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### What We Should Learn.

Every Indian boy should thoroughly learn gardening, poultry raising, dairying and fruit growing. If he can get a mechanical trade along with it so much the better. But he should first know how to till the soil and raise successfully the produce which will yield the most money. We have a splendid example of the profits of gardening right here on our own school garden. From three acres planted in onions we gathered 1400 bushels worth in today's market \$1.00 per bushel which means about nine hundred dollars clear profit, for less than six months work. Doesn't that beat clerking in a store, teaching in a school-room, pushing a plane or shoeing a horse, from a financial standpoint? Then again every Indian has an allotment of 80 to 160 acres given him. Nine boys out of ten after leaving school will go back to their homes and allotments to make a living. Then how very important and necessary it is that they thoroughly understand farming, stock raising, gardening, etc, etc.

No race of people have ever accomplished much in the art of civilization that were not home builders.

We cannot expect the old Indian to make much progress in this direction, but we do expect the Indian boys and girls who have received an education in a government Indian school to make rapid strides along these lines.

The Alaska Indians are just like the Plains Indian in the belief that there is an unlimited supply of salmon and game in the North West and that their people will never want for the same. One of the young men, who ought to know better, said in reference to the article in the American, "Why where did you hear that? There are plenty of deer, geese, ducks and salmon. There never will be enough white men there to kill the game, etc." Poor deluded people. Secure in their livelihood at present, they do not realize that the March of Civilization will soon cover all the choice spots of Alaska, as it has the other parts of the Great American Continent.



Mr. Lucas the sub-brick contractor is a rusher from the word go, and with his large force of masons will have the brick work of the three new buildings completed before we know it, if the weather continues favorable. Now let the carpenter fore jump in and keep things booming.



We read in the Native American that the Phoenix pupils had a genuine cakewalk at their last Saturday's sociable. That's right. A cakewalk occasionally will not hurt anybody, although some of our stiff-necked brothers and straight laced sisters may object.



A polite boy or girl will not chew gum at a sociable. Neither will a boy who wishes to be considered a gentleman wear a sweater on such occasions.



Sunshine in the heart will keep wrinkles from the face.—Try it.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The President has amended the civil service rules to provide that whenever the position of an agent at any Indian agency is discontinued and its duties devolve upon the superintendent of the Indian training school located at the agency, the agent may be made a classified employe at the agency.