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It takes a long time, accompanied by great loss, to get rid of an inherited preudice, after the conditions in which it had its origin have passed away. One of such lingering handicaps on the progress of agriculture in our day is a prejudice smong too many of our farmers agains. good sense and patriotism of our grand fathers and mothers that they took up a deep prejudice against the stuff presented to them by the first English and American writers on agriculture. These writers, as s rule, took the Roman and Greek writers is their models for siyle and their despriptions of farm life as their ideals which they sought, perhaps unconcisusly, to revive in America. Cato, surnamed "thwise", the first and most celebrated Roman writer on agriculture, and the model our early writers followed, held up for his ideal and example a large farm of several thousand acres worked by slaves. Like all educated Romans and Greeks ha held the small farm in supreme contempt suseless and undesirable part of the population that the state would be well rid of, with the home life of the farmer as we mean by that term, he had neither care nor sympathy. The purpose of his book was to show the large landowners patritians, successful generals, politicians and merchants how to manage their large land holdings so as to support their owners in grand style in marble palaces n the cities. It was both proper and natural for the American farmer to resent the odor of contempt for himself and family that eminated from such a bool or a craven imitation thereof and he threw it down with manful disdain. If he curbed his ire and looked into it he found little or nothing that told him how to make his little farm produce enough to provide a comfortable home for self and family and educate his children. When he Roman wanted to enlarge his crop he purchased more slaves, prisoners of war or unlucky creditors and put them to work with such farm implements as slaves had toiled with for thousands of

To lessen the wear of human muscle entered not into the designs of the early agricultural writers. A plan for more comfortable homes, better clothing, food and education of farmers entered not into the conception of the followers of Cato. It was not untill 1806 that the first agricultural school for farmers and their sons was established in Switzerland. Since then a great change has been wrought in farming and agricultural education and the old Roman and Middle Age ideals of a farm have changed.

The modern American ideal of what a farm should be is a place whereon a comfortable home for free men and women can be maintained, an abundance of food and clothing for all be provided and the children educated. To assist in keeping up and increasing this kind of farms. agricultural colleges are kept up by states. The best thinkers of the age are engaged in collecting all the known facts that assist the farmers in making their fields produce more abundantly with the least possible wear of buman muscle. To accomplish this the young farmers are taught not only how plants grow, what elements of earth and sky they require but the laws of mechanical motion are illustrated so that farm machinery can be and is used more and to better advantage than ever before in the history of the world. All this knowledge can now be found in the books and because of the helpfuliness and usefuliness of these books to modern farmers the prejudice against book learning is fast falling away.

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