

The Farm.

Nights on the Farm.

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In summer the day lasts so long that there is not a great deal of time left after the chores are done that can be really called evening; still, by planning to have the work out of the way about sundown, there will yet remain an hour or two which may be enjoyed before bedtime. What the word enjoyed may mean depends largely upon the turn of mind of the father and mother, and the young folks will watch them pretty closely for the cue to their own action. If the father slips off to the village, the boys will be quite apt to do the same. If the mother is so tired out with the labors of the day that she goes to sleep in her chair about as soon as she has a chance to sit down, the girls will probably go to their own rooms or stroll away to some neighbor's, and the evening go for little. But if, on the other hand, the lamp is lighted in the sitting room, and the father and mother draw up around it with the daily paper or some good weekly to see what has taken place in the world while the farm has been engaging the attention of all hands, the boys and girls will quite likely be there, too. As he reads, there is talk, in which all take part, about the events recorded. The old history or geography is brought out, and all become for the time students in the very best sense of the word. By and by there is a song, with instrumental music, and the day closes quietly. May we not say that this is the ideal night on the farm in the country?

In winter there is more time to spend with books, papers, games and other helpful diversions. If the young folk are so disposed these long evenings may be turned to great advantage. I have in mind one lad who has fitted himself for the high school with the help of his mother, who happened to be an old teacher, by working at his studies in the evening. Every night the day's news would be first read and discussed. The boy or girl who wishes to be called thoroughly educated must be well up in current events. Then the books were brought out, and an hour or two of good, faithful study followed. Another boy I know of is just now working in just the same way to post up for the entrance examination at a State normal school in February. He is almost alone in this work, for his father is dead and he cannot have a great deal of assistance from his mother, who is an invalid. But he is doing excellent work all by himself, and I have no doubt he will pass a good examination.

A man who has held some good places in public life once told me that the best and most thorough school work he ever had was at home, sitting by the side of his mother as she worked at her loom late at evening. She had in young womanhood been a teacher. Her husband died in the war of the Rebellion, leaving her with six little ones to care for. By weaving she was able to maintain herself and the children, and to give them a fair education. But part of the year they were obliged to stay at home and work on the small farm. When this lad became older he had a great desire for knowledge. He read all the books of the neighborhood, and longed for more. By the dim light of a candle he would study while his mother toiled away at her loom, pausing now and then to help her boy with his books.

Painting in Winter.

Winter time is about right for painting the farm tools, the roofs and the buildings. The lifetime of farm machinery is greatly extended by occasional coats of paint. Paint, in cold weather, will thicken and work tough. Don't thin it with more oil or turpentine, but warm it near the stove as often as it becomes too thick to spread well. Paint applied in cold weather will wear a third longer than when put on in warm or hot weather. This has been tested on tin roofs.

Paint the tin or metal roof on a sunny day in winter, as then the paint will spread better.

Ten-cent water pails may be made as durable as costly cedar ware by paint applied to inside and out.

If you have a piece of old furniture that needs revarnishing, remove the old varnish clear down to the wood by coating the surface with common glue, melted to the constituency of varnish, and keeping the object in as warm a room as possible for several hours. The pulling power of glue, when drying, is sufficient to take the old varnish off clean to the wood. It will flake off, and you will only have to clear it away, sandpaper off a little, dust off clean, and revarnish. This is a little secret worth knowing.

The door and window screens have all been cleaned off and coated thinly with linseed oil, of course, before putting away for the winter? Screens will last for so many years, treated in this way.

Keep your paint brushes in water, where the water won't freeze, and keep the varnish brush in half raw linseed oil and half varnish, in a clean can, suspending the brush from a wire or string. Keep white lead covered with water, and zinc which covered with raw linseed oil. Keep the oil paints covered with oil or water. Keep putty covered with water. Keep varnish in a warm room.

Every farm should have a paint outfit of brushes, white lead, zinc white, linseed oil, turpentine, varnish, japan driers, putty, and some colors. It pays to keep things painted up. Big jobs, of course, requires the professional painter, but the little jobs can be done by any handy person—and almost everybody likes to dabble in paint.

Never prime or coat outside work with glue zinc, as damp weather will certainly cause the paint to loosen from the work, and there goes your paint.—(A. A. K., in Country Gentleman.

Cross Questioned

M. B. Connick Relates His Experience with Bright's Disease and Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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"Yes, sir, that's exactly what I mean. I was so stiff and sore I could not stoop to pick up anything—couldn't put on my shoes. If my wife was here she would tell more about Dodd's Kidney Pills than I can."

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