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Credit.-The question, with what to buy, involves the question whether to buy always with cash or to make a judicious use of credit. What advice to give farmers in general on this subject is an exceedingly delicate question. The farmer who has not a very keen sense of value or is not in the habit of keeping accurate accounts, who does not understand the importance of charging for deterioration, etc., would better avoid the use of credit as he would the plague. If he never makes use of it, he will probably not achieve a large degree of success as a farmer; but if such an unbusinesslike farmer does make use of it, he is pretty certain to become bankrupt. But the farmer who has a keen sense of values, who understands business methods, who keeps accurate accounts and knows what to charge for deterioration, and who at the same time is a successful manager in the sense that he is able to grow good crops and to sell them to advantage, should not hesitate to make a large use of credit. By means of it he saves time He can secure fertilizers, farm machinery live stock, etc., much earlier than would otherwise be possible. If he is very wise in his purchases or skillful in his management, he will make enough from the use of the credit he has borrowed to pay the interest and leave a handsome profit besides. This profit, that is, the sum which he makes from the purchases over and above enough to pay principal and interest, represents the advantage of making use of credit.

Bank Credit.—Generally speaking, the credit system works better where it is not mixed up with something else like storekeeping, that is, where the credit institution is purely one of credit and nothing else. In other words, bank credit is generally a better system than store credit. In the first place, when one borrows of a store he does not borrow money, does not receive money, and has, moreover, no liberty to buy where he chooses. He only borrows credit and must, furthermore, make use of it in buying at the store where he borrows. But when he borrows of a bank he either receives money or the right to draw it when he needs it. He is thus at liberty to buy with that money at whatever store or in whatever way he chooses. This puts him in a position of greater independence than he, enjoys when he makes use of store credit Where the banking system is well developed and there is competition among banks to get business, it is not likely that the rate of interest charged will be exorbitant, though it is never low. The bank is virtually a middleman, performing much the same function, and entitled to a reward for the same reason, as a merchant. So long as a borrower can borrow directly from the lender, the bank's profits can be saved; but where it is difficult for the borrower to find a lender, or a lender to find a borrower, or where the personal relations are such as to prevent dealing in a personal way with one another, the bank performs a real service. They who have money to spare can deposit it in the bank, and they who need money can always find it there. Both are saved the trouble of finding one another.

Again, the bank generally deals impersonally and according to fixed rules, which it will not vary for personal considerations. In such delicate transactions as borrowing and lending this is a matter of greater importance than farmers commonly realize. Probably no one thing has worked so much disaster in farming neighborhoods, or produced more bitterness of feeling or more financial loss, than making use of personal considerations in matters of credit. There is probably not a farmer above three score years of age. who has had a reputation for business capacity and integrity, who has not been burdened more than once because of his reputation. Such men are always acceptable as indorsers of notes for their less scrupulous neighbors. In times past they have continually been besieged by requests for favors of this kind, and he may regard himself as exceedingly fortunate who has never lost money in this way. One of the chief advantages of a good banking system is to protect men of honor and integrity against appeals of this kind.—T. N. Carver, in Principles of THE GENERAL ANIMALS INS. CO. OF CANADA 71 A ST. JAMES, MONTREAL

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A farmer in the back of the room arose.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "I ain't fit to address a dignified meeting like this, but that's because I've had to travel for ten miles over the kind of roads you give us.

"I couldn't drive, I had to ride horseback. My boots are covered with mud; my trousers are covered with mud; my coat is covered with mud; and if I hadn't stopped to wash it my face would be covered with mud, too.

"I look as if I had crawled here on my hands and knees, and I'm only half through because I've still got to go back, with five dollars' worth of groceries that I bought from brother Fletcher.

"If there had been a good, hard road that my old horse could climb up and draw in a load of lumber that I've got ready, I would have bought twenty-five dollars' worth of groceries instead of five dollars' worth, and there twould have been that much more money in town to-night."

And the mud-covered farmer sat down! Other speakers took up his case. They pointed out that good roads were an *asset* instead of a *liability*: an *economy* instead of an *expense*; that they brought money into a town and greatly increased the markets.

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