

The Kitchen the most Important Room in The House

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The importance to the farmer of having an economical farm house has been emphasized by the farm architect of the department of Agriculture who states that the mental and physical fitness of the laborer both within the house in the fields are vitally affected by the building that affords the family shelter. The average American farm home has failed to share in the improvements that are every day being made in agricultural conditions and according to the architect is a relic to our boasted civilization. Relatively he says, the housewife of a century ago with her fireplace cooking and log cabin was better provided for than is the housewife today.

The most important building on a farm is the home. The health, comfort and happiness of the family are dependent upon its construction and equipment, and unless these matters are looked after the sanitary dairy barn of the economically constructed buildings for stock are of little value. Happiness and contentment in the farm are as essential to efficient service as improved tools and out-buildings.

Although the housewife spends, in many cases, a lifetime in her "workshop" the kitchen and the family rooms, she is not, as a rule, capable of planning a house in the highest degree serviceable and comfortable with out assistance. Her help, however, is essential to the farm architect, as the result of his plans most vitally concerns her.

In 1913 a western farm paper, at the suggestion of the Department of Agriculture, conducted a competition for farm house plans. About 660 plans of farm houses were submitted, not one of which was fully satisfactory. The larger number insisted on some particular pet notion and emphasized a single feature to the neglect of other important ones. The men and women who familiarize themselves with the work to be done and then apply themselves to the single task of devising means, are the ones who through the cooperation of the farmers, and their wives, can best handle the farm house problem.

One of the most important details regarding the average American farm house is that it must be inexpensive. The average annual net income of a farmer today, after deducting five per cent interest on his investment, is less than \$400. This does not mean that the houses may not be attractive. They may, if intelligently planned with the help of vines, shrubs and trees become the prettiest spots in the landscape, and more beautiful and inexpensive than the crowded city house.

The tenant-house problem is growing in importance can be seen from the fact that the number of rented farms during the last decade. Today little more than half the farms in this country are operated by the owners.

TO ECONOMIZE THE HOUSEWIFE'S STRENGTH.

The possible economy in household labor and the conservation of the strength of the housewife are two important factors to be considered in the construction of a farm house. Pleasant and comfortable farm homes tend to hold families together; but the cheerless, unlovable and insanitary houses drive boys and girls to the cities. Investigations of prisons insane asylums and houses of correction, seem to prove the fact that the sins which account for the existence of these institutions are often bred in inadequate and unhappy farm homes. So the social aspect of the problem is considerable.

The public is awakening to the fact that better farm houses are needed, and the special feature which many farm papers now issue as a "House Building Number," proves its interest to thousands of readers.

The office of Farm Management of the department of agriculture has now undertaken to investigate this problem systematically and to evolve, if possible, practical improvements for the benefit of the farmer's home.

Certain features are often overlooked in providing economical arrangements for the household when they might be easily provided for. One of the specialists of the office of farm management learned from a woman in Pennsylvania, who had broken down from overwork, that she had been carrying coal from the barn for years. When the husband was asked if there was any reason why a coal could not have been provided near the cookstove and filed directly from the wagon, he answered there was none, but that no one had ever thought of it. This one detail has been found neglected in other cases where it could have been easily remedied, if only some one had thought of it.

After economy in the construction of the building as the house work has been attained attention will be given to developing beauty. Simplicity in line and good proportions are meant by the use of this word beauty and not so-called applied "ornaments." This simplicity is entirely in keeping with a general plan of economy.

Economy however is not a synonym for cheapness. Double strength glass may even be more economical in a tenant house than single strength notwithstanding its greater first cost. A kitchen sink may be a yapping investment although it exceeds a bay window or a fireplace which has been the motion of the housewife. Serviced-in kitchen porches, sleeping porches double or triple windows and kitchen conveniences are economical features which even the simplest house plans may well consider. Separate dining rooms for families that generally eat in the kitchen are less important as are "parlors." These separate rooms may have complete systems of plumbing, heating and lighting which involve

additional expense. The kitchen is the most important room in the farm house.

For the average farmer, economy bars a room especially reserved for weddings and funerals. A back stairway in small houses is an unnecessary luxury. Large halls which are never used to live in but merely as thoroughfares, are a feature which can be dispensed with in the interest of a smaller outlay of money.

Other features that should give way to a comfortable and convenient kitchen are narrow porches flagstone work numerous angles in walls and roof, useless doors. There should be an all-around purpose for every cubic foot of space and for every piece of material about the building if possible.

It may not be found practicable for the department of Agriculture to furnish plans and specifications of farm houses worked out for particular individual needs. However, it is believed to be desirable to work out plans and specifications general needs of farmers and to illustrate and explain the plans so that the farmer may understand the principles involved and apply them when he remodels his present house. The office of Farm Management is endeavoring to help the farmer and the farmer's wife along these lines.

