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**Comment -- and
Discomment**

How do you treat your hired man? In these days when every kind of labor is demanding a fair share—of more—of the gross, as well as the profits, this is an important question. It is especially important on the farm, as folks who are trying to get through rough seasons with Weary and Wild Wobbly assistance have realized. For, if we are to judge by recent learned discussions, the reason there are so few hired men is because the position is especially distasteful.

For the title of "hired man" has been one in which there has been little honor—and less wages. The hired man is the fellow who works

the year 'round. He gets to loaf through the winter months and when the heavy spring and summer work arrives, he has the pleasure of seeing hobsos come in and draw down \$7 and \$10 a day. A strike of hired men is practically unknown, although such conditions in any other trade would be the signal for a walkout.

At any rate, there is now a big movement on to take care of the hired men, and all of us should feel good about it. The farm magazines are filled with instructions as to how they should be treated and what measures should be adopted to overcome the shortage of farm labor. Out in this part of the country, where farms may be obtained for a nominal rent, a hired man doesn't remain a hired man but a year or two, ordinarily—then he has a farm of his own. But in some of the other agricultural states, farmers are driven to such lengths that they will adopt sets of rules for their guidance. Here is a set formulated by a Wisconsin agriculturist:

- First. I make the rest-hours of my hired help comfortable ones by good sleeping quarters and a comfortable sitting-room of his own.
- Second. I furnish him with a reading-table with plenty of good books, newspapers, farm papers, and magazines, which he greatly enjoys.
- Third. When a friend calls on our hired man, the man knows he is welcome to take his friend to his room.
- Fourth. Our hired man greatly enjoys music, so our phonograph is at his command at any time.
- Fifth. We furnish him regularly with good, nourishing food.
- Sixth. When we go to church or visiting, we always ask our hired man to go along with us, and seldom does he refuse.
- Seventh. If he makes a mistake, I do not get angry with him. I

merely tell him of it in a kind way, and the same mistake never happens the second time.

Eight. When work is not pushing I let him have a day off once in a while, and in the hot summer days I let him go to the shade for a few minutes each day.

Ninth. If my hired man leaves his work for a few minutes without my permission, I do not quarrel with him as many bosses do; and I believe I get as much out of my hired hand as any one does.

Tenth. Last, but not least important, I pay a fair wage the last day of each month, even if I have to borrow money to do it.

Among the tales of gratitude, the following, taken from the Oologist, beats anything we have ever read and is nearly as wild as some of the tales we've heard:

Some doubting Thomases may not be inclined to believe the story, but C. M. Wells, Helen, N. M., says that the gratitude of New Mexico rattlesnakes is quite well known, and he relates the following:

While doing certain topographical work along the line of the Eastern Railway of New Mexico, Jerry Moskovitz, an instrument man, noticed the rattlesnake population was being rapidly depleted by the patenasos (road-runners), and he frequently witnessed battles royal between the bird and the reptile. Crossing a candy waste one day, Moskovitz came upon a particularly fine specimen of snake fighting for its life, and without any ado went to the rescue, driving off the bird.

The snake, evidently, thinking that it had found a friend for life, followed him into camp and made a home in one of Jerry's old boots. Now Jerry is a particularly sound sleeper, alarm-clocks notwithstanding, and this the snake soon noticed, so, feasting himself on the head of Jerry's bed, he thrust his head into the sleeper's watch-pocket, so as to get the correct time, hung his tail by Jerry's ear, and promptly began to rattle at 5 a. m.

Jerry has now become famous for his early rising.

**"THE CONFESSION" A PLAY
YOU WILL REMEMBER**

"The Confession" which will be shown at the Imperial theater on Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, has been proclaimed by all who have witnessed it the wonder picture of the age. It is a story of a tense dramatic action, of wonderful scene effects and has the added value of being a decisive moral messenger.

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Father Bartlett, after hearing the confession of a murderer, finds that his own brother has been accused of the crime. He can save his brother from the gallows by revealing the confession as it was made to him. He has the opportunity, in open court on the witness stand to testify that the real murderer has confessed his crime to him. Father Bartlett's course in this grave crisis is one of the most gripping, dramatically told stories ever depicted on the silver sheet. It is a tale of almost constant tense expectation. It is one picture you will always remember.

**A BIG RUSH FOR
THE OSAGE FIELD
Wells Brought in By Alliance Syndicate Have Caused Stir Among Oil Men.**

The bringing in of a second gusher estimated between 1,000 and 1,500 barrels daily in the Osage field Monday, May 24, has resulted in a stir in the oil field which marks a new era of development, says the Newcastle News-Journal. A recent test on the first gusher which showed a production of 1,728 barrels started a rush which is without precedent in the history of the Wyoming fields. The bringing in of the second spouter by the Adams company on section 19-46-63 has resulted in the greatest wave of development which has struck the huge acreage.

The well, which was reported in last Thursday was not brought in until Monday afternoon. It came in with a spurt throwing oil fifty feet over the derrick. But unlike the first hole, the drillers were prepared and the hole capped with little difficulty. Great excitement has followed the spouter, which is said to have come in with a much stronger flow than the first one. It was struck at a depth of 1,440 feet. The holdings are on the Adams territory which it is rumored have been disposed of to the Sinclair Oil company.

Charles Brittan, DeLos Barber and Jim Thomas went to Newcastle Monday morning to look over the new gusher, returning late Monday

evening. They report that well No. 2 is still capped, awaiting the arrival of material for the pipe lines. The mud is just as deep as it has been in Alliance, or deeper. Hundreds of men are pouring into the field from all over the country.

The report that the Midwest had brought in a well on section 11 in the Osage field, they say, is an error. The drilling crew lost their tools, and while trying to recover them got to kidding around. It takes little to cause a report to go out, and within a few hours the news had spread that another gusher was in. The crew is still fishing for the tools.

Peter Kicken, and his daughter, Martha, are spending a few days in Alliance, on the return from Omaha, where they were present at the ceremonies at Our Lady of Lourdes church, Omaha, when a cousin, Rev. Fr. James F. Borer, was ordained a priest. Mr. Kicken recently removed from Box Butte county to Denver, where he is the owner of a five-acre fruit farm. He says the apple trees are now in blossom and that prospects for a good fruit year are excellent. He has planted some 1,600 strawberry plants, among other things, and believes that he can support his family despite the profiteers. He will stop off at Deadwood on the return to Denver and his daughter will return to her home in Wyoming.

Not a few housekeepers need to learn that a cow is not all sirlain and porterhouse.

**HAROLD HURST NOT AT ALL
DESPONDENT OVER ACCIDENT**

Harold Hurst, the switchman who lost a leg in the yards about two weeks ago, is getting along in fine shape. His leg does not give him much pain and his outlook on the future is far from black. He expects to get considerable money from the railroad, and will use it to go to school and from there to a job that does not take physical labor.

His room at St. Joseph's hospital has been filled with visitors ever since the doctor would allow them. He has been given all varieties of flowers and nice things to eat. He says he especially likes the young ladies that come up to visit him because—well, why does a guy always like the ladies? He has received a couple of clever letters from a girl in his home town, Beatrice, Neb., one written on the inside of a No. 12 envelope and the other written in blank verse style on about a yard and a half of adding machine roll.

The Burlington railroad is in a peculiar position. It has in its possession a carload of tractors, and neither the consignee or the consignors are willing to accept them. Tuesday an interpleader suit was filed in district court against Melick & Redmon and the Emerson-Brantingham company of Omaha, in which a receiver and foreclosure of lien were requested.

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