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THE FARMER GETTING WISE.

The farmer is the only man whose food supply is safe and sure. "He grows it himself," while the rest of us get it as we catch fish...

The farmer is too sensible of the requirements of his work to demand an eight-hour day. He is willing to work ten hours, and even twelve hours, in cases of necessity.

No city worker can justly blame the farmer for that feeling, nor need the city dweller be surprised nor indignant over another fact called to public attention by the same paper when it says:

Smarting under that sense of injustice, 17 per cent of our agricultural workers, as shown by the government survey, have abandoned the country since last year and have come to the cities to get their share of the shorter hours, the easier work and the pleasanter way of living.

That ominous decrease in the number of food producers is likely to continue rather than cease, unless farm life is made more alluring and profitable to those who now live it, and sufficiently attractive to draw recruits from the cities in large numbers.

The farmer might grow more content with his lot, less inclined to move to town, if he got his fair share of the profits on what he produces, but he almost despairs of that when he sees the potatoes he sold in the fall for \$2 a bushel selling in the spring for \$8 or \$10— to the profit of storage men and speculators.

The farm problem is beginning to press hard on the future of the cities. Food means more than steel or wool or even cotton, now 40 cents a pound and aiming at 60. If the president had been one-tenth as much concerned over the profits of northern farmers during the past four years as he has been over those of the southern cotton and cane planters, we would have no farm problem to face now.

Presidential Primaries Indisive.

The primaries to select delegates to the Chicago convention are nearly over. Pennsylvania and Vermont republicans will vote May 18th, Oregon on the 21st, and West Virginia on the 25th.

Perhaps it is just as well so. The primaries have not expressed in any definite way the will of the party at large, because the party as a whole did not attend them.

One of the Construction Problems. While the housing situation has received chief attention because of its more acute aspects, there is another problem of construction that is pressing very persistently for solution.

Ships That Didn't Pass in Court. A thin, trembling old woman was arraigned in court at Atlantic City Wednesday last for stealing milk from a doorstep.

Why the Bonus is Opposed. Late news from Washington indicates that the bill for a bonus to the soldiers may be set over until after election next fall.

One speeder is as dangerous as another, something the motorcycle cop occasionally forgets.

Price pyramids are not like that built by Cheops, but are very annoying.

You can't get rich doing nothing, even in America.

Hooves is right on the sugar problem.

neglect and indifference towards the soldiers, and giving them something more substantial than three cheers.

The sum required is insignificant when set alongside the service. The obligation on the nation and on the state as well as imperative as any it ever discharged.

Du Ponts and the Dye Industry. Avoiding in all ways any reference to the possible effect the letter from the Du Pont publicity manager may have, either on the candidacy of General Wood, or on the status of the dye industry bill before the United States senate, there remains much to be said.

At the time the German kaiser precipitated the world war, the dye making industry was controlled by the Germans. Their chemists had brought it almost to perfection.

Announcement has been made that American chemists can and do produce a color card equal to the German. Whether this is exactly true is not so important as that home manufacturers are endeavoring to supply a home demand.

An Unlawful Killing. A Christian Scientist was found guilty of manslaughter in a New Jersey court last week because his daughter died of diphtheria after he had deprived her of medical treatment and permitted her to have only Christian Science ministrations.

On the witness stand the accused father declared his absolute faith in Christian Science, and asserted that it would cure consumption, cancer, fevers and other diseases.

The case excited extraordinary attention. Forty-five Christian Science churches in New Jersey offered to finance the defense, which was based on the theory that a man has a right to control and decide what treatment his family shall have for illness, according to his education or religious belief.

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And thus they work with speed which is surprising and intense, with grand and gallant unconcern of possible expense. They put the millinery on the bottom of the pile and lay the hardware high on top in swift and artless style.

Protecting gentle merchandise from jostle, bump and slap, such is the helpful enterprise of Mr. F. S. Knapp. He manufactures boxes which defy the skill and art of husky guys whose enterprise is knocking them apart, and you agree that he who aids your shipments to arrive is very logically due to prosper and to thrive.

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A Line of Type or Two

New to the Line, let the cups fall where they may.

IT would be possible to compile a long list of things in which the w. k. middle class is not sympathetically interested; and near the top would be the information conveyed by the persons who parade around town with placards on their chests announcing that this or that restaurant, shop, or other concern is "unfair."

