

FARMER LIFE IDEAL

THE LOT OF THE TILLER OF THE SOIL IS TO BE ENVIED.

Drudges in City Shops Know Nothing of His Independence, and Although the Work is Hard and Incessant the Reward is Sure.

If some of the farmers who are discouraged because they have not made a fortune off their farms and who feel inclined to envy their brother toilers in the city, imagining that life in the city is more desirable than theirs, easier and filled with plenty of leisure to enjoy all the pleasures with which the rustic imagination glids and glorifies those distant scenes and activities, they need only try to find out their mistake. "Far fields are green" and lose much of their attractiveness upon a nearer view.

To the city man of ordinary means and opportunities, who, like the ordinary farmer, has no bank account to fall back upon in case of emergency, life is one "demition grind" and without the soothing influences of nature that surround the farmer to quiet the fever and unrest with which the struggle, competition and turmoil around him keep his nerves on the rack day after day. As a rule, such men are not their own masters, but must order their speech, demeanor and inclinations to please the powers that have control over their daily doings in order to keep bread in the mouths and clothes on the backs of both themselves and their families.

The farmer, if he does not feel well, can rise in the morning at whatever hour it pleases him so to do, for an hour or so or a day or two does not make much difference in his affairs, except at the most critical periods of planting and harvesting. He can have his own opinions, and voice them, too, on politics and religion and all the stirring questions of the day without fear of antagonizing the powers that be, who can "sack" him if his views and opinions do not happen to coincide with those of his masters or "overlord" (the boss).

That the farmer is a hard worker nobody can deny. Tilling the soil is not easy work. Since God gave the command to man to "earn his bread by the sweat of his face" the farmer's life has been a life of toil. It takes some strength and effort to dig a living out of the ground. It is not easy to earn a living, much less a fortune, without effort, and the farmer is not the only one who "sweats." Brain workers have no sinecure, although some persons imagine that all they have to do is to sit at a desk and add up figures or to twiddle a pen in their fingers. The life of a salesman behind the counter is most wearisome and monotonous. The beautiful days of spring go by, the birds are singing as they build their nests, the flowers are blooming in the valleys and on the hillsides, and the grass is growing greener and greener in the meadows, yet never a glimpse does he get of the beauty of the bright world except when he can take a car ride on an evening or on a Sunday or holiday.

A grocer's clerk works more hours and harder than the average country boy, who can go to the "corner" and pitch quills and gossip with his cronies when the city young man is just getting from work, and, as for the man who delivers milk in the city, he has even harder work and longer hours. At 4 in the morning and even earlier his wagon is heard on the streets and himself racing from top to bottom of the high apartment buildings in the cold and sleet of a midwinter's morning or in the enervating heat of summer. At breakneck speed he goes, and one could almost imagine that his life depended upon getting through his rounds in due season. Competition is so great that he must neglect nothing and always be pleasant and obliging to the most unreasonable of customers for fear of losing one. There are the teamen, carrying fifty pounds and often 100 pounds of ice up four flights of stairs, which is no easy task, and as it is not skilled labor the pay is probably not more than it should be, considering the amount of strength expended. Hard as the work is and moderate as is the pay, no man can afford to lose his job, so he has to be very careful not to antagonize his employers.

The man who does business on a small scale and is his own boss probably finds it no easier to make a living, for he has to do the greater part of his own work, and in the case of a bad or unprofitable season is sometimes not so well off as his hireling, who is sure of his wages at least.

That man who owns his land and has good health is a poor farmer who cannot make at least a living for himself and family. It may not be a sumptuous living, but it may be a comparatively comfortable one. This cannot be said of all sorts of occupations.

There is another hope ahead for the farmer. If he doesn't have good luck this year, he may the next. There is always a chance that there will be a better yield in crops and a better price in the market. The element of uncertainty adds zest to life which a settled amount of wages from month to month and from year to year cannot give, and he is always sure of enough to eat on the farm of some sort or another.

The time is coming and is not far distant when the farmer's life will be looked upon as the ideal life by many of the world weary toilers of the crowded cities. Even now the one bright dream of many a drudger in the stores and offices is of a happy time coming when he will have a farm, a home all his own in the country, where he can rest his tired brain and nerves as he sits beneath his own vine and fig-or apple-tree. Whoever despises a farmer's life is a fool: it is the most independent life on earth.—Country Gentlemen.

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A WORD TO FARM TOILERS.

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No. 52 runs through from Charleston via Central R. R., leaving Charleston 6:40 a. m., Lanes \$15 a. m., Manning \$37 a. m.

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Table with columns: TRAINS GOING NORTH, No 54, No 53, No 50. Rows: Leave Columbia, Arrive Sumter, Leave Sumter, Arrive Florence, Leave Florence, Arrive Marion, Arrive Wilmington.

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TIME TABLE No. 2. In effect Sunday, May 25, 1902, at 6 a m Between Wilson's Mill and Sumter.

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Table with columns: 73 75, STATIONS, 72 74. Rows: 4:15 p.m. Le Millard, 4:20 p.m. Ar St Paul.

Between Sumter and Camden.

Table with columns: Southbound Trains, Northbound Trains, 69 71, STATIONS, 70 68. Rows: 6:30 p.m. Le Sumter, 6:38 p.m. N W Junction, 6:58 p.m. Dalzell, 7:16 p.m. Borden, 7:36 p.m. Remberts, 7:49 p.m. Ellerbe, 8:05 p.m. Ar Son Ry Junction, 8:15 p.m. Ar Camden.

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