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Farm Conveniences.

A great many things can be done about the farm with a slight outlay of money, that will not only add to the attractiveness of the home but make it very much more convenient as well. Make it a point when you do anything round the farm in the way of making or repairing, to do it in the best possible manner, and when you have the job completed pick up all the scattered materials and clean up around. There is a whole lot of satisfaction afterwards in looking over a job that is so well and neatly done, that you know it will not have to be done over for years to come. The old adage that "If it pays to do anything at all it pays to do it well" is as true to-day as the day it was written. Make no improvements without due study. Know just what you want before you begin, so when you are through you will not wish you had done it differently.

I was in a barn not long since that was nearly completed. I asked the owner how he was going to arrange the basement for the stock and he said he had not thought anything about that. When he came later to partition off, he said he would give most anything if he had built it a little wider, as it was too narrow for two rows of stock and too wide for one, without waste. The consequences are that every time he goes into that barn he will have that to regret, when, if he had used due forethought and judgment, it might have been avoided and

the barn have become the pride of the farm.

When you are making improvements around the farm do not forget to add some conveniences to the good wife's kitchen. A good broad platform at the back door, with a scraper for cleaning the shoes, will keep a whole lot of dirt out of the house. See that she is provided with a handy clothes reel, where she will not have to wade in snow every time she hangs out or takes in the clothes. If a low platform is constructed at one side, on which she can step while putting the clothes on the reel, it will materially assist her in hanging them clear from the ground without overreaching. Where the reel turns as it should, the platform need not be very large.

When you get nicely started along these lines you will observe what others are doing, and will see many things that can be done with just a little labor and still less money, and they will go a long way toward helping to make life worth living.

Why, I was in a home not long since where the good housewife had to prop up the stove door with a poker, and I heard her say that she had done that for eighteen years. Just think of the trouble this good woman had been put to during that time, when it might have been avoided by so slight an outlay in repairs. In the particular case the husband was a kind hearted man, but was merely careless, like a whole lot of us men.—Forest Henry.



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Korea is about the size of the state of Nebraska, but it is thickly populated, having 10,528,000 people, as compared with the 1,066,000 of Nebraska.

St. Paul and Minneapolis are the largest frog markets in the world. The total receipts for the last year from the frog-catches of the state exceeded 500,000 dozen, requiring the slaughter of no less than 5,000,000 frogs.

Of all European countries France is the most favorable to longevity; of every 1,000 persons 44 reach the age of 70. In Norway the number is 40; in Sweden 33; Italy 31; Switzerland 30; England 27; Germany, 26; Spain 24; Austria 23; Hungary 18.

The longest single span of wire in the world is used for a telegraph line stretched over the River Kistuah, between Bezorah and Sectanaroum, India. It is over 6,000 feet long, and is carried from the top of one mountain to that of another.

The sight is said to have been remarkable when, at Ashby, England, the other day, 10,000 homing pigeons were liberated en masse. They had been brought to the spot by railway, on a special train.

There is one country in the world where it is considered a crime to smoke. Abyssinia is the region, and the law forbidding tobacco dates from the year 1642. It was at first merely intended to prevent priests from smoking in the churches, but it was taken too literally, and nowadays even foreigners have to be careful not to be seen smoking.

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