

YOUR OBLIGATIONS

SOME OF THE THINGS YOU OWE YOUR OWN TOWN.

YOU SHOULD BUY AT HOME

The Country Town Can Be Made the Very Best Place to Live in the United States.

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A preacher who was a crank on doctrine wearied his congregation by constantly harping on baptism. A brother that longed for a rest handed him a text he thought safe, "The way of the transgressor is hard."
"Friends," said the preacher, "there are three things suggested by this scripture: First, the transgressor. Second, his conversion. Third, his baptism. We will pass over the first two and come at once to the third."

Many reasons why people should trade at home rather than send their money away have been given, but suppose we pass them all by and come at once to the one vital reason:
It is the right thing to do.

For after all the fundamental question in every transaction is whether it is right or wrong. Not will I save money, but is it just? Not is it more convenient, but is it fair? Not whether it is good business, but whether it is good morals?

For you and I know, and all the world is coming to know, that not one dollar is ever saved or made by unfair means that does not curse the possessor. And a man may be as dishonest in saving money as in getting it.

It is right to spend our money with the home town and wrong to send it away because we are under obligations to the home town, but not to the mail order house.

Financial Obligations.

In the first place the country is under financial obligations to the town. Of course the town is also indebted to the country, but the town cannot help but pay its debt, its very existence does that. Hence we are merely discussing the country side of the obligation.

town you meet your neighbors Saturday afternoons and exchange news and experience. You go to it for a day of recreation when the snow comes, the fair, or on holidays.

There during the winter lecture course you hear great orators and excellent musicians. The political rallies, the church conference or association are held there.

By and by in the pretty little village church, whose spire you can see from your farm, you soon will preach the gospel. In the brick building two doors from the corner, a farmer boy will open a law office, and in the little frame two blocks away another son of the soil, just back from college, will begin the practice of medicine.

There is the high school to which you send your children, and there after awhile your daughter will teach. And some day when you find the farm work too heavy for your age, and want to get near the children, you will build on that grassy corner lot two doors from the Methodist church and move to town.

Yes, the town is a mighty good thing to have, a pleasant thing; and the more you put into it the more you get out of it. For it grows according to the trade it gets and the more it grows the more it can buy and the higher will go your land.

The Moral Obligation.

But the last and strongest reason why it is right that the country people spend their money at home is the moral obligation.

The town is yours, yours to ruin or prosper. The same sense of obligation should prompt you to support it, as prompted our old Teutonic ancestors in the forests of Germany to stand elbow to elbow in protection of their village. The same spirit of loyalty should inspire you as fired the Highland Scot to spend his blood for the welfare of his clan.

The country town with all its faults is the best governed, most enlightened, most moral, and happiest spot in American civilization. It is a good safe place. Not too swift, nor yet too slow. In touch with the current of progress, but not racing with greed. The place from which come nearly all the great business men, lawyers, scholars, preachers, physicians. The place where men are neighborly and helpful.

This town, my farmer friend, is yours. But the city belongs to the

PREPARE THIS YOURSELF.

Title How to Make the Best Blood Tonic at Home.

For those who have any form of blood disorders; who want new, rich blood and plenty of it, try this:
Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. Any good pharmacy can supply the ingredients at small cost.

This is the prescription which, when made up, is called "The Vegetable Treatment;" by others, the "Cyclone Blood Purifier." It acts gently and certainly does wonders for some people who are sickly, weak and out of sorts, and is known to relieve serious, long-standing cases of rheumatism and chronic backache quickly.

Make some up and try it.

Inducement to Undertakers.

The following advertisement appeared in a paper of a small town in Colorado:

"For Sale—An old established, well paying undertaker's establishment. The city is in a very unhealthy location, where the mortality is very great. There is only one doctor in the whole town. The deaths from fever alone pay the expenses, and the rest is clear profit. There is no competition."—Judge.

PENMANSHIP A FINE ART.

Typewriting Has Not Driven Hand Work from the Field.

