

AN ILLINOIS FARMER IN WESTERN CANADA.

A recent issue of the Shelbyville, Ill., Democrat contains a long and interesting letter from Mr. Elias Koest, formerly a prosperous farmer of that state, who recently emigrated to Western Canada, taking up a claim for himself and for each of his three sons.

From Mr. Koest's letter, which was written Feb. 3, 1904, we publish the following, believing it will prove of great interest to those who have contemplated settling in the Canadian Northwest:

"I had in August, 1902, secured a claim for myself, and filed on three quarter sections for my sons. My claim is one-half mile south of the Edmonton and Lake St. Anne trail.

"Coming so late in the season we had little opportunity to break and to prepare ground for a first year's crop, still we raised over 100 bushels of very fine potatoes, and sowed a few acres of barley, but the season was too far advanced for the barley. However, we secured good feed from it, and on rented ground 18 miles east of us, raised a fine crop of oats, so that we will have plenty of feed for horses. We cut about 60 tons of hay and thus will have an abundance. We have, all told, about 240 acres of hay meadow, which would yield the past year over three tons to the acre, and in an ordinary season the meadow would furnish 600 tons of hay. The grass is very nutritious, and cattle on the ranges become very fat without being fed a pound of grain.

"On the upland the grass grows from eight to ten inches tall. This is called range grass, and is suitable for stock at any time, even in the winter when the ground is not covered too deep with snow. Horses subsist on it alone, at all times, provided they are native stock. The grass in the hay meadows here is called red-top, and grows from five to six feet in length, and when cut at the proper time yields an abundant crop of nutritious hay.

"Our cattle have not cost us a cent since we came on our homestead, only the small outlay for salt and labor in putting up hay and shelter. All cattle have been doing well this winter, and feeding up to the first of January was unnecessary, as there was good range up to that time.

"All the snows up to that date were followed by winds from the northwest that melt it very rapidly; these winds are called Chinook winds, and are always warm. In one night a Chinook wind may take away three or four inches of snow.

"We have built on our claim a comfortable house of hewn logs, 20x26 feet, one and one-half stories in height, with a good cellar. During the latter part of June we rafted logs down the Sturgeon to a sawmill, about eight miles away, and thus secured 5,000 feet of good lumber which was needed for the house. Later in the season a shingle mill located six miles away. To this we hauled logs and had shingles cut for the roof.

"We had an abundance of wild fruit the past season, consisting of gooseberries, strawberries, raspberries, eyeberrys, blueberries, cherries and saskatoons. The latter are a fine looking berry, red, and quite pleasant to the taste, but not much to be desired in cookery. The strawberries are the same as those that grow wild in Illinois. Raspberries are red in color, large and equal to any of the tame varieties, and so are the gooseberries. The cranberries consist of the high and trailing varieties. The latter are most sought and contiguous to the swamps. The ground is literally covered with them as with a red carpet, but the best and most sought is the blueberry, so called by the Indians. This is the famous 'huckleberry' (whortleberry) of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Pennsylvania, and cannot be excelled for excellence by any fruit cultivated. It is found here both on the prairie and in the timber in immense quantities.

"Game is very plentiful so far as prairie chickens, pheasants, ducks of all kinds, and geese are concerned. We have taken nearly 500 chickens and pheasants, also a great many ducks.

"An occasional deer is seen, but are not plentiful, only one having been taken during the season in this settlement.

"Fish are very plentiful at all seasons of the year. Fish wagons and sleds are passing almost daily along the trail with heavy loads of fish, destined for St. Albert and Edmonton. From the latter point they are shipped south on the Calgary and Edmonton railroad to points along the line, and also to Assiniboia, on the Canadian Pacific railroad.

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College Training and Business Life

By PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. HARPER, of Chicago University.



When a young man has reached 25 he ought to be thinking about going into business or he ought to be ready to take up his life work. I have advised 20 men in the university to quit school during the past year and told them to get into their life work. Some students get into the habit of going to school and keep at it year after year without any definite aim. College in itself is not a business, but a place to prepare for business.

The college student to-day is away ahead of the student of 20 years ago. His preparatory work to-day is as good as the college work that I got when I was in college. He is able to-day to finish his college work and be ready for life's work by 20. This gives the student four or five years for preparation for his especial business.

A year of this spent in business where the young man can come in contact with the business world and then four spent in graduate work of some kind will bring the young man out ready for his life work at 25 better equipped than was possible when I was in college.

There was no such a thing as a graduate school in the west at that time. In fact, I was the seventh person to receive the degree of doctor of philosophy from Yale. When the University of Chicago was founded we undertook graduate work, and as a result the university soon became known as a graduate school.

It was never our intention to make the university a graduate school at the exclusion of the other colleges. We expect to develop all of the departments uniformly. The undergraduate department will receive as much attention as any other.

Demands are high to-day on the young man that is ready to take up his life work. He must have great preparation if he can expect to succeed in the great competition that he must meet. Therefore his educational requirements are greater than they were a few years ago. Hence the growth of the graduate school and the greater requirements and stricter stipulations of the professional schools to-day.

The man without the graduate training either in a profession or in business is as greatly handicapped to-day as the man without a college education was 20 years ago.

Progress of the Negro

By BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, President of Tuskegee Institute.

I HAVE the most profound belief that no race in ancient or modern history has ever equaled the American negro in development in all directions. Because of the negro's progress in the present and my faith in his future I was never prouder than I am to-day of being a negro.

One of the most important sources of protection that any race of people can have is their usefulness to the community in which they dwell. Service is the secret of sovereignty.

