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LARGE AND SMALL FAMILIES.

Where the population is largely agricultural and isolated, and where labor is scarce, the husbandman is proud to raise a large family, for the boys in time will help to lift the labor from his shoulders, and also there is always plenty of work for the girls to do about the farm. Moreover, food is plentiful and other desires are few. But no such stimulus for a large family exists in urban life, where it is often necessary to live in a flat, the very limitations of which point to the inadvisability of a numerous progeny, says Indianapolis Star. Moreover, as the individual rises in the social scale former desires become present needs. The coming of numerous children would mean the sacrifice of these needs by the parents, the descent to a lower standard of living, and the parents will not consent. Finally science has shown that a small family well taken care of makes a better showing in future generations than a large family poorly looked after. The fewer children of the well-provided-for family will actually show a more numerous progeny in the third generation than will the underfed and neglected children of the larger family. Eugenics is a big question, and a conscientious investigation of it will convince anyone that dogmatic assertion in that field is a hazardous performance. It is a general rule in biology that species with the most numerous offspring are those that bring fewest perfect and efficient individuals to maturity.

A Rhode Island traveling agent who was disappointed in the demand in a certain section for the fireless cookers which he was offering, discovered that the farmers of "Little Rhody" have taken to the use of their incubators for summer cooking. Like the discovery of the incubator was the result of accident. A husband who had forgotten to put on the pork and beans in accordance with a promise to a wife "out shopping," dashed the beans into an incubator, thus saving his bacon at the expense of a few chicks which were called out to death in a fervent pork-and-bean atmosphere. The idea of both raising and cooking chickens in incubators is depressing to the manufacturers of fireless cookers.

President Taft has signed orders which provide for the further withdrawal of coal lands from entry and appropriation for mining purposes. The aggregate of such withdrawals now reaches over 71,500,000 acres. This means that the enormous area in question is to be preserved by the government for disposition in the future and that it is not to fall into the hands of grasping monopolists, says Troy Times. Coal lands may be open to agricultural entry, but the rich deposits underneath are to remain public property, subject to such arrangement as may be made in the general interest.

The ramming of the gunboat Castine which as a result lies on the beach at Provincetown, Mass., full of water, was due to a miscalculation in mimic warfare similar to that which caused the sinking of the French submarine Pluviose and the drowning of her entire crew. But in the case of the Bonita, which struck the Castine, the mistake was made in the line of duty, whereas the loss of the Pluviose was due to a "fool trick" on the part of her commander, who miscalculated when attempting to dive under a passenger steamer merely for spectacular effect.

The first sham battle in the air is reported from Vincennes, France, where balloons carried guns to the height of 325 feet and discharged them. One of the contending balloons was compelled to retreat, and both balloons happily outlived the sham battle, which was remarkable chiefly for this latter denouement.

Congress is to have another prince as delegate from Hawaii, but neither he nor his country can be superstitious, for his name is Jonah. It does not follow, however, that his entrance into our national deliberations will be followed by a wall.

A physician says that going on the stage is a sure cure for the blues. Somebody ought to protest against this prescribing for the individual at the expense of the public.

There has been a gain of \$114,000,000 in the value of imports during the past eleven months, not including the diamonds and things that were missed by the inspectors at New York.

In Russia it is against the law to marry more than five times. Even in Russia we can't see why such a law should be necessary.

In London they say that a man should allow his wife one-fifth of his income. Here, she gets five-fifths.

Bitter is getting so haughty that it will soon seem to be known as one of the necessities of life.

Three New York balloonists have disappeared. Now their friends are up in the air.

Is it not time to set down killing by automobile in the list of preventable diseases?

See that your ice cream cone wears the pure food label.

The American Home

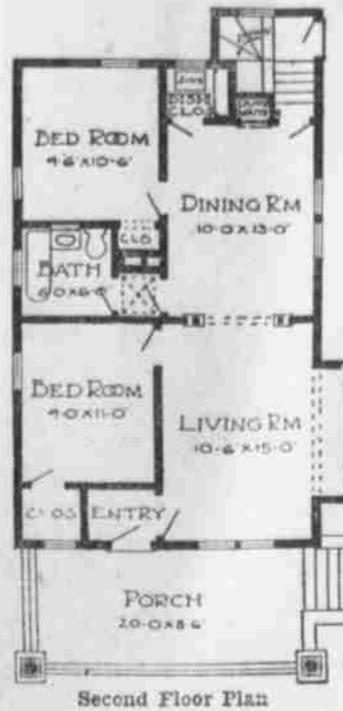
WILLIAM A. RADFORD Editor

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building for the readers of this paper. On account of his experience as an Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 334 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

