

OPPORTUNITY.

Superintendent's Address Before Boys' Farm Encampment.

By H. G. RUSSELL, Kansas. America is but another name for opportunity. France has eight persons to our one per square mile; Europe has nearly four to our one. The United States has 12 per cent better land than Europe. Haven't you better opportunities than the boys of France and Europe? Our danger is that of becoming extravagant, of failing to learn the lessons of systematic saving and certain economy so necessary for the European boy to learn and practice.

Opportunity Always Knocking.

It is said that opportunity knocks once at the door of every man and that the one who was out knocks ever afterward. The first part of the statement is not true unless you make the "once" read "all the time." Opportunity is with you all the time. Great corporations are constantly looking for men of brains and character, men who can do something that is needed in the world's work. Learn to do something that is useful and do it well and your fortune is made if you will keep at it.

Today is Doer's Day.

This is an age of doing. Be able to "deliver the goods" and you will be wanted. The test is doing. Learn how to think and you will soon know what to think. A man is of little value until he can take care of himself. Learn to take care of yourself and help others to the same high standard.

An honorable calling is any calling that makes a man stronger for the world's work, anything that needs to be done for the advancement of our civilization. Do not all try to get into professions. Do not let your parents kill themselves trying to make and save for you. Make and save for yourselves.

Near the Top.

Every one can work at wages that will enable him to live and save something, but the greater demand is near the top. The builder of a railroad showed me three vacant chairs in his office and told me he would pay \$2,500 per year to persons who could fill them and do the work. They had been vacant for three months. He also said that he had advertised for common laborers and got a train load.

I watched with great interest the building of a church in a little city. The workmen who excavated the earth received \$1.20 per day. The stonemasons who followed received \$4 per day, the brickmasons \$6, the man who did the frescoing \$15 per day and the architect \$25 per day. The man who put on the finishing touches of beauty and the man who carried that building in his head before a stroke was made toward its erection received the highest prices for their services.

Work Along a Line You Fit.

The man who will find a cure for hog cholera will do the world more good than the man who can repeat Homer in the original. The man who can destroy the chinch bug is worth more than the man who can exhume a Troy or uncover a Pompeii. Direct your talents along lines that you fit and add something to the sum total of human knowledge. Give more than you receive. It won't hurt you, but will help instead.

Farm Irrigation.

The station has demonstrated that irrigation by use of a centrifugal pump and traction engine is too costly an operation to be practical for the western farmer; also that the area to be irrigated in that manner must necessarily be too small to include general farm crops, the work demanding undivided attention just at the busy harvest season and when labor is most expensive. However, for small fields of alfalfa, potatoes, fruit and garden, irrigation by the aid of pump or well, with windmill or gasoline engine power, can be conducted with very good results. And it is reasonable to suppose that the pumping of water on to the land in late winter, when the soil is dry and opened by numerous cracks and when labor is plentiful and correspondingly cheap, will accomplish no little benefit to subsequent summer crops that could thrive on the stored up moisture. The summer irrigating, demanded when both time and labor are most valuable, might be dispensed with. In the primary tests of this plan all crops responded favorably, alfalfa particularly so.—Kansas Experiment Station.

Horseshod For Home Use.

Horseshod may be grown very easily for home use as follows: It requires a soil similar to rhubarb. Procure the rootlets from seed or from the branch roots of any good horseshod cut into lengths of three to six inches and plant upright firmly in the soil with the top of the cutting even with the top of the ground. Cuttings the size of a lead pencil are preferred. These may be planted in a row or rows six inches apart in row and far enough apart to hoe or cultivate easily.—Farmers' Garden.

For Choice Turnips.

Turnips should be grown in drills, like beets, for the early crop. The young plants will stand light frosts. Choose a rainy day for planting if practicable. Cover the seed very lightly. Thin the young plants to five to seven inches in the row. Sow every two weeks if a constant supply is desired, as turnips rapidly become hard and woody in warm summer weather.

Good Varieties.

In horticultural tests of varieties at the New Jersey station the best yielders thus far are the Palmetto asparagus, Eldorado and Erie blackberries, Red Dutch and Victoria currants and Downing and Houghton gooseberries.