Nine-tenths of the intelligent members of our race will agree that the great body of our people are to reside in the south, and that they should be encouraged to do so. Since this is agreed on it naturally follows that the negro should in every praiseworthy manner cultivate the friendship and the sympathy of the people by whose side he is to live. Any other course would be suicidal, unnatural and illogical.

In saying this I do not mean that we should submit to injustice. No one respects a strong, honest character, more than the southern white man does. At the present time the race needs every white friend it can command, whether he resides at the south or the north.

The problems before us are not to be settled by emmigrational extermination or amalgamation, but by sympathetic co-operation between the races.

The Ideal American Girl

By REV. AUSTIN K. DeBLOIS, Pastor First Baptist Church, Chicago.

THE young women who move in our so-called "best society," the society of "dollars and democracy," are a shining mark for the tongues and pens of European critics, who denounce them as artificial, superficial, unmotherly, ambitious, loud and vain. Many of the daughters of wealthy parents are certainly of this type.

But the criticism does not apply to the great host of American girls who occupy a humbler station, but are lovely indeed in the gentle grace and dignity of their loyal womanliness. But in our ardent life, with its insidious temptations, even the souls must be on their guard, and we need to remind our girls now and then that the old-time virtues are not outworn.

The literary woman, the business woman, the club woman, the society woman, are all right in their way, but the man's woman, humanity's highest ideal, the world's best creation, is the sweet, tender, blessed, glorious little woman who teaches us the true meaning of the divine word "home," and so bewitches us that forever and forever we keep spelling that word with six letters and calling it "heaven." And the girl who will make home heaven for some best beloved one by and by is the one who is most intensely loyal now to the members of her own family circle, and especially thoughtful of her mother.

Learn how a girl treats her mother and you will know what sort of a wife she will make.

The Rustic Versus the City Chap

By JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, Jr.



I like to see the young men from the country, and I will tell you why. The boy who is brought up in the country is nearer nature, and that has a great deal to do with the character and stamina of a young man.

Of course, I like the city young man, but those from the country appeal to me most strongly, perhaps largely because I came from the country myself.

The city chap may know more of the world, but it is not the knowledge that benefits him, and he is far better off both for business and private life with out it. And you will please take note of the fact that in the long run the country boy generally gets ahead of the city-bred fellow.

THE CARNEGIE DIALECT.

When He Resorts to the "Brogue" Andrew Can Get the Best of Them Balled Up.

Though Andrew Carnegie's English is singularly elegant and pure, he has at his command a weird Scotch dialect, says the Minneapolis Tribune.

Mr. Carnegie is a student of Scotch words and idioms. He likes to point out the oddities and freaks of his native tongue. Recently, at a dinner party in New York, he said to a young woman:

"So you think you can understand Scots, eh? Well, then, what do we mean in Scotland when we say a person is just fish?"

"I don't know. What do we mean?" the young woman asked.

"We mean he is a bit of a weed harum-scurum," said Mr. Carnegie.

"A weed harum-scurum? What is that?"

"It is the same as wowf."

"But what is wowf?"

"Wowf is nook or sal. That is to say, a bit by the east. Havers, lassie, ha'e ye no Scots at all?"

Then Mr. Carnegie laughed and explained that a weed harum-scurum, and fish, and wowf, and nook, and sal, and by the east all signified one thing, "crazy."

Still Another Case.

Kirkland, Ill., May 9.—Mr. Richard R. Greenhow, of this place, is another who has been cured of Rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills. He says:

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Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Debts become larger the more they are contracted.—Princeton Tiger.

We hate some persons because we do not know them; and we will not know them because we hate them.—Colton.

An optimist is a person who, if he were falling off a ten-story building, would be happy because it wasn't 20.—N. Y. Press.

In answer to Japan's challenge Russia sends two more of the royal family to the front. Put up your dukes!—Indianapolis Journal.

The slow approach of spring is particularly regretted by the man who is looking for a good excuse for that persistent tired feeling.—Boston Globe.

The growing popularity of American "quick lunch" in England should shoot a gleam of joy over old Kruger's declining days.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The unfortunate lover had just proposed. "Let your answer be a vowel, with a consonant on either side of it," he gently begged her. The charming girl smiled. "Very well," she said. "Gut"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Why do men never gossip?" asked the woman who regards her husband as a great and good man. "Because," answered Miss Cayton, "they are too indolent. They insist on sending their wives out to get the news for them."—Washington Star.

Prof. Brooks, of Hobart college, has discovered in all 25 comets. From an astronomical point of view this is regarded as success, but the average business man would probably ask sneeringly: "How much did he get for them?"—Boston Globe.

King Edward's wife thinks that the fourpence halfpenny meals served to the workmen in a London factory are fit for a queen. She ate one recently, and said that she was delighted with it. The pie containing four and twenty blackbirds, of which a famous poet once sang, was not a part of the banquet, but all the waiters said, as they filled her plate: "There is a dainty dish to set before the queen."—Youth's Companion.

Prayer Answered.

A preacher who went to a Kentucky parish where the parishioners bred horses was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Lucy Grey. He did so. They prayed three Sundays for Lucy Grey. On the fourth he was told he need not do it any more. "Why," said the preacher, "is she dead?" "No," answered the man, "she won the Derby."—Washington Post.

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War Strategy.

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How to Clean Laces.

To clean delicate laces, take a large glass jar; cover with old cotton and spread the lace carefully on it. Set the bottle in warm Ivory soap suds and leave for an hour. If stains are difficult to remove, place in the sun and they will disappear. Rinse by dipping the bottle in clear water. ELEANOR R. PARKER.

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