

The Farm.

The Farmer Boy. EDGAR L. VINCENT.

Passing along the road one day I saw a rough slab of stone just over the fence, bearing the inscription: "Nan's Lamb." From the boyish characters I knew that this stone was the outward expression of some lad's grief over the loss of one of the flock which I noticed in the father's barnyard. But I wondered why so much care should be taken to give a lamb so decent a burial. On most farms the loss of a lamb in spring time is of such common occurrence that it is not often one is fated to receive so humane an interment. So I was led to make some inquiries. The story was of such interest that I have written it down for others.

When this family went on the farm there went with it a boy of seven. The lad's grandfather at that time gave the boy a lamb which was to be his own. There was an understanding between the boy and his father that all lambs raised from the one his grandfather gave him should be his, and that the proceeds of the wool should be divided between the boy and his father, in part payment for the father's care and the feed used in the support of the sheep. One lamb had been the growth of the year. This had lived until it was a nice big lamb; then it was caught one day under the fence and killed. The boy's grief was great and found expression in the little grave and the stone reared above it.

I could not help thinking that something quite out of the ordinary would grow out of a boy who had such an interest in the farm flock. And I watched for some years the progress of the lad and his sheep. The result may be summed up briefly in the story told by the boy's father.

"I have seen some farms on which the calves or the lambs said to belong to the boys were sold when old enough and the money put into the father's pocket I have seen the boy's interest suddenly fade away under such treatment, and I determined that I never would be guilty of such injustice. When a lamb from my son's flock was sold, he had the money to do as he thought best. Half of the wool money was also his. It would have done your heart good to note the interest of the boy for his sheep. He loved them and cared for them as faithfully as any man could have done. His own purse received the proceeds of every sale. With the money thus received he used to buy his own clothes. Every year we went to the city and the boy picked out the suit he wanted and paid for it. When the money received more than paid for the clothes, he carefully put it away.

"As he grew older and was able to do work on the farm, his little fund of money would be increased by a few dollars from time to time, not as a payment for his work, but in recognition that he was a member of the firm doing business on the farm. I never would bring a boy up to think he must be paid for everything he does for his parents.

"Following this plan, I never had any trouble in keeping the boy interested in the farm. He has grown up with a love for the old place and its stock. When old enough to handle the team, I have trusted him to drive it until now there is no kind of work he cannot do. He is a better teamster than I am, and I am sure I do not know where I would go to find a man who would be more trustworthy everywhere than he is. I admit that I am proud of him. He is a good boy, and any father might well be proud of him."

Now, it seems to me there is something for the rest of us in this story, which is absolutely true. And that something I think is this: It will pay to be fair with the boys. Trusting a boy makes him more trustworthy. Showing him that he is a part of the farm partnership creates in him a desire to do the best he can to increase its value and to do all he does so well.

I happen to know that this boy loves his home so well that his nights are spent there always. One secret of that is that on the table in that farmhouse are to be found the best farm papers, one daily and a good supply of other papers and books. In no way can money be better invested by the farmer than this. The boy is well posted in what is going on in the world, and takes a deep interest in politics, because he sees that it is for his welfare to do so.

I am not describing an imaginary boy. He is a real flesh and blood lad, and I see him every day. I wonder whether you and I ought not to get a good pointer from this boy and his father and mother?—N. Y. Tribune.

Distribution of Samples of Seed grain

Under instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution of sample packages of the best and most productive sorts of cereals, &c., is now being made from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The distribution will consist, as heretofore, of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, field peas, Indian corn and potatoes. Each sample will weigh three pounds. The quality of the seed will be of the best, the varieties true to name and the packages will be sent free to applicants, through the mail. The object in view is the improvement of the character and quality of the grain, &c., grown in Canada, an effort widely appreciated, and the choice of varieties to be sent out will be confined to those which have been found to succeed well at the Experimental Farms. These samples will be sent only to those who apply personally, lists of names from societies or individuals cannot be considered. Only one sample of one sort can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat or barley. Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent any time before the 15th of March, after which date the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may all be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing will please mention the sort of grain they would prefer and should the available stock of the variety named be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place. Letters may be sent to the Experimental Farm free of postage.

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There will be sold at public auction at Chubb's Corner (so called), in the City of Saint John, in the County of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, on Saturday, the Twenty-fourth Day of March next, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to the directions of a decretal order of the Supreme Court in Equity, made on Friday, the Twenty-second day of December, A. D. 1899, in a certain cause therein pending wherein Lizzie B. Homer is Plaintiff and Jane Clark is Defendant, with the approbation of the undersigned Referee in Equity, the mortgaged premises described in said decretal order as "All the right, title and interest of the defendant in and to a certain Indenture of Lease bearing date the First day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three, and made between Mary A. Duncan, of Grand Pre, in the Province of Nova Scotia, of the first part, and the said Jane Clark, of the City of Saint John, widow, of the second part, and in and to the leasehold lands and premises therein described as all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the said City of Saint John, beginning at the South-westerly corner of the said lot of land hereby leased, thence northerly along the eastern line of Sheriff Street forty feet (40), more or less, thence easterly at right angles to said street one hundred feet or until it meets the line of property of the late Honorable William Hasen, thence southerly along said Hasen's line (40) forty feet, more or less, thence westerly one hundred feet to the place of beginning, being the lot formerly leased by one James White to James Clark, and being the lot of land and premises next adjoining the lot of one Ezekiel Hilton on the northerly side thereof, and on the easterly side of said Sheriff Street, together with the buildings, erections and improvements thereon, standing and being or which might thereafter be erected or built thereon, and the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, term of years therein yet to come, and unexpired possession, benefit of renewal, claim and demand at law or in equity of the said Jane Clark of, in, to or upon the same and every part thereof by virtue of said Indenture of Lease or otherwise howsoever."

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