

Why Farmers' Children Leave the Farm.

While at an auction sale, one day, as a croquet set was being formed, I overheard this conversation between two farmers. One of them said: "When I want my children to play, I will set them to milking; it is just as good for them." The other replied: "Yes, or picking stones; I don't believe in such nonsense as this."

It is a curious fact (and yet fact it is), that country living and country thinking is generally distasteful to the youth of both sexes; and that, with one accord, they embrace the earliest opportunity of escaping the irksome monotony of farm-life. People trained to agricultural employments, are too apt to think the curse pronounced upon ADAM descended, with "one fell swoop," on them, leaving all other trades and professions "scot free." Alas! how many other mortals toil and struggle for mere existence, far away from the glad sunshine and froe air, where there are no green trees, nor pure streams to shade or cool the sweating brow. Why can't the farmer, with his broad acres—though he be ever so weary fencing, ditching and cultivating them—remember the poor miner, toiling down under the earth, shut out from every glad sight and sound; or the man who spend their days and nights in dusty shops and hot furnaces? Why can't he remember these fellow-mortals, and be glad and thankful for the freshness and beauty which surround him? "Thorns and thistles" infest other than the farmers' fields.

There must be some reason for this antipathy to farming, which so surely "grows with the growth and strengthens with the strength" of the young people, maturing into a settled purpose to quit the occupation while yet their other tastes and desires are in their infancy. Let's look about for the why and wherefore of this prejudice. There must be notes of explanation of the subject somewhere; perhaps an "appendix" or "glossary" to somebody's experience would answer all doubts, questions, and tell the story clearly. We have already seen that the farmer's labor is neither more arduous nor disagreeable than other pursuits. There are many things necessary to our comfort and happiness, far more difficult in the doing than the plowing, sowing and reaping, which "Give us each day our daily bread," but the same God who appointed this means of subsistence, has also said that "Man cannot live by bread alone," and this we think, solves the vexing problem.

There is in almost every country home a deplorable dearth of amusements. There is nothing done purely for recreation; but one kind of work succeeds another, until there is left no space of life, save the trifling variety which unavoidably grows out of the different sorts of drudgery. Seasons come and go, with only natural changes, and the so-called "fashions and follies," which interest and keep awake the life of the farmer's children; and time either wears them restless or dissatisfied, or they pass through each gradation of dullness until a degree of contentment is reached, unvalued save by the cattle of the pasture.

Most farmers—those at least with whom profit without loss is sum total of existence—look upon all games and amusements as a waste of time and strength. "Milking and picking stone," say they, "are just as good for their children, and a heap more useful than croquet and such fool-droll." They seem to have forgot the old adage: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy;" and yet they are amazed at the impudence of those children to exchange the roomy country for the cramped offices and dwellings of the crowded city. Everything like recreation is condemned, or positively forbidden, and some useful employment suggested in its stead.

So the young heart plods wearily on, with its own little weight of bitterness, while the parent rejoices in their legacy of industrious habits the child will one day have. Thank fortune! there are some childish sports and enjoyments which even sores, severest authority cannot shut out. Stones will roll down hill and splash merrily below; even cows will grow frisky and playful sometimes; and he who has not rolled down mossy banks in the bright sunshine, tracked in the warm sand, leaving the impress of bare feet, or paddled in the shallow water, has missed some of childhood's sunniest pleasures.

Older heads and hearts will not be satisfied with such pastimes, and much needs reach out for older amusements. They long for contact with other minds; the groove they are in seems narrow, and it frets them to be confined; they are stretching and growing, but their parents do not discover their larger wants. Strange, that the tillers of the soil, who have ever before their nature's broad, jolly face, and her ever recurring example of toil and rest, could so misunderstand her teachings, or prevent her purposes, as their views of life would seem to dictate.

Wonders work everywhere; and so long as this earth revolves in its orbit, and its inhabitants revolve in theirs, there will be increasing toil and turmoil; but we might have many merry, happy hours sandwiched in, to relieve the dullness of existence.

Labor is the heaven-imposed restraints on humanity's sinful passions; and instead of regarding it as a curse, we ought rather to be thankful for God's merciful kindness in giving us something to do. But when our allotted task is done, our work completed, who shall deny us recreation? Did not God himself rest after His six days of mighty work, and listen with the joy of a Creator to the grand anthem of the Universe? Let the Infinite example, together with the glorious promise He has given His beloved, of eternal rest and pleasure, be our title deed to the joys and innocent amusements He has given us here below.

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