

TRADE TOPICS.

THE MECHANICAL MILKER.—Many dairymen still refuse to believe that mechanical milkers are a success, and many also believe that never will such machines be perfected. A successful mechanical milker has been the goal of ambition that thousands of inventors have endeavored to reach for years past. The first machines made were not entirely successful. They were built on the "continual suction plan," and the steady application of this suction caused the teats to become swollen and congested, which, it is claimed, shut off the milk flow to some extent, injuring the cow. The adoption of the pulsating mechanism interrupted the constant suction, but still the machine was not perfect. The manufacturers of the Sharples Mechanical Milker claim that their new machine, which gives a positive upward squeeze to the teat in the interval between the suction periods, manipulating and massaging the blood and tissue back into the natural condition at every pulsation, has removed the last stumbling-block in the way of mechanical milker success. Where they have been in use for two years in large dairy herds, they are reported a success, the cows showing no discomfort, some even claiming an increase in output. One man operating the machine can milk from 40 to 60 cows per hour, a great saving of time and labor, thus helping to solve the dairyman's hired-help problem. See the advertisement of the Sharples Mechanical Milker in this issue, look up information about them, and write them for further particulars.

VERY LOW RATES AND SPECIAL TRAINS FOR HOMESEEKERS.—Those taking advantage of the Homeseekers' Excursions should bear in mind the many exclusive features offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway in connection with a trip to the West. It is the only all-Canadian route. Only line operating through trains to Western Canada. No change of depots. Only line operating through Standard and Tourist Sleepers to Winnipeg and Vancouver. All equipment is owned and operated by Canadian Pacific Railway, affording the highest form of efficiency. Dining car service unsurpassed. Homeseekers' rates will be in effect April 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9, 23; August 6, 20; September 3, 17, and round-trip second-class tickets will be issued via Canadian Pacific Railway from Ontario points at very low rates. For example, Winnipeg and return, \$34.00; Edmonton and return, \$42.00, and other points in proportion. Return limit 60 days. For the accommodation of Canadian Pacific Railway passengers, a special train will leave Toronto 2 p. m. on above dates, comprised of Tourist and Colonist Sleepers. Colonist Sleepers may be occupied free of charge. Passengers, however, must provide their own bedding. Tourist Sleeping cars will be operated through Edmonton via Saskatoon, also through to Winnipeg and Calgary. A moderate charge is made for berths in Tourist cars. Both Tourist and Colonist cars are provided with cooking ranges, which trainmen have instructions to keep in condition. Full particulars from any Canadian Pacific Railway Agent. Ask for copy of Harvesters' Booklet.

SO SIMPLE WHEN YOU KNOW.

There is reason to believe that the lady mentioned in this bit from the Cleveland Plaindealer knew more about cooking than about navigation, or, to put it naively, was more at home in the galley than on the quarter-deck.

The lady was reading a nautical novel. She struggled along bravely for a few minutes, but finally had to appeal to her husband.

"Gerald," she said, "the author says that the boat was sailing 'wing and waa.' What does that mean? I've been on a yacht, but I never heard that before."

"That means," answered Gerald, rejoicing in the fact that he, too, had spent several hours on a sailing vessel, "that means that the schooner had her mains'l out to port and her fores'l out to starboard—or vice versa."

"Oh, I see!" cried the lady. "It's just like a chicken—a wing on each side. Now I understand why they call those little sails in the middle 'jibs.' It's just for 'jiblets,' of course. Isn't sailing interesting?"

Put Your Feet in a Pair at Our Risk!

STEEL SHOES

Will Surprise and Delight You With Their Lightness, Neatness and Comfort—Their Almost Unbelievable Durability

We want you to slip your feet into a pair of Steel Shoes—to feel and see and know how much lighter, neater, stronger, more comfortable they are than any other work shoes in existence. Hence we are making this special **Free Examination Offer**, merely asking a deposit of the price, while you are "sizing up" the shoes. If they fail to convince you **immediately** you can notify us to send for them at our expense and we will refund your money.

Must Sell Themselves

We ask no favors for Steel Shoes. Compare them with the best all-leather work shoes you can find. Give them the most rigid inspection inside and out. Let them tell their own story. It's no sale unless, of your own accord, you decide that you must have them.

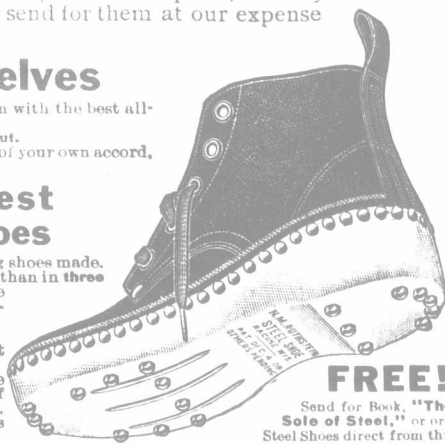
Better Than the Best All-Leather Work Shoes

Steel Shoes are the strongest and easiest working shoes made. There's more good wear in one pair of Steel Shoes than in three to six pairs of the best all-leather work shoes. The leather is waterproof. The Steel Soles are wear-proof and rust-resisting. They are lighter than all-leather work shoes. Need no breaking in. Comfortable from the first moment you put them on. Impossible to get out of shape. They keep the feet dry. They retain their flexibility in spite of mud, slush or water. They cure corns and bunions, prevent colds and rheumatism—save doctors' bills and medicines.

