

THE LINE FENCE PROBLEM.

One of the heaviest taxes the farmer has in most parts of the country is that caused by the fences. And the fences, more than any other one thing, make men gray before their time. Farmers who would otherwise be the best of friends, part when it comes to the matter of the line fence. How shall it be built? When shall we build it? Where ought it to be? Vexed questions these, besides which the boundary between Venezuela and her neighbors pass into nothingness.

Now, I am old foggy enough to believe that every man ought to keep up his share of the line fences. The law says he shall. Common sense dictates it. Right demands it. And yet, some men do not do it. They let their neighbors go clear around the whole plantation and laugh to think they are fools enough to do it. If I wanted an accurate estimate of a man's character I would ask, "Does he build his part of the line fences?" and upon the answer I would base my decision.

What I object to more than anything else is not that my neighbor's cattle should get over into my fields—that I can comfortably endure; but it does worry me to be obliged to look for my cattle in my neighbor's pasture. That takes away my sleep o' nights and brings me down in sorrow. Because, I mean to have my own fences in such condition that every day and every night I may know where my cattle are. True, storms may come and blow over great strips of board or rail fence—we have not learned yet how to prevent that; but in times of peace no such thing should come to trouble us. It is the neglect which causes the difficulty.

We are getting the better of the wind, and the tendency to decay which used to prove so troublesome, by using wire fencing. I know of farmers who are burning up their rails for fuel in the sugar bushes and putting in their steel wire. Pretty good chestnut rails have been used in this way. In other parts of the country, where they have plenty of walnut, it was quite the fashion once to build fences of that timber. Now the trees thus utilized would be worth forty or fifty dollars per thousand feet. But the best the men could do was to sell the rails for chair posts. In many parts of the country we may yet see fences built of great pine stumps. Think of the waste of land due to those giant, sprawling stumps! No one can get within ten feet of the line on account of them.

And then, wire is so cheap no man need have a poor fence unless he is determined to be mean about it. The best farmers of this country have taken away the old rail and board fences and either replaced them with wire or left them open. Road fences are largely a thing of the past. Only where men wish to let their cattle run next to the highway is it necessary to keep up such fences. Miles of fence and thousands of dollars have thus been saved.

It is a well-known fact that laws do not make men fair. In spite of all the stringent fence laws of our country, men will still persist in letting fences go down and go to law if their neighbors complain of them. Some men seem to have more money to spend anyway in litigation than in building fences. They are born that way and are to be pitied. Still, I do believe we are improving in this respect. It isn't so very long ago that we used to see what were known as "Devil's Lanes" about the

country. These were built where men could not agree as to the whereabouts of the boundary line, or because they differed as to the material to be used. So one man would build a fence where and as he thought it should be and the other would do likewise, leaving a lane between which neither received any good from. These were well called "Devil's Lanes." But if there are any such left now, I do not know where they are.

We are coming more and more to see that the man over the fence has rights as well as ourselves. How slowly this truth has established itself, however! It has always been easy to see our side of the case; that of the other man has not been so apparent. Years and years of education have been necessary to bring the world to a recognition of the fact that fairness on the part of others can be expected only when we are willing to be fair ourselves. The building of fences is no exception to this rule. Before we can seasonably complain of negligence on the part of others, we must be absolutely certain that there is no fault on our part. The man who demands of his neighbor what he is not willing to do himself is a pretty hard man to get along with.

UNDER THE DEEP SNOW.

What is going on there under the deep snow, where everything seems so deathlike and still? Many things are going on, and the death is only apparent. In the first place, the snow is slowly drawing the frost out of the ground; or, more accurately, it is checking the escape of the great earth warmth, which rises toward the surface and expels the frost. The angle worm works upward with it, and the sap in the roots of the trees and grasses stirs a little. Then, here and there, are warm jets of life that shoot and play beneath the cold, white expanse.

There are the field mice that now come out of their nest in the ground, or beneath the flat stones, and lead a free, active life under the snow. The snow is their friend. It keeps off the cold and it shields their movements from the eyes of their enemies, the owls, hawks and foxes. They make little tunnels and roadways everywhere over the surface of the ground. They build winter houses under the great drifts. They found little mice colonies in places where they are never seen in summer. They can get at the roots of the grasses or the various herbs and seeds they feed upon, as well as in the knowless seasons, and without exposure to their enemies.

In the woods the least shrew-mouse and the white-footed mouse are more or less active all winter. They have their tunnels and runways, also through and beneath the snow; but, unlike the meadow mouse, they often come to the surface and run over the top of the snow. Their tracks look like long, double stitching on a white coverlet.

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8:30 p.m.	Klondike	11:45 p.m.
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9:15 p.m.	McDonalds	12:20 a.m.
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10:00 p.m.	Rockville	12:50 a.m.
10:15 p.m.	Grass Valley	1:00 a.m.
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Date of first publication of this notice Nov. 17, 1904.
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