

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Farmer's Families.

Much has been said and written on this subject, poets have loved it and almost every artist has his cozy little farmhouse nestled among the trees, covered with climbing-roses, and surrounded by the "necessary outbuildings." Many a time have we forgotten while gazing at such a picture, or reading one of these amorous effusions, that we were born in the country, and that we lived in a farmhouse and followed its tire-some monotony from morning till night, varying from laundry to dairy, feeding the poultry, rising before the lark was astir to milk the "patient kine," "ahod like the mountaineer," and so on with but little variation, save on those days on which there was house cleaning or some "extra job" to be done.

Then when evening came and we sat down, thoroughly wearied, what an utterable longing came over us for something more. If (and the tantalizing picture would present itself) there was a paper to be picked up after this was over, or some interesting and instructive volume—we were weary, very weary, and the very sight of a pile of patching made both fingers and eyes ache—we were disinclined to touch it.

And just here is one of the great wants of our modern farmhouse. There will be found, if the case be investigated, that in by far the largest portion of them there is but the one weekly paper, and in very many none at all. In these houses the library may easily be counted. And here men and women in embryo spend those years that will so much influence their future lives. Let this be remedied. Let the fathers supply their children with those grand educators, the public press; gather around their sides the classic author, the historian, and mingle with them the best and some well-assorted novels, and inaugurate a new era in our farmhouse which will make home more attractive to the sons than the corner of the city, and the wives and daughters something to amuse and rest in the cares of the day.

Method of Measuring Land.

The reformed farmer in one of the agricultural journals gives the simple method of measuring land, which may be of use to the farmers throughout this section of the state:

Take two slats about six feet in length, sharpen one end of each, lay them on the floor like a pair of open compasses, so that the points shall be exactly five feet six inches apart; now nail the two other ends together and a piece across the middle, so that it will resemble the letter "A," and the measure is finished. To measure land, place one point at the starting place, and the other also on the ground in a straight line for destination; stand alongside of the machine with one hand on top of it; take one step forward, tip up the point that is behind, swing it around (from you) on the other point and set it in the line also. A person in this manner can measure correctly as fast as he can walk. Three spaces make a rod—walk straight without stopping, count the spaces, divide these by three and you have the rods.

For THE TIMES.

How To Catch Hawks.

On the last day of March 1880, one of these pests killed one of my best hens and the next day I set a steel trap with the dead chicken and in less than twenty minutes I had Mr. Hawk, by the foot. On the eleventh of the same month I caught another hawk that measured four feet across the wings; it is as large as any hen I have, so I caught two of these pests with one dead chicken and I believe that if every person would use this remedy those birds would get scarce. Try that plan it is a good one.

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