POULTRY NOTES BY C.M. BARNITZ RIVERSIDE, PA. CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED

INCUBATOR CHAT.

A poor incubator is a temper tester. It beats a baby for keeping a man up nights. Say your prayers often if you've bought a bargain. Some incubators improve on acquaintance; others are advertised improvements that do not improve a man's morals. But beg pardon! Of course you have secured a first class machine and set it with good eggs in a well aired room where the temperature stands at 65 degrees. Now for a short chat.

The hot air machine warms up sooner and fluctuates less than the warm water incubator. Same with brooders. Then there's no water tank to fill, melt when forgotten nor leak. Before you run for the tinier put a handful of chop in the tank to stop the leak. They use it in radiators. It's good plug. If you happen to have a poor regulator you can keep the thermometer at 103 degrees by simply increasing or lowering the flame, but don't forget that a flame in a newly filled lamp will rise of itself, so be watchful. When the eggs warm up, remember that their animal heat increases, and as the chick develops there is more heat until the last week, especially in warm weather, the heat from the growing chick will some days run the incubator. Running a hatcher with damper up is oil waste. A smoking lamp is dangerous. If not a charred wick, a poorly fitting chimney, had oil, dirty burner or a chimney shoved too tightly into the flue, the flue itself may be clogged with soot or stopped with some obstacle. If you cannot prevent it, throw the machine out. To sell a secondhand fire hatcher is a capital crime. Don't go crazy if the heat occasionally runs above 103 degrees. About the best temperature is 102 degrees to 103 degrees the first week, 103 degrees the remainder. When the thermometer hangs up it should be a degree higher. We have seen the heat at 115 degrees and a good hatch followed, but to remain at that point long means baked eggs. The hatching temperature is between 109 degrees and 105 degrees. When the heat is higher than 105 degrees, take out the eggs, cool and roll them and adjust the flame. A good incubator is not a trickster, and we never have such things to worry us.

In cooling eggs the time of turning is sufficient for the first week, ten minutes the second and fifteen minutes morning and night of the third. Mark the eggs with an X. Turn the trays end for end the second day. Beginning with the third day, turn the eggs half over morning and evening until they begin to pip, about the eighteenth day. They will hatch too soon if you run your machine too high or drag along if you run a low heat. Neither is good. The latter will stick chicks in the shell. You will forget sometimes. We left a tray of eggs cool two hours last summer, yet they hatched. We left an incubator door open till the eggs got cold while the chicks were picking the shell. Got a good hatch. Wonders will never cease even if we are dumb and have good forgetters. So don't cry if something like that happens and throw the hatch out. You can tell by a test when the eggs get hot if they are pretty well developed. They'll wiggle in the shell. Don't let some of these incubator instructions scare you. The more rank some machines are the more particular and extensive the code of rules to run them by and the more loopholes and technicalities for escaping a refund when the smash comes.

Watch that thermometer. If the silver thread is not solid, but keeps dividing, throw it out. An air space in that thread may make a little speck at the end you overlook. You may run one point at 103 degrees, while the little speck is the real end and roasting your chicks at 110. Some sprinkle the eggs with warm water the eighteenth day. We use the machine with the big wet sand tray, and it does dandy. If you have a machine like ours, you don't have to rock the incubator cradle all night.

DON'TS.

Better be late in hatching than never get a chick. Don't forget that a guinea is an irrepressible hawk alarm. Keep one and be convinced. Don't expect every egg to hatch a chick and every setting to bring six prize birds. Greedy! Don't set heavy hens on thin shelled eggs. Croquet balls are more suitable. Set medium sized chicks. Don't act the bull in the china shop among your China geese. It will jar the egg production. Cochins-Chinas know better. Don't forget to set your best cluck on those turkey eggs. You want something bon ton to raise birds that bring bon ton profits. Don't imagine that the earliest pullets are the best winter layers. Solomon says, "There is a time for everything under the sun." That means pullets. Leghorns hatched before April molt before December and don't lay winter eggs at all.

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Bielovitka Forest, Lithuania.