Ordeals and Raw Deals. Sir: Apropos of Fanny Hurst and her trial marriage, Friend Wife declares that ours also is a trial marriage—a trial for both of us. Chalk up one for her.

"AN interesting sight was witnessed by a great many Dubuque residents late Sunday night, when there was a total eclipse of the moon at 8:40 o'clock."—Dubuque Times-Journal.

"THE first stages of the eclipse were not so noticeable because the daylight saving made sunset an hour later by the clock."—New York Evening Post.

AND the New York Sun reported that "the beginning of the phenomena was hidden by mists." Shade of Charles A. Dana!

AN EVEN DEADLIER RECORD. [From the Ida Grove, Ia. Recorder.] Dr. E. S. Parker has been examining many wounded soldiers, returning home recently.

APROPOS of the New Yorker who for swallowing two tacks in a bowl of soup was rewarded with a jury verdict of \$25,000, it is the most curious notion of a Wilmette reader that he should be obliged to pay an income tax on the sum.

IT PROBABLY WOULD GIVE AN EXPERT NO TROUBLE WHATSOEVER. Sir: Apropos of your remarks concerning an absolutely unreadable code, I contend that if a message be written in the international phonetic symbols and the code is properly baffling, the method it will be only readable to one knowing the key to the arrangement, what? ATHOS.

[It is the business of the expert to find the key to the arrangement. And, as a general rule, the more intricate and apparently baffling the cipher, the easier it is for him to unravel it.]

Business Before Pleasure. [From the Charlotte, Ia. Record.] Clifford Buzloff came home last week with the intention of having his tonsils and adenoids removed, but not being able to make an appointment with his physician, he decided to wait until after he attends the May festival at Mount Vernon.

Signs of Spring. [From the Wausau Journal-Radical.] Dear Sir: Inclosed find check for \$1.20 for ad. We are well in Minneapolis. As I look out of my window I see Laymons Cemetery with its hundreds of departed loved ones, and it makes me think of my brother Dec. He died Dec. 1st at Shullburg, Wis. My wife and I were down to see the poor boy. I wouldn't have known him, he weighed about forty pounds. But such is life.

"SAYS Tree Idea Will Spread Far—Former Mayor Thinks Eau Claire Idea Will Reach Rice Lake."—Eau Claire Leader.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS

RENTS THAT CHILDREN PAY. Just now the people think most of the ills from which children suffer are the result of malnutrition. Nearly every city now has its nutrition classes and there is a national nutrition clinic association.

Without unduly undervaluing these claims, J. Lawson Dick of London shies a castor into the ring. He claims that most of the ills of children are due to bad housing. He has written a smart book on defective housing and the growth of children in which he argues that living in insanitary houses causes children to have rickets and the causes them to stop growing or to grow crooked.

He says: "The essential factor interfering with the normal growth of the child is defective housing. A child that has been born healthy begins to develop defects when about six months of age. During the period two to six years the child stays rather closely in the house and around home and he gets progressively weaker."

"In his earlier years at school he is backward mentally and physically below par. As he gets a little older the hours in a schoolroom, which is more sanitary than his home, and his hours of play on the street begin to overcome the bad effects of his poor home, he improves physically and he picks up in his school work amazingly."

The signs of rickets by which he judges are several. The teeth of children who have had rickets are of poor quality. The enamel is honeycombed, imperfect and frequently ridged. The teeth which are most often affected are the central and lateral incisors and the first molars or jaw teeth. Decay is early and rapid. Sometimes the teeth become loose.

The ribs are beaded. Many are chicken-breasted. In some the breast bone is sunken. The chest is apt to become lop-sided. The upper part of one chest flattens a little and the lower part of the other chest bulges; one shoulder goes up and a slight curve is developed in the neck. The babies the head is large, the soft spots large, the skin is thin, and blue veins show on the forehead and temples. In older children the head appears to be rather massive. It bulges on the side over the ears. Tonsils, adenoids and glands are often enlarged. Many of the children are anemic and suffer from persisting colds.

Physicians have expended a lot of energy in studying rickets. They were disposed to attribute it to bad feeding for awhile. In New York City the health department gives away cod liver oil to the children of certain sections because they think rickets can be prevented in that way.