There is a renaissance in penmanship, despite the speedy comforts of the typewriters. Ten years ago it probably would not have occurred to anyone to show a page of manuscript at any exhibition; to-day pages or books of script form a feature of every show which takes to itself the name of arts and crafts. Some of the work is in Roman capitals, but the form of letter usually adopted is the uncial or half-uncial. Apparently all the writers have founded themselves in these models. Within these last few years not only has the art attracted a good deal of attention, but it has become quite the rage, so that in some circles it creates no more surprise now to learn that an amateur is taking lessons in script than it would have done some years back to be told that he or she had taken to poker work. From one viewpoint it is difficult to say where writing ends and illustration begins, but though in the recent revival the two arts naturally have gone hand in hand, the scribe and the illuminator are not necessarily one and the same person. Some of the illuminations show most elaborate and minute figure decoration, so delicate in coloring and so refined in treatment that it challenges comparison with the best of old work.

The more a man wants to borrow the harder he shakes your hand.

MORE BOXES OF GOLD

And Many Greenbacks.

325 boxes of Gold and Greenbacks will be sent to persons who write the most interesting and truthful letters of experience on the following topics:

1. How have you been affected by coffee drinking and by changing from coffee to Postum.

2. Give name and account of one or more coffee drinkers who have been hurt by it and have been induced to quit and use Postum.

3. Do you know any one who has been driven away from Postum because it came to the table weak and characterless at the first trial?

4. Did you set such a person right regarding the easy way to make it clear, black, and with a snappy, rich taste?

5. Have you ever found a better way to make it than to use four heaping teaspoonfuls to the pint of water, let stand on stove until real boiling begins, and beginning at that time when actual boiling starts, boil full 15 minutes more to extract the flavor and food value. (A piece of butter the size of a pea will prevent boiling over.) This contest is confined to those who have used Postum prior to the date of this advertisement.

Be honest and truthful, don't write poetry or fanciful letters, just plain, truthful statements.

Contest will close June 1st, 1907, and no letters received after that date will be admitted. Examinations of letters will be made by three judges, not members of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd. Their decisions will be fair and final, and a neat little box containing a \$10 gold piece sent to each of the five writers of the most interesting letters, a box containing a \$5 gold piece to each of the 20 next best, a \$2 greenback to each of the 100 next best, and a \$1 greenback to each of the 200 next best, making cash prizes distributed to 325 persons.

Every friend of Postum is urged to write and each letter will be held in high esteem by the company, as an evidence of such friendship, while the little boxes of gold and envelopes of money will reach many modest writers whose plain and sensible letters contain the facts desired, although the sender may have but small faith in winning at the time of writing.

Talk this subject over with your friends and see how many among you can win prizes. It is a good, honest competition and in the best kind of a cause, and costs the competitors absolutely nothing.

Address your letter to the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich., writing your own name and address clearly.

WHAT WESTERN CANADA DOES.

Satisfactory Yields of Wheat and Good Prices.

Dundurn, Sask., Sept. 30, 1906.
Mr. W. H. Rogers, Canadian Government Agent,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Sir:

When you were at our place in July I promised to write you what my north quarter made per acre. You will remember it was all sown to wheat. Well, I finished threshing yesterday and received from it an average of 43 1/2 bushels per acre—testing 64 1/2 pounds per stroked bushel. The wheat is the best sample I have ever raised—so uniform and even in size. You may know it was a good sample when I tell you that I have already sold 2,000 bushels of it for seed to my neighbors. This year has been my best effort in farming during my life. My wheat totaled 9,280 bushels and my oats nearly 5,000.

If you remember I pointed out to you a half section lying just west of our house and joining my upper quarter on the south, which I said I should have in order to make one of the best farms in western Canada. I am very glad to be able to tell you that I now own that half section. My ambition now is to be able to market 20,000 bushels of wheat next year. If some of those good, honest Hoosiers could have been with me during the last two weeks and could have seen the golden grain rushing down the spout into my wagon and then could have seen it in great piles in my granaries, I feel sure they would have been forced to acknowledge there is no better farming country in the world than this. I may just say that I have done all my farming with eight head of horses and one hired man except during harvest and threshing. This year I proved to my neighbor that the Hoosiers, when once "woke up," can raise grain equal to the best Minnesota farmers. His best yield was 42 1/2 bushels per acre, so you see "old Indiana" is holding the ribbon this year.

