like it, there goes out from the towns gind cities a daily stream of young, poople on bicycles-young people who size and haugh and jest upon agricultural topics. The they acee the farmer pau-ing in the wink to watch him glide by, does he ever wonder what is pass-ing in the wink of that son of tol?? Grilling in the sun, working with the caked earth, does the farmer wonder why all country people are our seem poor, while all cits people are our seem in the stream, but a careful search to aly proved that the faralities are lim-ited to those altered y named. ECONOMIC EXPERIMENT. The Burning of Refuse Will Supply Light and Blectrical Power. London, June 27.-An economic and scientific experiment will be inaugu-the dide hie towards home, turns into the ditch to let a group of cyclists dash by and is halid with a volley of smart gags, does he ever contrast is is to with that of these others and grow sullen until, in the end, he sink wo where or how? Is, it not fair to assume that the

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pleasure, they only having to bend under heavy burdens and wrestle with the stubborn earth for the bare privilege of living on it. Do they grumble, and need we wonder? Do they run away from home, or go, with their father's perulasion, into the town or city to learn a trade, and need we wonder? The father, af-

case, baby's checks won't dimple or its lips laugh, and death is in its eyes. Above all things a woman wants a healthy baby, and she may have one if she will but use the right remedy for weakness and dis-case of the delicate and important organs that make baby a possibility. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all mcd-icines for prospective or would-be mothers. It makes a woman's distinctive organism strong, healthy and vigorous. It allays in-flammation, soothes pain and heals ulcera-tion. It banishes the discomforts of the waiting time and makes the little new, comer's entree to the world easy and almost painless. It insures baby's health. In writing for advice to Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, est Buffalo, N. Y., a mother, wife or maid writes to one of the most eminent and skil-ful specialists in the world, at the head of a staff of physicians that has treated over 250,000 women.

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