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There is a great difference between
farmers and *educated* farmers.

When the farmers, as a class, become better educated, refined, and enlightened, the mean and misleading appellation of "hayseed" will become extinct.

Some people greet a friend or an acquaintance in about the same manner, in words and actions, that they would a person who is entirely unworthy of any respect. They grunt, look over your head or in the opposite direction and pass on. This cold manner of greeting is sometimes used even by people who hold the person spoken to as a warm friend.

It is only a thoughtless habit and should be overcome. Every one enjoys to be spoken to in a kindly manner, or not at all.

Inspector Chubbuck impressed this important point upon employes in his address, that the object of the government schools is to teach; not to produce so many bushels of potatoes, as it is to teach boys to become gardeners, not to turn out so many wagons as it is to teach boys the trade of wagon-making etc., etc. That every

employe is a teacher, and every piece of work done must be done for the purpose of teaching the pupil, and not how to have the mere work accomplished. Employes in Indian schools are apt to overlook this in their work. They, too often from necessity, are obliged to rush a piece of work through to a finish without imparting any instruction to the pupil except what he learns by his own observation.

Football is all right. All kinds of good, healthy, active sports are helpful to any school, Indian or white, IF. That big "IF," we all know what it means. Athletics is good medicine for any school if not taken in too big and frequent doses. Then it is more harmful than good. When employes and pupils become so wrapped up in football that they have hardly time and inclination to think of their work and studies, it is time to call a halt and "about, face." When schools import and enlist as students men or boys for the mere purpose of playing football, they over reach themselves and encourage young men who ought to be at work elsewhere earning good salaries, to become idlers and lose their interest in their work. It also sets a bad example to the real students of the school. Chemawa does not claim to be guiltless in this particular, and Supt. Potter has decreed that in future years, all athletic clubs at Chemawa will be composed of only the real bona fide pupils of the school who are here for the sole purpose of securing an education and learning trades, agriculture, etc. It is time other big Indian schools were doing the same thing, in justice to themselves and their pupils.