Yours very truly,
N. E. BAUMINK.

How to Sleep in a Blanket.

There are a great many very competent treatises telling you how to build your fire, pitch your tent and all the rest of it. I have never seen described the woodman's method of using a blanket, however. Lie flat on your back. Spread the blanket over you. Now raise your legs rigid from the hips, the blanket, of course, draping over them. In two swift motions tuck first one edge under your legs from right to left, then the second edge under from left to right, and over the first edge. Lower your legs, wrap up your shoulders and go to sleep. If you roll over one edge will unwind but the other will tighten.—Stewart Edward White in *Outing*.

Proof of Merit.

The proof of the merits of a plaster is the cures it effects, and the voluntary testimonials of those who have used Alcock's Plasters during the past sixty years is unimpeachable evidence of their superiority and should convince the most skeptical. Self-praise is no recommendation, but certificates from those who have used them are.

Alcock's are the original and genuine porous plasters and have never been equaled by those who have sought to trade upon their reputation by making plasters with holes in them. Avoid substitutes as you would counterfeit money.

South Carolina Game Cocks to Mexico.

Mr. S. M. Pickens is now shipping 12 game cocks to Mexico, for which he receives eight dollars each, says the Anderson Intelligencer. He has also an order for 100 at five dollars each, and 50 at eight dollars each, aggregating \$950. Mr. Pickens has a large number of fine chickens at different walks in the county, and is getting together the 150 for the \$996 order.

The breeds raised by Mr. Pickens are the Ginn grays and the Warhorse. They are excellent pit cocks and selected and bred to stand steel.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

How Pineapple Should Be Taken.

The reputation of the pineapple has suffered because it has been eaten in too large quantities at a time and the fibrous part has been swallowed with the juice. To obtain the full digestive value of the juice one quadrant of a slice half an inch thick is ample at one meal. It must not be cooked and should be just ripe. The preserved fruit has practically no digestive possibility.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar. Made of extra quality tobacco. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Prefer diligence before idleness, unless you esteem rust before brightness.—Plato.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE"
That is LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. Similarly named remedies sometimes deceive. The first and original Cold Tablets is a WHITE PACKAGE with black and red lettering, and bears the signature of E. W. GROVE, Inc.

Wages in Germany Advanced.
Wages in the machine factories of Germany advanced last year 10 to 15 per cent.

You have missed the best if Garfield Tea, Nature's laxative, has been overlooked; take it to regulate the liver and to overcome constipation.

Author Fond of the Country.
Arthur Stringer, the author, is an enthusiastic farmer, and has a fine fruit farm at Cedar Springs, Ont., where he spends his summers.

With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirtwaist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a Starch that does not stick to the iron.

Soft people occasionally use hard words.

Notwithstanding the existence of switches, pads, drug store complexions, belladonna and pneumatic contrivances such as are described in the advertising pages of magazines, you never have heard of a self-made woman.

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature
REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

READERS of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

TIRED AND SICK YET MUST WORK

"Man may work from sun to sun but woman's work is never done."
In order to keep the home neat and pretty, the children well dressed and tidy, women overdo and often suffer in silence, drifting along from bad to worse, knowing well that they ought to have help to overcome the pains and aches which daily make life a burden.

It is to these women that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, comes as a blessing. When the spirits are depressed, the head and back aches, there are dragging-down pains, nervousness, sleeplessness, and reluctance to go anywhere, these are only symptoms which unless heeded, are soon followed by the worst forms of Female Complaints.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

keeps the feminine organism in a strong and healthy condition. It cures Inflammation, Ulceration, displacements, and organic troubles. In preparing for child-birth and to carry women safely through the Change of Life it is most efficient.

Mrs. Augustus Lyon, of East Earl, Pa., writes:—Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—"For a long time I suffered from female troubles and had all kinds of aches and pains in the lower part of back and sides, I could not sleep and had no appetite. Since taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and following the advice which you gave me I feel like a new woman and I cannot praise your medicine too highly."

