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OLD TIMES ON THE FARM.

The Sickie, the Cradle and the Reaper Are Gone From the Fields.

Every farmer must have a pleasant field of reminiscence, as he reviews the progress of farm work. It does not take a very old man to remember the days of the sickie, when laborious days earned the sickie's repose on the old farm. One of the older ones has dipped into the past and interestingly writes:

Few are now living who took an active part in these early days when the struggle for existence taxed to the utmost the muscular power of those engaged in clearing the land, and making the homes as we see them today. My recollection is very distinct as far back as 1841, and when I reflect on the past and on the primitive tools they had to work with, I can only wonder how they did the work they had to do. I propose to take up the different implements then in use, and compare them with the splendid implements now in use, the evolution from the early reaping hook up to the queen of the harvest field, the binder, of to-day.

My first recollection of harvest cutting was a number of men and women cutting the grass with the hook or sickle, the men cutting, the women binding and setting up the sheaves. This method was slow and very laborious, as so much stooping had to be done. Yet they did not seem to mind it, as no other way seemed practicable.

A little later some genius, but he was a rung in the ladder, all the same, conceived the idea of putting a hole in the grass sythe near the point, inserting a short piece of ash and binding it over, fixing the other end into a hole just below the lower nib, forming a bcw. That caught the heads of the grain. By this method he was enabled to swing the sythe around and lay a pretty fair swath, which could be easily raked into sheaves and bound.

By this method one man could easily do more than two shearers, a decided improvement. This system remained until another genius conceived the idea of putting in an upright standard near the heel of the sythe, and putting in fingers, so as to secure the grain from falling back. From the crude idea sprang the grain cradle.

THE GRAIN CRADLE COMES.

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very useful harvest implement. I doubt now, at this distant date, if the cradle was very much improved over the home-made one. Nearly every farmer made his own cradle. I have seen my father take his axe, a drawing knife, a gimlet, and burning iron and go into the bush in the morning, and come home at night with a brand new cradle, putting in a little improvement here and there, so as to give it speed, as well as a wider swath and he plainly hinted that if a certain son tried to cut him out of his swath that the said son would not likely try the game twice. New factory-made cradles, with high sounding names came into the market, such as Grapevine, Muley and Half Muley. But after all I believe that the old home-made held its own over all competitors.

An amusing story is told of an Irishman who owned to the name of Michael, direct from Ireland. He arrived here in the harvest month, was hired by one Clark, a farmer, to help get in the harvest. Mike considered himself a first-class shearer, and he had no idea of any other way to cut grain. Michael went to his box and took out a splendid hook and was ready to go to the field with the rest. The farmer said, "Michael, what are you going to do with that?"

"Cut the wheat, sor," was his reply. "You can put that in your box, we don't use that here."

Michael opened his eyes wide, but followed the cradlers to the field. After seeing them use the cradle a while, the farmer said: "Michael, what do you think of that?" Michael said: "That is what I call spady murder!"

Poor Michael, if he were living today and saw one of our splendid binders doing its work, what would he say?

THE NEXT MACHINE.

About 1857, it began to be widespread among the farmers that some man had invented a machine drawn by horses that would cut seven or eight acres a day, and leave it in sheaves. Some believed it, others laughed at the idea. But in 1858, an agent actually brought one into a fine field of wheat to show what it would do. The machine itself was a clumsy-looking affair. It had a little rack on behind, which a man got into and pitched off the grain with a wooden fork, and a tired man he was, too, after standing all day in the rack.

The machine had come to stay; the cradler that had done such royal service was now relegated to the back yard and the cradler, who had long been the king of the harvest field, retired altogether, rather than take a second place, hid himself back into the pine bush among the sawlogs and square timber, never to return.

THE BINDER WAS EXPECTED.

About 1865 Woods' self-rake reaper appeared on the scene, a vast improvement on the wooden pitchforks. There was something almost human, cutting the grain and leaving it ready to bind, another revolution which received a rousing welcome. Farmers began to breathe easy. I, myself, have bound the grain after one of these self-rakes, had to go on the jump, too, to keep up your side, binding thistles as well as wheat. With sore hands and tired limbs, one could hardly help breathing an inward prayer that some one would invent a machine that would tie into sheaves as well. Such a silent prayer I am sure went up from thousands of tired binders of '65 and '78, when, lo, the answer came, not unexpectedly, this time, for we all believed it would come. We had begun to have faith in ourselves that we could get what we needed if we asked for it.

To-day we believe we are as high as we can get in this line, at least we are not asking for more.

MARRIED HIS GRANDMOTHER.

Now at San Francisco on Their Honeymoon.

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—Tom Hugh Allison of Manlius, N. Y., who married his grandmother, is here on his honeymoon. "My grandfather, Dr. Buffum, of Rochester, was a peppery old fellow," said he. "First, he disinherited my sister because she married a barber. This left me his sole heir. He decided to marry, although he was past 80, to keep me from inheriting his estate."

"I didn't know it, but the girl he picked out was my sweetheart, only 17 years of age. She decided to accept his offer to save his estate for me. That was nearly six years ago. He died a year ago, and the young woman whom I called my grandmother became my wife."

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The Chinese Army.

Soldiers used to be despised in China and only coolies were considered suitable material for fighting men, says Owen MacDonald in the Technical World Magazine. Today all this is changed, and China has an army to which it is an honor to belong. Motors have been superseded by wireless telegraphic apparatus and signal balloons; masks have been given place to field glasses, comic opera garb has been cast off for khaki uniforms, and the two-handed sword has become the bayonet. China was first roused to a sense of her weakness, and her strength, by the disaster of her war with Japan in 1845. Hitherto she has slumbered like a great lazy giant, smiling scornfully at the suggestion that smaller and weaker nations, by adopting modern methods, might injure her. She had sublime faith in the force of the vast hordes she could throw into the field.

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Cassie Chadwick Dead.

Columbus, Oct. 10.—Cassie Chadwick, the most notorious woman swindler of the present generation, died to-night in the state prison at Columbus.

She was born at Appin, near London, Ont., of humble parentage, and during her career of crime emmeshed in her net millionaires, bank presidents and others. She had represented herself as a daughter of Andrew Carnegie.

She was serving a sentence of ten years for fraud.

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Confessed Bank Robbery.

Sudbury, Oct. 9.—Fred Morris, who was arrested on Monday on a charge of vagrancy, confessed that in April he with others robbed the Union Bank of London.

Morris says he is a son of B. C. Morris shipowner of Harwich, Essex, a graduate of Cambridge and has travelled abroad. The attorney-general's department has been communicated with.

IN NATURE'S STOREHOUSE THERE ARE CURES.—Medical experiments have shown conclusively that there are medicinal virtues in even ordinary plants growing up around us which give them a value that cannot be estimated. It is held by some that Nature provides a cure for every disease which neglect and ignorance have visited upon man. However, this may be, it is well known that Paracelsus' Vegetable Pills, distilled from roots and herbs, are a sovereign remedy in curing all disorders of the digestion.

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The average fire loss, in the United States is said to be more than \$2 per head of the population, as compared with only one-third of a dollar in six of the leading European countries. The difference is ascribed to less rigidly enforced building laws. It has an effect on the cost of business generally in this country.

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