

Violating Hospitality

It was the cat's fault, darn her skin!
It was so cold I let her in
The stall where I was milkin' at.
An' that ends me an' that there cat!
She rubbed agin me an' said 'M'you!
While I was milkin' of the cow,
An' leaned up on me with her paw—
She knowed that I could squirt her
Plumb full of milk if I'd a mind;
An' so I did, just to be kind!
Say! Maybe that cat wasn't pleased?
She purred around and then she
squeezed
Between the milk stool an' my leg,
An' every minute she would beg
In such a tone as if it hurt!
For me to give her one more squirt!
An' then, because I let her beg,
She rose up on the cow's hind leg—
Me not afootin' a bit—
An' sharpened up her claws on it!

What Will It Be This Year

In 1900 Canada spent on her	miltilia	\$ 1,000,000
In 1901 Canada spent on her	miltilia	\$ 4,000,000
In 1912 Canada spent on her	miltilia	\$12,000,000
In 1913 Canada spent on her	miltilia	\$20,000,000

Yes, that's the reason I'm so sore!
The stable's got a flimsy door,
So I hadn't got one, I've
No cause to think I'd be alive.
That cow's foot hit me like a maul!
No brickett ever hit no wall
As hard as I did when I hit
That door and smashed it. Then I lit
Kerplash in the cow's drinking tub—
All I could say was just "Blub, blub."
Say, when I crawled back, that there
cat,
Was haddin' where the milk spilled
at!
An' the cow horned at me! for she
Had a fool notion it was me
That scratched her leg and made her
kick!
She patted me plumb through the wall
An' never kicked the cat at all!
That cat can mew till a cat's froze—
But she stays out next time—that
goes! Ex.

How Children are Robbed of Their Birthright

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It is not hard to predict the future of these three boys. John's future will be a happy and prosperous one. He has not started to hard work too soon and had a chance to develop an appreciation and love of the farm and to get an education that will always stand him in good stead. Fred's future is less certain. The chances are 99 in 100 that he will be a misfit in business and a discouraged and discontented man. As to Alec his future is the worst of all. Burdened with responsibilities too young, work-aholic until work became a hateful thing to him, who can greatly blame him for his one ambition in later life is to escape work, and if he becomes slack and shiftless and develops the habits of idleness and vice that go along with idleness. The path to self-respecting efficiency seems barred to him for ever.
These boys are but types of the twenty boys to-day. I trust that some of my readers are robbing their boys of their birthright. Those of us who are parents work mainly for the benefit of our children. But if we have them only the wealth that we have accumulated we leave them little for which to thank us. John's father made the right use of wealth, and if he had left John nothing but a well-developed mind he would have given him much for which to thank his father. No matter how much wealth

Fred or Alec had left to them, they would never have been able to use it well or to appreciate it to the full.
THE CHILD PROBLEM IS NATIONAL. This subject is a bigger one than the influence on the individual boys. The whole future wellbeing of the nation depends on the wellbeing of the country boy and girl. Sociologists tell us that were it not for the influx of fresh blood from the country the artificial life of the city would lead to the extinction of the race in a few generations. It is to the development of men of the type of John that the nation, both rural and urban, must look for its future leaders in the professions, in politics, and in business.

Why Pay Teachers Well?

Mr. O. Herold, Manager of Bow Park Farm, Beattorf, Ont., gave an address of convincing interest at

the Convention of Ontario School Inspectors held in Guelph last August. Mr. Herold is well connect-ed at all with educational work. He speaks as an interested onlooker. The subject of his address was "A Comparison of Schools and Education in Ontario with the Schools of his own Native Land, Germany." After expressing his opinion that the public schools of Ontario are on the whole in very good condition, and operated on a good system, Mr. Herold made a plea for better payment of school teachers. The following is an outline of Mr. Herold's address as supplied by him to Farm and Dairy. It is full of practical common sense:

"In my old home in Germany every man earns less money than in Canada,—with the exception of the teacher. The great mercantile and industrial development of Germany dates since the Government decided to pay higher salaries to the teachers. It is generally said that the great victories in the Franco German War were won by the teachers, or, in other words, by the good education of the soldiers.

A LOGICAL CONCLUSION

"I, therefore, recommend that higher salaries be paid to the teachers in Canada, in order to get people who are looking for permanent positions. In addition to higher salaries teachers need encouragement by moral assistance. The school should work more hard in hand with the home. Parents who have children going to school should consult the teachers from time to time about the behaviour and progress of their children. This is done generally in Germany. I find also that there is, in the German schools, more discipline than in the Ontario schools.

"I suggest that at election time the candidates for the two parties be asked what they be willing to do for the schools.
"The great schools and continuation schools are very much developed in Germany. All young people learning a trade must attend a trade school. In these schools they have a chance to learn the theory of their respective trades.

"All teachers in Germany get old age pensions after 10 years' service, and after 40 years' service they get their full salary as an old age pension. About 75 per cent male teachers are employed, and only about 25 per cent female ones."



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