

OUR HOME CLUB

Paying Off The Mortgage

The question, How can I go about it to pay off this mortgage? is often a brain twister to the farmer. He, of course wants to find a quick way of doing it, and this is what troubles him most. A large fortune does not accumulate in a very short time on the farm nor with the average farmer. The farmer realizes that his implements must be the best that he can buy in order to keep his farm cultivated properly, and keep it as free from weeds and grasses as possible. If he can buy machinery that will save hired help, he finds it necessary

They Didn't Have to Change.

During the years in which our pure food laws have been put into effect there has been a great hurrying and scurrying on the part of the food manufacturers to change their methods to make them conform to the law.

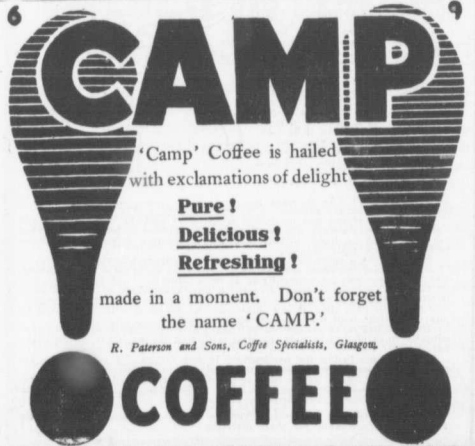
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and cheaper to do so. But while he is putting money into farm machinery it is not making that terrible thing called a "mortgage," any smaller. By the time it is paid for, in some cases, it is about half worn out, and there is always something new needed for use on the farm in assisting its owner to kill sow thistle or some other weeds that are just as bad. Or else, it will be something to save time in haying, harvesting, plowing, etc. So, year after year, and the good farmer is past middle life before he fully realizes that the money is his own.

HOW TO PAY IT OFF.

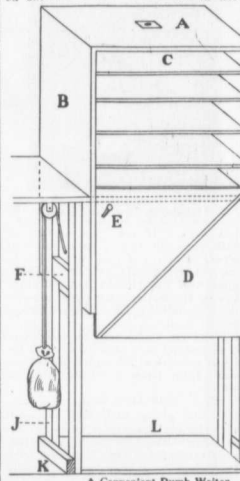
I think this can be accomplished best by a little self sacrifice on the part of the farmer and his good wife. I, of course, do not intimate that there is no self sacrifice on the farm. If we would only remember that we are out for a sail on Life's ocean, and sometimes the waves roll very high. If we are not watching out continually they may break and crush our frail bark, and then we must either sink or swim.

Why should it matter to us what our neighbor has, as long as we know our own business best? It is always best to calculate a year ahead, and plan to pay the interest and a certain amount of principal each year, but always fix the amount of principal \$50, \$100, \$150 dollars after than was paid the previous year and then work hard to pay it. This could be nicely arranged according to size and quality of farm that is mortgaged.—"The Doctor's Wife."

THE "AUTO."

In Farm and Dairy Aug. 12th, appeared an article on the "Auto," by "Aunt Faithie." She says, "let us call play fair." I am afraid we haven't called that in time. I think the game is over. The farmers "or at least their wives" are out and may stay out as far as the auto is concerned. I believe in fair play and also think we should go half way, but one thing is certain, that the farmer's wife who could one day hitch up their horse and drive to town or elsewhere, cannot do it any more, except with a constant dread of meeting one of those monsters. I do think that people living in cities must enjoy a spin through the country immensely, but why should they, when they see a rig coming just speed along the highway as much as to say "you don't need to look at us, you will never ride in an automobile." It always reminds me

of a little instance that happened in one of our large cities. One of the professor's wives had a servant from the country. She practised economy of course and thought she would persuade Bridget to laundry the gentleman's white shirts and save a trifle each week. Bridget was wise and each week tried to do the shirts worse. The lady at length said to her, you might just as well try to learn, for if you ever get married one thing is sure you will never be able to send your shirts to the laundry. However, fortune smiled on Bridget and if need be she could send her shirts to the laundry, but still besotted with the idea of economy she in her



A Convenient Dumb Waiter

town and no doubt the Professor's wife is still having a time, so with the auto. They have come to stay and we must make the best of it, but some of them are not a very polite lot. I want to thank Mr. J. W. Taylor, Hochelaga, for the compliment he paid me in July 15 issue.—"Aunt Jane."

A BIT OF EXPERIENCE.

Summer with its happy memories, afterthoughts, regrets and experiences is swiftly passing away and we ask ourselves what has it meant to us. The truth has been forced on me that simplicity is the note of a restful happy summer. If we put as much thought as we do energy, into our work we could soon reduce it to a science.

I am a champion of all conveniences for the home and I am getting them together in my home as quickly as funds will allow. As it is so hard to get satisfactory help on the farm, I am going to try the experiment of making conveniences take the place of a maid. Do you know it more than pays?

A good refrigerator is one of my very best helps. It is cellar and dumb waiter for me. It is a tremendous saving of time, steps and food. It keeps everything so well.

A plan that worked so nicely this summer was to have just one "menu" for all visitors; one kind of cake, dessert, etc. If you have had as many visitors as I have you would find that it was no trouble, for you get so used to making the same dishes, and some of them won golden opinions. I won't tell what they were for then you would discover "Aunt Faithie" and that would spoil everything, for this masquerade of the "Home Club" is rare fun.—"Aunt Faithie."

A Home-made Dumb Waiter

During a recent visit of a representative of Farm and Dairy to the home of Mr. A. J. Tamblin, Durham Co., Ont., a unique contrivance for saving steps in a farm kitchen was discovered. It consisted of nothing more or less than a home-made dumb waiter, an illustration of which is given. Mr. Tamblin built this dumb waiter himself and writes that it could be put in any home for about \$5, if one had to buy the lumber and hire a carpenter. It could be built in one day by any handy man about the house.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WAITER.

Fig. A. shows the lid sawed out of the floor, on the level, and which makes the top of the waiter.

B. are the sides which are made out of in. lumber.

C. are the shelves which are made out of 1/2 in. lumber.

D. is a wire screen door which is made to slide up and down in front of the box.

E. is the peg which pushes into the side of the box when the door is shut.

F. is a little block which is fastened to the top of the box, and slides up and down between the two boards at the side.

G. shows the pulleys which are common hay fork pulleys. Mr. Tamblin would not advise anything smaller.

H. is the rope which is about 1/2 inch in size and goes through the box, so that it will not have to be cut.

I. shows the weight which consists of a bag filled with stones.

J. shows the two boards which are nailed to the wall and also to the foundation at the bottom. These are left just wide enough for the rope. The little blocks on the sides of the box, K. and L., are the foundation.

Mr. Tamblin writes: "Be sure and keep the waiter 1 ft. away from the wall at the side, so as to allow room for the pulleys to work. The box can be made as deep as the joists are distant apart and as wide as one desires."

When Farm and Dairy's representative was at Mr. Tamblin's home he could not help noticing the great saving of steps incurred through the use of this dumb waiter. It was in mid summer, and a great many things were taken by Mrs. Tamblin into the cellar for the purpose of keeping them cool. They were all placed in the dumb waiter. In the absence of such a contrivance Mrs. Tamblin would have had to go up and down the cellar stairs several times to deposit these things in the cellar. It is not necessary for her to go into the cellar to rearrange the things. They are neatly arranged on the shelves of the waiter before sending to the cellar, and no trip up and down steps is thus necessary. At such a trifling cost as mentioned above, every farm wife should insist on saving herself what unnecessary work is possible by the means of such a labor saving device.

HINTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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