

successful farmers in the neighborhood, whose boys are the steadiest and wisest, and arrange to spend some time each week in the society of these young men. It may be exchange of visits; or at a farmers' club; or in the athletic field; in some religious exercise, or in the nearest library. The main thing is that you meet them, form companionships and discuss your life work as well as your daily work from time to time. Young people must have companionship and young men will work hard on a farm all day long, and with the best of grace, if they know that in the evening they are to meet congenial friends of their own temperament.

Another essential to success, in farming particularly, is that you should specialize in something upon which you may soon become an authority in the neighborhood. If you are engaged in general farming, then it may be bees, or poultry, or apples, or roots, or corn, or barley, or oats. Of course, if your father has been successful in some one line, then it is desirable that you follow up that line as you have the benefit of the advertising your father has received in years gone by. If not, then **start something**. As it does not cost much money to start in a small way, the main thing is to start with the best. Following this up, just as soon as you have succeeded in getting a surplus

supply of this good article, then advertise it.

Give your farm a name, and use this name in all your advertising. It is a note-worthy fact that a man who has a good name for his farm always tries to live up to it. Tidiness brings thrift—thrift brings with it the ambition to attain—and attainment is success.

If you are not farming, but are working along professional agricultural lines, I think you will find these general rules will apply to you as well.

I would like to emphasize, in particular, the rule regarding temperance. You cannot sit up till twelve and one o'clock every night either working or playing and then make it up by sleeping all day Sunday. You will be nervous in your work, always on the strain, and with work always piled up ahead of you that will never be done. Better attempt work along one or two lines only than try to do a little of everything and not do it well.

Above all, have faith—faith in your God, faith in your country, faith in your work and faith in your self. Do not lose faith because this is a good old world, and a man with a broad outlook, regular habits, a fund of humor, and a capacity for work, will not only be successful himself but will leave the world better than he found it.



CHRISTMAS LEGENDS

"There's a song on the air!
 There's a star in the sky!
 There's a mother's sweet prayer
 And a baby's low cry!
 And the star raises its fire while the beautiful sing,
 For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king."