Attractive for n the Farm.

MER'S ADVOCATE": as a time when we as dians should put forth o make life attractive e farm, surely that time What with the large hs being called into and the number that and the many who for ther leave the farm for well devote more time e question—What may boys still with us and life more attractive for

ace let us say a word hat make life unattracnt for many a boy; in

m to leave home at the With all due respect rs who are found everying communities, there not worthy of the name o sets her boy no good y living but whose nagway makes life around nbearable for him. If t mother will be largely re are both fathers and m to take pleasure in ng authority over their ers and issuing comcalled for), and which of rebellion largely beof voice and the many are given. Boys, of under parental authorright and a wrong way ow authority, and it is of them get in wrong. ents will, as a general e-loving boys. Those eir spare time rushing and visiting neighbors, eir home simply a place n, may not be surprised almost any other place han the place they call

s between parents, that to quarrels before their y makes life unpleasant for the boys, who reopportunity to migrate knew of a home, the ere professing christians bers, where every few the case might be, the into an ungovernable ith very slight provocaone son left home and on city jobs for which he finally to return and he one occupation for ed-namely, tilling the many such cases. s his boy should stay

work for an indefinite ill he is thirty-five or , with no remuneration and pocket money, for he will get when he is roperty, will often find at a most inconvenient not many fathers of here are some. are steady and faithful careers made partners business, why should men possessed of like me partners with their

siness of farming. It is e too often tactless and o taking their sons into them that the boys seek that seem more attrac-

he question asked at the article, about how to nore attractive for the them where the most elong, let us emphasize dy suggested, namely, a veen father and son any cases this exists to-ly with satisfactory reof one boy who took y of paying of the m his father purchased hagement of the place. paid off, and was given farm. Such treatment hers does not, as a rule, nitting the farm. Some ership develop initiative alities that lie domain. ther in sons who take a vell on in mid life. Let owner and manager of ikes best on the farm.

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grain, a cow, horse, or litter of pigs. In the pleasure of possession he will work with greater zest and energy. Some weeks ago a bright young lad was driving me to Thamesville and he told me of the pony his father had given him. He got up early in the morning and rode his pony down the long farm lane for the cows, and said he enjoyed it. If he had had to make the trip on foot through the dewy grass, and with wet feet, the job might have been very distasteful. That

boy's father had tact and sense. lad had the pleasure of ownership and as a result liked his work.

Then, especially at this season of the year as the evenings grow longer, we should seek to make the home a more attractive place for the boys. Through the long hours of sunshine in the summer season we have all been busy outside working often in the garden till bed-time but now we should plan for home enjoyment during the long evenings of fall and winter, and one means of bringing enjoyment and making life attractive for the poys is surely to have music in the home. Where there is no music and where perhaps, the most familiar sounds are a father's or mother's sharp voice, or the crying of an infant, we do not wonder that the boys go elsewhere to gratify their musical tastes; perhaps to the dancehall, the pool-room, or the comic opera. It is a strange boy that doesn't like music, and that is one thing that many boys on the farm are deprived of. If we can't afford pianos or organs, let us have canned music. Some weeks ago we purchased a good phonograph, and let me say that nothing has come into our home that has afforded greater pleasure for the boys. The lively marches played by Sousa's band, the sweet instrumentals of the Royal Hawaiian Troupe, the Chimes giving us the old hymns with variations, do not lose their charm though often repeated.

Then let there be singing as we go about our work. We men on the farms don't sing enough. We are too prosaic. There is much truth in the words

"We can lighten toil and care, And a heavy burden bear If we keep our hearts singing all the while."

Someone has said that there is something wrong with the man or woman who doesn't either whistle or sing—I am inclined to think they are right. We have just as much reason to sing as have the birds who pour forth their songs even amid the bursting shells of the battlefield. Let us sing at our work, and the boys catching our spirit will work with a lighter heart.

Then, to make life more interesting and attractive for the boy on the farm, let him have the promise of a term at an agricultural college, such as we have at Guelph. A woman whose husband had acquired a fine property of several hundred acres, on being congratulated on their fine farm replied rather contemptuously: "Oh, after all it is nothing but dirt." boy who takes a term at one of our agricultural colleges will learn there is something besides dirt on a farm. He will learn many things, hitherto undreamed of, of the soil, of plant life and animal life, and will take a more intelligent interest and greatly increase his chance of success in the business of farming.

Let me say that religion of the right kind—a religion not manifested alone by church attendance or conforming to certain rules and customs, but that which is manifested in the daily life and conversation of husband and wife, which trials, and which makes them kind and thoughtful and considerate, will go far towards making life attractive to the growing boy on the farm. Let the boy's longing for social life be met by inviting to the home those whose influence shall be wholesome and uplifting. Above all, let father be the boy's most intimate chum and companion. There is a tendency on the part of us older people to get out of touch with boyhood. We too often get staid and set in our ways. We lack the spontaneity of youth. Let us be one with the boys in their laughter and play, for true are the poet's words:

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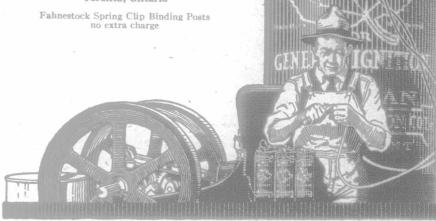
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