Of course, this practice is based on the thought that poor nutrition is a considerable factor in the disease. However, the more recent opinions are to the effect that bad housing, bad ventilation, lack of sunlight and air, and uncleanly surroundings are more important than bad cod liver oil.

Many authorities hold with Dick that poor housing is the most important factor in rickets. If they can prove that rickets is a widespread disease producing great and lasting harm they make out a good case against bad housing and slums.

Says Dick in summarizing: It is self-evident that the remedy is not to build sanitariums but to demolish slums.

Advice to Two Mothers. Mrs. I. H. W. writes: "I. My sister has a baby boy three weeks old who cries with the colic at times. She does not seem to be able to correct this. She nurses him every three hours during the day and twice at night. He nurses from five to fifteen minutes at a time. He is breast fed. Can you advise her?"

"2. My baby is 19 months old and has only seven teeth. She does not have any trouble when she does cut a tooth, so do you consider this any thing to be anxious about? She is rather small, and, although not thin, she is not plump either. She is exceedingly active and healthy. I cannot induce her to eat much. She drinks about a pint of milk a day, but will not take other food except a few spoonfuls of cereal and a very little vegetable, etc., and I have to force her to take orange juice. I give her condensed milk, as it is impossible to get sanitary cow's milk here. The question: 'What can I do to make her gain in weight or had I better leave well enough alone?'"

REPLY. 1. As a rule colicky babies are being overfed. Either the milk is too rich or the baby gets too much of it. This baby does not seem to be getting too much. Let the mother try cutting down the food slightly, say one less feeding at night. Leave the baby at the breast a slightly shorter time. However, do not wean her or materially change the present program. Give water and the various aromatic teas. Frotting her on the mother's shoulders helps somewhat in giving relief.

2. Train the girl to eat a more varied diet. She needs bread, milk puddings, soups, vegetables, meat bones. Let her play in the open air, encourage her to eat. You need not worry.

The Bee's Letter Box

About Plays As Movies.

Omaha, May 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: Would it not be well for those who are responsible for calling off "The Vicar of Wakefield," which was to have been played by the students of Central High under the direction of a very able artist, Mr. Rogers, to criticize some of the picture plays which many of these "children" are in the habit of attending?

Every broadminded follower of the classics will have to admit that the dramas, as projected on the screen, in this age, can put the top hat on any of the older plays for vulgarly, and seems unfit for the younger generation.

The writer knows of Mr. Rogers' work across the seas and wants to know if this is the first instance which has come to my knowledge where objections have been received to any of his productions—classics of olden times—not twentieth century rot.

Evil to him who evil thinks. "R. E. L."

About Omaha Water Power. Omaha, May 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: You were kind to publish my letter regarding "Water Power" which I then discussed the water possibilities of the Platte and the Loup. In this letter I will give the most readers of The Bee my unbiased opinion of the Elkhorn and Niobrara.

The Elkhorn from Norfolk to Fremont has several places where a waterpower could be developed. At no place with the exception of one could a power be developed that would yield much above 50 horsepower of olden times. The one that would be sufficient to furnish light and power to the town only where it is located. The place where Niagara would be favored where power could be established that would develop to my estimation in the neighborhood of 500 horsepower is somewhere above West Point. If this river would be tapped in the right place, and let down about four miles, it would be a power plant that could be considered a good one. But it would be of considerable expense, and I would hardly dare to estimate it. I believe at this point of the river, the dam, which is strong in the Elkhorn, could be overcome. I think some day the moneyed men that look upon the water power as an opportunity will wake up and see the opportunity.

I saw in The Bee of about 10 days ago a letter from Mr. Hale, who stated that the Niobrara river could be tapped every five miles, and enough power generated to furnish power and light for the state of Nebraska and part of South Dakota thrown in. Can this river be tapped every five miles? I think not. Any

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people of the state would have any benefit from the undertaking, if every water power should be developed. Now let me add there are few good water powers in the state which are developed today and are furnishing excellent power, but the maintenance of these cost the owners considerable money and worry. One power I know of in the state is at Cedar Rapids. This is the most perfect power, according to my opinion, as it is almost natural. Again, let me state I am writing this letter from an unbiased opinion, just to give the many readers of The Bee an opinion of what it would mean to lend our ears to men who know nothing or very little of developing water power.

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