The subject of cement construction for homes has attracted much attention among architects in the last few years, and on account of the popular demand for such houses is bound to remain in the front. There is no question that the well-built cement house is both economical and sanitary. It is warm in winter and cool in summer. Now, lest there be some prejudices in the mind of any reader, it may not be out of place to make a little reference to one of the aspects of the cement construction field that may remove that prejudice, or help to, at least. It is a fact that some poor work has been done, especially with concrete blocks. A campaign was made over the country a few years ago by the machinery men who had concrete block machinery to sell urging every man to buy a machine and go into the business of making blocks. Alluring inducements even were offered, and thousands of men bought machines who were no more fitted to make concrete blocks as they should be made, that they were to crochet fancy work. The making of good concrete, whether in the form of blocks or in walls, is no boy's job. It requires intelligence, just as any construction work does. Now, the concrete block should not be condemned for what the offenders against it have done. It is human nature to judge things by their worst aspects. And the men who made blocks that absorb water or crumble have done a great mischief to the block. There are throughout the country thousands of well built concrete block houses that will stand forever and are moisture proof. But one poor house will create

should be used, with a waterproofing of hydrated lime in the face. The mixing should be thorough and plenty of water should be used. If these directions are followed a block will result that will be waterproof. While the blocks are curing they should be sprinkled three times a day for a week or ten days without fail.

The design also is adapted for construction of frame either with the



Dental Divination.

In Paris the theory that man's soul and also woman's, is revealed by the length, shape, inclination and spacing of the teeth has been put forward by certain dental-physicians, and society



is adverse impression that a dozen good houses cannot overcome. The writer knows of many fine cement houses that attest the value of cement in home construction. Cement is pliable and capable of being adapted to nearly any design the architect may select.

Cement houses require no repairs whatever, and the older they get the more nearly like stone they become. Cement work placed in the Coliseum of Rome is as strong today as it was

in a strange and lamentable fact that always hitherto after this point has been reached the city has tended to develop in the country by colonizing the country of what is best in the world, making an insignificant return for this best. In consequence, in the past, every civilization in its later stages has tended to reach a certain point without which it cannot be permanent. This point is reached when the city has come stunted and weakened and inferior to the type of life lived elsewhere. We are now trying to preserve, not for exploitation by individuals, but for the preservation of the soil, which we inherit waters and the forests, and we are doing this primarily as a means of adding to the fertility of the soil; although in each case there is a great secondary use both of the water and of the soil for domestic and industrial purposes. In the same way it is essential for the farmers themselves to try to broaden the life of the man who lives in the open country to make it more attractive, to give it more advantages, and add to its worth which has been given to the life of the man of the cities. Therefore, friends, the conservation and rural life policies are now two sides of the same policy, and down at bottom all policies relating to the modern world have got together in our nation can prosper unless, in dealing with the present, he steadily take thought for the future.

ROOSEVELT TALKS TO THE FARMERS

First Address of His Tour Delivered Near Utica, N. Y.

PROBLEMS OF COUNTRY LIFE

Danger Seen in the Growth of Cities
—Plea Made for the Farm Laborer and the Farmer's Wife.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Theodore Roosevelt arrived here this afternoon with his party in the private car. He spoke for the first stop and address of his tour through the west. A tremendous crowd was at the station to greet the former president and he was given an enthusiastic welcome.

The entire party boarded trolley cars at once and proceeded to Oriskany, nine miles outside the city, and thence to Summit Park, a mile further on, where Mr. Roosevelt spoke to the farmers of Herkimer and Oneida counties. The agriculturists were out in great numbers and brought with them their entire families, making the affair a gala event. Mr. Roosevelt is extremely popular with the farmers because of the deep interest he has shown in the problem of bettering farm life conditions, if for no other reason. He was listened to with closest attention and his remarks were accorded frequent applause. He spoke

as follows:

There are two public questions of more vital importance to the future of this country than the problem of conservation and the problem of the betterment of rural life. Moreover, these two problems are really interdependent, for neither can be solved without the other.

There is a measurable success in the effort to solve the other. In any great country the prime physical asset—the physical assets more valuable than any other—is the soil. All our material development of every kind, depends in the last resort upon our preserving and increasing the fertility of the soil. This is a constant matter of concern of ours, as the green natural resource, and equally, of course, it furthermore implies the development of country life, for there cannot be a permanent improvement of the soil if the life of those who live on it and depend upon it is not improved. Farmers should learn how to combine effectively, as has been done in industry, and particularly, I am glad to speak to the German, for the benefit of the farmers' organizations; and we should all support every step taken towards an increasing co-operation among farmers. The importance of such movements cannot be overestimated, and through such intelligent action it is now possible to improve the market just as much as the farm.

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