In the great park Bielovitka forest, in Lithuania, which is about 150 miles in circumference, the primeval forest still stands, and all the wild animals native to central European forests are found there except bears and wolves, which were exterminated some years ago. Except for the roads which pass through it, the forest is unchanged. It is visited by few people except the foresters.—Forest and Stream.

Willing to Qualify.

A few days ago a recruit was taken to be sworn in by the magistrate. Everything was going on swimmingly till the magistrate asked the man the following question: "Have you ever been in prison?"

At this the man looked startled; but, quickly recovering himself, he blurted out, "No, sir, I have never been in jail, but I don't mind doing a few days if you think it necessary."—London Mail.

Mr. Green's Waterloo.

Mr. Green had been paying \$4 a week for board. His appetite constantly increased. Finally his landlady saw that she must either sell out and quit or raise her boarder's rate. One day after watching him feverishly devouring plateful after plateful she plucked up courage and said: "Mr. Green, I shall have to raise your board to \$5."

Mr. Green looked up with a start, then in a tone of consternation said: "Oh, Mrs. Small, don't! It's as much as I can do now to eat \$4 worth."—Woman's Home Companion.

Microbe Proof Furniture.

"Furnish in bright, warm colors and you will have less sickness—you will keep the microbes out," said a physician. "You know how deadly the sun is to microbes? Well, so in a lesser degree all bright, warm hues are deadly to them—bright wall paper, bright upholstery, bright rugs. Bright, cheerful houses are seldom visited by me. They are to all intents and purposes microbe proof. It is the gloomy house, with its dark paper, its heavy, dark upholstery, its somber carpets, that my team is continually stopping at."—New York Press.

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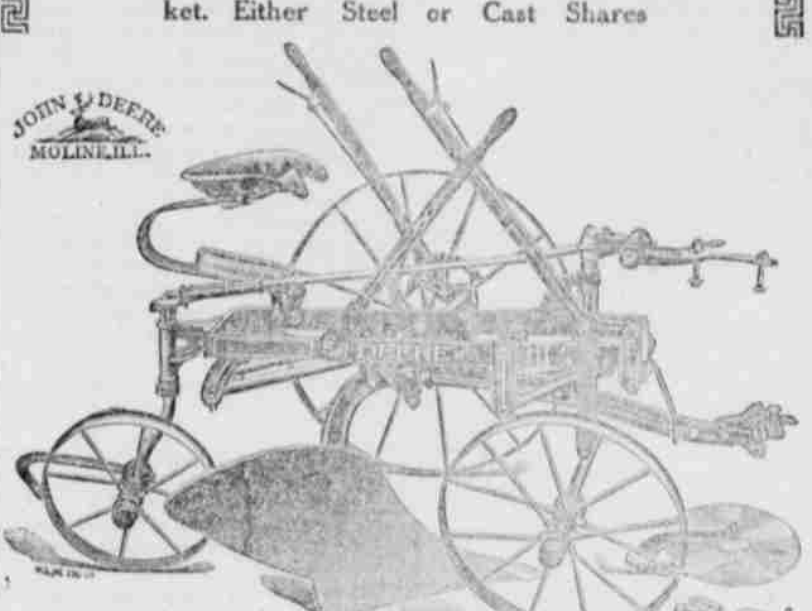
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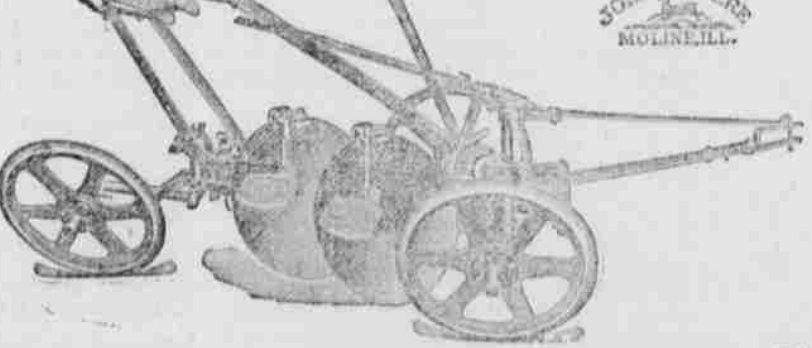
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