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Conditions Regarding Location of Farm Buildings

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THE old homesteads are passing away, and are being replaced by modern structures with few or none of the modern conveniences so conducive to health and comfort. Our purpose, therefore, is to lay down a few facts for the consideration of the farmer contemplating erecting new premises. If these broad principles are acted upon and thoughtfully carried out he can but attain the desired ends, a homestead thoughtfully planned, conveniently arranged, carefully constructed, beautifully situated and healthfully located.

The farmer, continually exposed to the discomforts of all kinds of weather, needs and deserves for himself and family a home where, during his hours of rest and recreation, he can enjoy comfort to the fullest extent. In the past, frequently combined circumstances compelled the farmer to provide buildings for family and stock within a brief period of time, hence little forethought was given to deliberate over the essentials of site, conveniences, arrangement and comfort of the prospective home: but now there is not

a shadow of an excuse for any man to put up a building without due consideration as to position, its adaptation to use and relation to environment.

The first consideration should be given to situation. Buildings should be placed with due regard to aspect, soil, water, proximity to roads, relation to pasture and of one building to another to the end of securing the greatest degree of convenience and the utmost economy of time and labor. Having determined one's entire satisfaction that these conditions of utility are fulfilled, see that the structure embodies a modicum of that pleasing effect which arises from just proportions and harmonious adaptation to the use for which the buildings are intended. The ideal site is a hillside sloping south or south-west, with protecting hills or timber on the north and west. A site too closely invested by trees loses much of what it gains in shade and shelter by the absence of free circulation of air, by the exclusion of every breeze during sultry summer weather, and by shutting out the sunshine in the cold winter days. Shade trees are,