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"BOOK LARNIN' "

One of the greatest difficulties that learned men have to contend with in the dissemination of the knowledge they have gathered from long and careful observation of nature, and painstaking labor in collecting the observation of others, is the seeming resentment of the masses to such knowledge. This resentment is expressed in the sententious phrase "book larnin'." The term sententious is used deliberately and after much reflection, for it is a popular expression coined by the common folks to express their distrust and unwillingness to accept, what appears to them mere dogmas of the learned based upon speculation and theories and not upon facts discovered by human observation, or proven to be true by actual experiment under a wide enough range of conditions to entitle them to universal acceptance as true.

The coinage and use of this term is complimentary to the common mind of the people of our race for it bears with it evidence that the common sense of the Anglo Saxon race grasped the great truths upon which the inductive system of reasoning from ascertained facts long before it was received by the learned.

The common sense of the common people demanded facts and not theories, surmises and speculations to support a proposition. For a long series of years the learned shut themselves up in studios and behind the walls of colleges and universities, refusing to take the common people into their confidence; for many years to make their isolation from the people more complete; recorded their observations and wrote books on philosophy and the natural sciences in foreign or dead languages and when they unburied their dignity, and in hum-

ility, wrote for the common people in native English their essays were but condensed dogmas and arrogant theories which they demanded the common folks to accept in total ignorance of the facts upon which they were based.

In many instances, when treating on agriculture, the learned recluses asked the farmers to ignore their own experience based upon facts gathered in their own lives and that of their ancestors for hundreds of years, and accept their dogmas, without deigning to give them a single one of the thousands of facts they had patiently gathered in support of their proposition for a change. This the people resented by coining the term "Book Larnin'" which to them meant the reverse of knowledge derived from experience, for they could not know and were given no means of knowing the facts from which the new proposition was inducted. In unquestioning faith the people were asked to accept the dogmas of the learned. This, be it said, in honor of the people, they refused to do. When learned professors pounded their desks in their addresses at country fairs telling the yeomanry that plants must have nitrogenous food, organic matter, phosphoric acid, alkalies, alkalis, humus, oxygen, carbon and a yet lengthened string of latin named things to enable them to thrive and keep the farm from becoming impoverished, the rustics in their manhood turned away with a sneer and the expression "Darn your book larnin'," ban yard manure, bone dust and such things as fether and his father used will do me and keep my farm up." Now that the learned talk English and give facts, the farmers welcome them.

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