

2d. Do not be emboldened, by any well-audited account of cultivators, to believe that you will reap enormous profits from a country home and its acres; such results only come by large experience and a life-long system, which you can never extemporize.

3d. Do not, in your chafing under high city costs, entertain the notion that in a country home you may live for comparatively nothing; go as widely as you will, and you cannot escape the tax-gatherer and the grocer.

4th. Don't entertain the belief that land takes care of itself, or that immaculate gardeners may be had for the asking, or crops, whether fruit or vegetables, work themselves out by any law of necessity.

5th. Don't count upon all country neighbors as being frugal, and innocent, and kindly, and unaddicted to slipshodness and profane swearing. "Happy valleys" are quite as mythical now as in the days of Dr. Johnson and of Rabelais.

6th. Do not count upon finding city luxuries, such as a mile of pavement for wet weather, or a Goupil's show-room, or the music of a target excursion band every day, or a doctor next door.

Lastly. Do not believe—whatever may be the representations of the real-estate people—that a charming country home may be bought any day for a song, and any day thereafter sold for a plump penny.

If, with all these provisions in mind, you have faith in your own rural zeal, and will meet the difficulties of the case with the same stoicism—no more and no less—with which you would meet larger difficulties in the town; and if you enjoy fresh breezes that come rocking over woods and wide reaches of meadow; and if you can cultivate an appetite for the crisp vegetables, fresh drawn from your garden; and if you believe in wild romps upon the green sward as a better thing for your children than all the doctor's tonics, and if the mistress of your household does not interpose a nay to all this that shall carry shrill echoes through every week of your summer—then go into the country.

GUIDE BOARDS.

The *American Agriculturist* for the current month, has a spirited engraving, "Lost the Road," which represents an aged couple, in an old-fashioned vehicle, trying, in vain, to decipher the letters on a decayed guide-board. With this as a text, our contemporary delivers itself of a timely homily on the utility and desirableness of having legible guide-boards at all points on leading roads, where travellers are likely to find themselves in perplexity. This is one of the manifestations of old-country-wisdom, which new countries should not be slow to imitate. Are travellers to be expected to find their way in strange places by intuition?

ONTARIO 'BEE KEEPERS' CONVENTION.

We cheerfully insert the following communication on the above subject, believing that a well managed meeting of the sort will greatly tend to the promotion of apianian interests. There are many scientific bee-keepers in this Province, and a comparison of views and interchange of experiences cannot but be mutually beneficial. We should like to see a permanent association formed, with a view to regular meetings, once or twice a year. Why should not bee-keepers unite thus, as well as dairymen, fruit growers and others?

"I am requested to announce to the bee-keepers of Canada and the United States, that a bee-keepers' convention will be held at the City of London, Ontario, at the time of the coming Provincial Fair, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings; September 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

"Bee-keepers who may have subjects to offer for discussion, or suggestions to make, will communicate the same to me, any time during the month of August, in order that they may be arranged and published as early as possible in September, when the hour and place of meeting will be announced.

"I trust there will be a large attendance of the bee-keepers of Ontario and Quebec, and those interested in bee culture.

"A warm invitation is extended to bee-keepers in the United States, to meet in convention with us.

"Journals giving the above an insertion will promote the interests of bee culture in Canada.

"J. H. THOMAS, Apiarian.

"Brockville, Ontario, Aug. 2nd, 1869."

IOWA STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The Iowa Northwest, in describing a visit to the State Agricultural College, says:—

"The labor system, which has failed at so many similar institutions, has been inaugurated here with complete success. The students perform their two hours' work each day with a degree of cheerfulness and zeal that is extremely gratifying to the entire faculty, all of whom are firm believers in the system. The recitations occupy the forenoon of each day, the afternoon being devoted to labor, recreation and study. The labor is performed by dividing the students into squads, each under the direction of a captain, who receives the tools from the toolhouse, directs the labor of his company, keeps a record of the time, quality of the work, and reports to the President in writing."