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as necessary as the street car. In the country we are waking up to the fact that we need it too, and there is no reason why every rural neighborhood, where land is cheap, should not have a recreation centre. If tennis and basketball are good for the town they are good for the country, and if such pleasures could be obtained in the country, town and city life would lose one of its chief attractions for our boys. Every school section could, with very little extra cost, equip its present plant as a centre for the sports and pastimes of the whole neighborhood for use outside of school hours. It is not money that is needed so much as a whole-hearted desire by the people to improve conditions. If we would only forget politics and big national affairs for an hour each week and devote the time to good, solid thinking on what could be done to reform things right under our noses we could make country life so attractive that you couldn't drive the boys away with a shotgun.

Don't try to keep your boy from joining the beneficial clubs and societies in your neighborhood. Encourage him to do so. If he is on the football team don't forget to go sometimes to see him play, and show that you take an interest in his skill. And don't forget to let him off work half-an-hour or an hour earlier a few nights each week to practice. He will repay you by the added vim with which he will do his tasks. The best kind of country fun, of course, is the kind in which the whole family can join, father and mother as well as the boys and girls, and that is the great attraction of a good Literary Society or neighborhood club—nobody is left out. Such enterprises as these will give the boy a pride in his locality. The growth of local pride is one of the strongest influences in keeping the young people from leaving the community, and if we can make the boys feel that life is full of interest all around them, and that we can be as enterprising and original in the country in our own way as the town and city people are in theirs, we have opened their eyes to the great secret of contentment and happiness.

Let the farm be a place for beautiful sentiments and happy memories. The town or city house built close to the street can never appeal to the affections in the same way as the country house with its old orchard, its whispering woodland, or the creek wandering through the meadow. Guard these beauty spots from destruction, for they will not only make your land more worth buying but your life more worth living; and take your boys there and help them to appreciate the gentle and wholesome country joys that will be more consoling to them in after years than the love of crowds and sensation and mere wealth. Let the cattle and horses each have its name, so that they will be like friends to the boys, not mere machines for turning out profits. Help the boys to see that their calling is something to live for, that they are doing some of the great and indispensable work of the world, work that will never become unnecessary or out of fashion because it serves the fundamental needs of the human race.

News of the Week

A school of aviation is to be opened in Toronto to train aviators for the Royal Naval air service.

The Indians of Ontario reserves are forming a unit to enlist for service in the war.

Austria, evidently in fear of Italy, has been gathering a large army in the neighborhood of the town of Trieste.

Contracts for steel for the Allies, to the value of hundreds of millions of dollars, have been placed in machine shops all over the world.

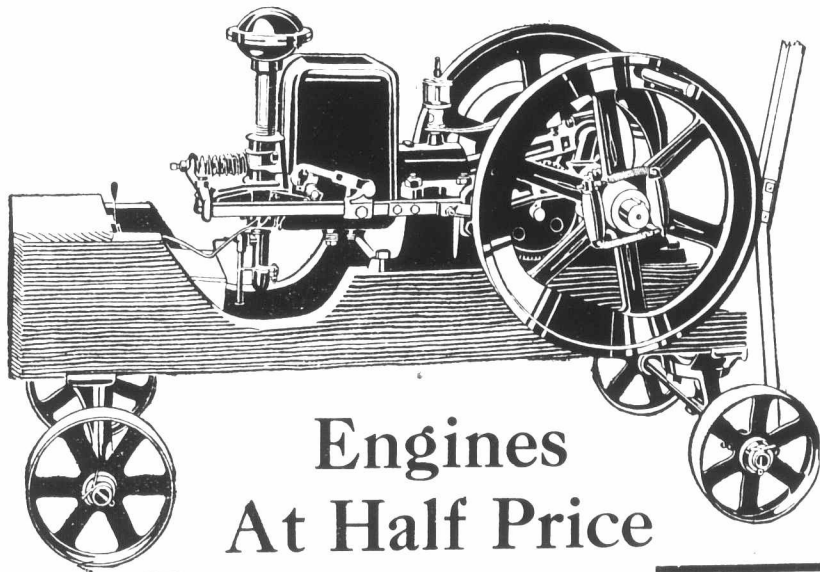
Seven hundred and fifty thousand British troops are now in France, and reinforcements are being hurried into Belgium.

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gium to meet the German troops now being rushed into that country.

Mr. Lloyd George stated recently in the House of Commons that as much ammunition was expended in the battle of Neuve Chapelle, fought on March 10th, as in the whole Boer war.

German troops in the Cameroon Mountain District, Equatorial Africa, have been defeated by Allied troops, French and British.

Vienna and Bucharest are said to be preparing against siege at the cost of millions of dollars.

The Prince of Wales served as a dispatch bearer for the General Staff during the battle of Neuve Chapelle, and at one time was on duty in the trenches.

"The Canadians had many casualties, but their gallantry and determination undoubtedly saved the situation. Their conduct has been magnificent throughout."—This is the bulletin which, appearing from the War Office at the close of the week, set all London a-fire with admiration for Britain's Western Colonials. It refers to the battle fought last week in the vicinity of Ypres, which would have been entirely surrounded by the Germans had it not been for the gallant resistance of the Canadians at Langemarck. They paid heavily, however, for their laurels, for the casualty list is heavy, including the death of twenty-two officers, and a total list of eight hundred. In this great battle, which lasted for over three days, the French were routed from their position by a phosgenite gas, and then attacked by two army corps, estimated at about 80,000 men, but the Canadians held their ground at the point where the line was broken and so enabled the British troops to turn the tide of victory. At time of going to press, the battle still rages to the north of Ypres. . . . From the Eastern battle fronts there is little to record, but it is expected that by the end of the week another great conflict will be in progress east of Carrow.

Sweet Day of Rest.

I walked slowly down the "big road" that Sunday afternoon slowly, as he fitted the scene and the season, for who would hurry over the path that summer has prepared for the feet of earth's tired pilgrims? It was the middle of June, and Nature lay a Queen of beauty in her vesture of flowers, leaves, and blossoming grasses. The sandy road was a pleasant walking place, and if one tired of that, the grassy track, grass on either side held a fairy path, fragrant with pennyroyal, that great virtuous of herbs. A tall hedge of Osage orange bordered each side of the road, shading the traveler from the heat of the sun, and furnishing a nesting place for numberless small birds that twittered and