Thousands of Farmers Shout Their Praises

The enthusiasm of users knows no bounds. People can't say enough for their comfort, economy, lightness and astonishing durability. The introduction of Steel Shoes in a neighborhood always arouses such interest that an avalanche of orders follows. Here is the way Steel Shoes are made: The uppers are made of a superior quality of leather, as waterproof as leather can be tanned. Wonderfully soft and pliable—never gets stiff! The soles and sides are made out of one piece of special, light, thin, springy, rust-resisting Steel. Soles and heels are studded with adjustable Steel Rivets, which prevent the bottoms from wearing out. Rivets easily replaced when partly worn. 50 extra rivets cost only 30 cents and should keep the shoes in good repair for at least two years! No other repairs ever needed! The uppers are tightly joined to the steel by small rivets of rust-resisting metal, so that no water can get between.

The soles are lined with soft, springy, comfortable Hair Cushions, which absorb perspiration and odors and add to ease of walking.



FREE!

Send for Book "The Sole of Steel," or order Steel Shoes direct from this ad.

For Men—Sizes 5 to 12

Steel Shoes, 8 inches high, extra grade of leather, black or tan color, \$5.50 per pair.
Steel Shoes, 9 inches high, extra grade of leather, black or tan color, \$5.00 per pair.
Steel Shoes, 12 inches high, extra grade of leather, black or tan color, \$6.00 per pair.
Steel Shoes, 16 inches high, extra grade of leather, black or tan color, \$7.00 per pair.

For Boys—Sizes 1 to 4

Boys' Steel Shoes, 6 inches high, \$2.50 per pair.
Boys' Steel Shoes, 9 inches high, extra grade of leather, black or tan color, \$3.50 per pair.

N. M. RUTHSTEIN, The Steel Shoe Man

DEALERS' NOTE:—Give your customers a square deal by handling Ruthstein Steel Shoes. Write for terms today to Blatchford Davis & Co., Ltd., 60-62 W. Front Street, Toronto. To Western Dealers—Write to Geo. G. Lennox, 87 King Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Overwhelmed by the World-Wide Demand

The success of Steel Shoes is almost startling. Within three years we have established Steel Shoe factories in Racine, Wis.; Toronto, Canada, and Northampton, England. These great factories, running at full capacity, can scarcely keep up with the demand from all over the world. The public is rapidly learning that Steel Shoes are

Good for the Feet! Good for the Health! Good for the Bank Account!

These shoes are better for the feet, better for the health, better for the pocketbook than heavy work shoes or rubber boots.

You Actually Save \$5 to \$10 a Year

by wearing Steel Shoes. Figure it out for yourself. One pair will outlast \$10.00 pair of ordinary work shoes. They save all repair bills and keep your feet in perfect condition.

Free Examination

And Your Money Back Promptly if It Looks Better Than the Shoes!

You owe it to yourself to investigate. Get a pair of Steel Shoes for Free Examination by sending the price, which will be returned if you and your own feet are not convinced of their merits.

WHY WAIT? SEND NOW!

No risk! No bother! No obligation! Don't hesitate! Act while this offer is open! Simply state size of shoe you wear, enclose the price and get the shoes for Free Examination.

For general field work we strongly recommend our 8-inch high Steel Shoes at \$5.50 per pair or the 9-inch at \$5.00 per pair. For all classes of use requiring high-cut shoes our 12 or 16 inch high Steel Shoes are absolutely indispensable.

Dept. 296A Toronto, Canada
United States Factory: Racine, Wisconsin
Great Britain Factory: Northampton, Eng.

Come to Canada!
SASKATCHEWAN
THE GOLDEN

"The Land That Pays for Itself in a Single Season"
—Prof. THOMAS SHAW.

THOUSANDS of Eastern Canadians—some, your own former neighbors—are now in Golden Saskatchewan. They were struggling along five years ago, "back home"—just like you are to-day. Many were renters—didn't own a square foot of land. To-day they could buy out the richest farmer in your county. Not because these men are smarter or work harder than you, but because they now live where an industrious man has a fair chance.

Last Mountain Valley

Saskatchewan farmers in Last Mountain Valley grow 40 bushels of wheat on \$30 land. **Result: "Land cleared in one year."** They are making money hand over fist. Crop failures? **We don't have 'em here!**

Seven great railroads form a veritable network over this district. You're right in civilization.

And whoever saw a finer place to live! **Good neighbors, fine climate, phones, railroads, churches, schools, rural mail, stores, good roads, fishing, hunting, etc.**

Two Big Land Openings—New Settlers Pouring in by Thousands

Last year 351,593 settlers came to Canada—and fortune. This year will see 500,000 follow them. The bulk of them are bound for the Prairie Provinces. And they'll never go back! They'll never leave this land of health, happiness, sunshine and fortune.

We are putting on two gigantic new land openings—one at Raymore, in Last Mountain Valley, on the main line of new Grand Trunk Pacific—finest wheat land in the world.

WM. PEARSON CO., Ltd., 807 Temple Court, Minneapolis, Minn.

MENTION THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE WHEN WRITING ADVERTISERS.

New Telephone Directory

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada is soon to print a new issue of its **Official Telephone Directory** for the district of Western Ontario, including

LONDON

Parties who contemplate becoming subscribers, or those who wish changes in their present entry should place their orders with the Local Manager at once to insure insertion in this issue.

Connecting Companies

should also report additions and changes in their list of subscribers, either to the Local Manager, or direct to the Special Agent's Department, Montreal.

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada

You Try It Free

in your own home. Send us \$25 for an "Automatic" Vacuum Cleaner—use it—test it—for durability, ease in operation and perfect work. If you do not think it the best Hand-power Vacuum Cleaner on the market, return it and we will refund your money. The "Automatic" draws out all dust from carpets, rugs and upholstered furniture—and holds all the dust in the inner tank. Carpets are really clean, through and through, when gone over with the "Automatic," and there is no dust to dust.

The air in the room is clean—the woodwork is clean—when you clean with the "Automatic."

Write to-day for our free circular.

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