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a sufficient number of acres to not only yield him a living, but a profit.

It is indeed the dawn of a new era.

There is one other thought that I should like to mention with regard to this traction cultivation proposition and that is the application of the traction engine to intensive agriculture.

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It is coming, this tractioning the soil, just as sure as we live in an age of progress, and we do not want to lock the barn door after the horse is stolen.

It seems to me that it is a problem for the agricultural engineer, for the farmer and the manufacturer. It is not the mere working out of a corollary for the theorem remains yet to be demonstrated. To become a traction cultivation specialist would be indeed a laudible ambition on the part of some of our agricultural college students of today. Who will be the first to take it up.

And the Lord drove Adam from Paradise
Because of his little worth.
And Adam wandered with hopeless eyes
Till toil gave his soul new birth,
And taught him to plow and to sow and to reap
Till he wrested his bread from the earth.

There was no soul to teach him how.
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