Mrs. Pinkham's Invitation to Women

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Out of her vast volume of experience she probably has the very knowledge that will help your case. Her advice is free and always helpful.

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A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-alleviating and curative qualities of the article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve Headache and Sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all Rheumatic, Neuralgic and Gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household and for children. Once used no family will be without it. Many people say "it is the best of all your preparations." Accept no preparation of Vaseline unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine. SEND YOUR ADDRESS AND WE WILL MAIL OUR VASELINE PAMPHLET WHICH WILL INTEREST YOU.

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73 W Adams Street, CHICAGO



Don't Let the Catalog House Batter Down the Wall of Civil and Industrial Solidity That Makes for the Safety of Your Community Interests.

Find 200 acres of good land almost anywhere that is 20 miles from town and you can buy it for \$25 an acre. The same land within ten miles will bring \$35, within five miles its value is \$50, within two miles \$85 an acre.

Thus that town has increased the land within a radius of ten miles an average of \$35 dollars an acre. As that is about the age of country towns generally, you may figure that a town, as long as it is fairly prosperous, increases the land around it an average of one dollar an acre every year.

Not considering staple articles like cattle, hogs and grain which can be shipped and sold anyway, the town as a local market is worth at least \$75 a year to the ordinary farmer.

For example: This year the peach markets were so glutted no ordinary fruit would pay the express. Around the little town in which the writer lives most farmers have a few peach trees. The 4,000 inhabitants bought nearly every bushel in the vicinity at from 40 cents to a dollar a bushel. More than \$4,000 was paid for peaches within three weeks.

That was clear gain which must be set over to the credit of the town. Plums, cherries, early vegetables, scores of little odds and ends, perishable stuff that the farmer could not or would not ship he turns into cash at the home town.

So if a man owns 200 acres within reach of town, he will receive \$275 a year direct cash value from that town, none of which he would receive from the mail order house.

To be sure, the town does not donate him that amount, the town was not built for the purpose of philanthropy, yet he receives an actual cash benefit because the town is there; and he is under actual financial obligations to return that benefit by spending his money at home.

It is not an obligation that the law would recognize, but it is one that appeals to those independent, clean hearted men of high honor who feel that perfect honesty demands that when benefits are received from stranger or brother, friend or foe, benefits should be returned.

Social Obligations.

It is right for the country to spend its money with the home town because of the social obligations between them.

The town is the center of your community. From it radiates your rural mail service; in it center your telephone systems. On the streets of the

mail order houses and the devil. With its corrupt government, its overflow of population, and its vice, the great city is the menace of our morals and our liberties.

The city like the dragon swallows the vast throngs of country boys and girls that flock into it, and by and by when health, and virtue and hope are gone, spews them out to die in want, or wander as derelicts over the face of the earth.

And don't you see, my friend, that when you take the money from the country town, you destroy the chance of success there, and the boys and girls will follow where you have sent the money?

This town of yours was founded on faith, on the faith in the customs of men for hundreds of years to trade at the nearest town. These merchants and carpenters, masons and editors are your neighbors. They have grown up amongst you or amongst others like you.

They have put their all in a little business, money, time and hope. Around the corner there is a little cottage, and the wife and the baby—it may be your grandbaby—wait; and there is a smile of happiness when "business is good," but the troubled look comes when business is poor.

They are struggling to live, and pay for the little home, and by and by educate the children. They are your neighbors and friends, not your enemies. They work hard—you scarcely realize how hard—and are not living high. They have pinned their faith to the town—your town.

Their success or failure is in your hands. For your trade they will give you good returns, and all will prosper together. If you withdraw your trade, failure must follow. Some poor struggler must go down facing bankruptcy. The light must go out of some woman's eye, and hardship be laid up for the child.

Even if you could save a little by sending your patronage to the city, do you not think it the fair thing, the just thing, the right thing, to trade at the little home town with those you know, those whose prosperity and happiness are in your hands?

For it is written, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."
WILLIAM H. HAMBY.

Idolatry.

"Jennings just worships his auto."
"I know it. In it he lives and moves and has his being."—Judge.