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## Think Clearly — Act Quickly.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate": One of our neighbors, a most estimatle man, has had the misfortune to have one of his hands badly crushed while out setting some fence posts. He had a young man helping him before the frost was in the ground as it is now. This helper was handling the beetle and dij not notice that his employer had placed one hand on the top of the post and was looking down. The heavy mail came down with pitiless force and injured that hand so seriously that it was out of commission for a number of months. Of course, the hired man felt terribly about it. He tried his best to hold the beetle up when he saw what was going to happen, but it was too late to do more than lighten the blow a little. We might think at first that the neighbor would have been out of fix, and said some things that he would be sorry for afterwards; but he kept his temper and never said a hard or faultfinding word; and all the while he was nursing that terribly sore thing, and it was right in the busiest season of the year, he was patient and even cheery. What a difference there is in men about enduring things of that kind ! ;Some men would have made the air blue with oaths, and probably discharged the unfortunate man who hurt him, on the spot. What a chance we all do have, anyway, to show what is in our hearts when such misfortunes come, as they do to us all sooner or later !

I cannot help thinking that when some people think of the railroads and the war as affording the only opportunity for heroism, they might change their minds if they knew all the trying things that come to farmers. Heroes on the farm? Why, heroes are only to be found out where the flag is flying or the call of duty comes to do great and brave things. Is that a fact? Let's think about it a minute. Our folks have had some very narrow escapes, right on the farm, when working with the team or around machinery of one kind or another. Nor have we always escaped pain, either. It would be too long a chapter to tell of all of these. But every farmer who has lived long on the farm could duplicate anything I might say in this line.

And little by little the world is finding out that the quiet of the country has its real heroes, just the same as the city or the field of battle. That canny old Scotchman, Andrew Carnegie, who all the time keeps a standing order out

along the road with his sister after a



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