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THIS issue begins a series of suburban and country life supplements which will be a regular monthly feature of the "Courier" as the Woman's Supplement has become. This is not the hackneyed out-of-doors and sporting supplement seen in so many periodicals. It is rather the story and picture of the tendency in this country for the city man and the town man to get, not back to the land for a living, but to get enough of the land to make living worth while. There is very little sense in the average city man's hankering for the farm. The chances are he would not know how to run a farm if he had one; although it is commonly said of some of the big farms in the West that they are better operated by men who have had no previous knowledge of farming than by men who have taken out to the prairie the predilections of a farm in the East.

There is, however, a great deal of sense now—and there is going to be more by and by—in the townsman getting enough land round his doorstep for his children to play upon without going to the street; enough for his family to have for a garden without depending upon the boulevard. Transportation has helped and is helping to solve the problem. The radial railway is one of the chief agencies. The automobile is another. The rural telephone is still another. But whatever there is in the movement to get some of the land back to as many of the people as possible will be set forth in the country life supplement which, beginning with this issue, will appear once every month.

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