Coming into Our Own.

Sunday News.

The trouble with most of us is that we do not know when we come into our own, that is, when we begin to reap the benefit of our highest, even though varied endeavors. As a rule we set ourselves a definite object to accomplish and unless we succeed in achieving the end we have in view in a very literal way we are not likely to think we have succeeded at all. Coming into our own, however, is not always the fulfillment of our individual desires, and because of this fact many persons count themselves as failures whereas they have probably accomplished more real in life than if they had carried out their original intentions. Naturally a person feels happier and certainly is more interested if he employs his energies in congenial pursuits than in those which are distasteful to him. We are not always able, however, to choose the conditions under which we work and there are many cases where a man is forced through circumstances to forego certain opportunities which if they could have been used to advantage, would have completely changed the course of his life. It is always better, of course, to choose if possible an occupation for which we are naturally inclined, and as a rule, far better results are attained under such circumstances, but life is so uncertain and offers so many conflicting phases that it happens we are at times obliged to relinquish the fruits of success just before they are within our grasp and to turn our faculties to the accomplishment of some wholly unexpected and probably not nearly acceptable task.

The man who aspires to university training and who is able to actually begin his course looks with confidence to his future accomplishments when he shall undertake to solve life problems thoroughly equipped so far his preliminary training is concerned. He rests his highest hopes upon the achievement of that end and having perhaps begun to drink from the cup of learning has learned to love its taste and thirsts for more. Then some sudden turn of fortune forces him to surrender his hopes and to take up at an early age, and without the least preparation, duties for which he has no desire and which may even be thoroughly distasteful to him. It happens sometimes, however even in such adverse conditions, that the work for which he believed himself totally unfit yields him in the end far better returns, perhaps not so much in a material way as in its higher and more far-reaching effects. He may come into his own after all and to a greater degree than he followed his original course, but because of his early disappointment when forced to relinquish his preferred ambitions he probably never feels wholly satisfied at the results he may obtain.

It is not a small matter to be forced to give up the life-work for which we feel ourselves best fitted and to take up an entirely different line of endeavor and one which makes no appeal to us; yet this is being done constantly and while, of course such an occurrence results in many miserable failures and much distress of mind, it is also quite true that in a number of cases the enforced change works real benefit. The trouble lies in our inability to distinguish between our opportunities and our failure to cultivate those which because of their lack of appeal, we do not deem practicable. It is possible to come into our own

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through other means than the mere success of our individual desires and, perhaps, it is quite probable that we do so more often than we suspect. To come of us the way seems long and the work monotonous, particularly if the joy of living which proceeds from youth's expectancy is stifled in our hearts, but there in another joy of living which perhaps is all the more beautiful because it comes with the maturer years that counts for much and we shall feel it and recognize it when we realize that we have come into our own.

Because we do not fill just the particular place in this world that we imagined for ourselves in earlier years is no reason why we have not filled a less desirable one. Indeed, it may be that our accomplishments, small and insignificant though they may seem to us, have really been of much more importance than the bigger achievement we had in view. Results are not always to be measured by their magnitude, but very often merely by their effects. Indeed though they may be, and the man who takes up but little room on this earth may make his example count for far more lasting good than he who lives in the eyes of the whole world. Even in the narrow circle of home life a man can come into his own with far greater resulting happiness both for himself and for those about him than if he wrought some wonder out in the world and enjoyed for a short period its whimsical favor. It is not necessary, as a rule, to look for our happiness. It lies within easy reach, and while we may not recognize it at first the chances are that we shall not always pass it by, and once recognized it will not be long before we realize the blessing of coming into our own.

A word With City Newspapers.

St. Albans Messenger.

When a metropolitan newspaper devotes considerable space on its front page theorizing on where Vincent Astor is going on his wedding tour, with the date of the wedding not even announced, we guess we are entitled to say that Mr. Jones has painted his henhouse.—Barre Times.

Amusing and amazing is the conceit of some of our bigger brothers of the city who fondly dream that all that there is in the newspaper business is theirs. While they poke fun at the country papers they forget that they themselves are open to the criticism of being the most provincial of all issues in the country. For gossip no country paper can equal that of the city. From front page displays of such matters as the Astor wedding trip, for instance, one might well think that the fate of a nation of a hundred million souls hangs in the balance on the move of this or that young man, who by the fortune of birth, has come into a swollen fortune which could not bear the searching light of modern thought on property acquisition. For it is true that some of the big city papers are fertile fields of gossip and driveling trivialities, and are deserts of useful information; in other word the country paper is more loyal to the newspaper public than the average metropolitan publication. Of course there are notable exceptions.

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The Holy Grail.
Christian Herald.
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