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PRAISE FROM ROOSEVELT.

Very few days remain of Mr. Roosevelt's term as president of the United States, but he is evidently not letting the bustle and confusion existing in Washington at this time interfere with one pleasure he has permitted himself for several years—that of extending congratulations and good wishes to the parents of large families.

At Nahant, Mass., the other day Capt. and Mrs. William H. Keft celebrated their golden wedding and were made happy by an autograph letter from President Roosevelt congratulating them and praising both for what they have "done for the country."

Mr. Keft is a sea captain and has thirteen sons, nine of whom are also sea captains. The others are all following the sea and hope to be captains in time.

Truly an interesting family, and one deserving the attention of the nation's chief magistrate. Every member of it will remember the kindly interest displayed by the president on the eve of his retirement from office, and the public at large will hope that even in private life he will continue to extend good cheer and encouragement to those who have demonstrated their approval of his anti-race suicide theories.

If it gives him pleasure—and it undoubtedly does—Mr. Roosevelt need not cease writing letters of congratulation when he ceases to be president, for his words will bring happiness to fathers and mothers long after his present official life has an "ex" attached to it.

FOR THE FARMER'S HAPPINESS.

The Country Life Commission is not a joke, though innumerable persons who ought to know better feel called upon to ridicule it and to make it the butt for their self-appreciated wit. The commission has made an investigation of incalculable worth to sociology and one with immense promises for good.

The farm products of 1908 reached in value the tremendous sum of nearly eight billions of dollars. To many this has been an answer to all the assertions of the presence of illis and distress in the country. It would seem that they must be blind to much that assails the eye of every traveler, the poorly constructed homes, the sagging, leaning barns and granaries, the dreary wastes of dooryard and roadside. It is not thus everywhere, of course, but one may often see the repulsive looking farmhouse neighbor to the well-kept and cheerful home and be told that the owner of one is quite as prosperous as that of the other. It requires so little to make life agreeable in the country as compared with the costs in the city that the commission shows wisdom in emphasizing the need of spreading the doctrines of sanitation and the upbuilding of social organizations.

How far the national congress may constitutionally aid in improving the lot of the farmer is uncertain. The department of agriculture has undertaken many reforms and given direction to progress that a half-century ago would have been pronounced perilous to an individualistic government. The rural mail delivery system means the breaking of the bonds of isolation. The Grange societies have brought neighbors into closer relationship and solved many a problem of marketing products and the purchase of supplies.

It is the opinion of the commission that congress should continue the soil surveys, establish an educational

WITH THE
TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

In this new day, may we speak some word and do some work which shall make another glad and give us joy as we lie down to sleep.

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Another bee began to buzz
And told us what we wanted was
A chalet of the pattern Swiss,
And gee, but we got keen for this!

The chalet scheme went in retreat
In favor of a block concrete
In simple, chaste and modern style.
A plan that held us for awhile.

Then back full twenty times we went
O'er flathouse, chalet and cement;
And each time puzzled more and more—
More undecided than before!

And what did we at last decide?
Now do not scorn us nor deride!
We did as many another pair—
We built a castle, friend, in the air!

ANON.

To speak ill of one's employers is not unlike kicking the cow which gives up milk.

There is something wrong with the man who doesn't feel remorse after he has spanked his baby for the first time.

An illicit distillery was discovered in a Georgia cemetery the other day. That's what might be called catching moonshiners "on the dead."

One suffragette has declared that woman could cause a panic by refusing to buy clothes for a year. We believe it. And no one would be more panic-stricken than her own husband.

"When a man talks about luck," said Uncle Eben, "he nearly allus means hard luck. 'Cause when he's prosperous he's gwinter take all de credit for his own smahness." — Washington Star.

A 7-year-old New York boy has already run away from home 100 times. If he perseveres, he may make a record that will be the despair of other boys who are afflicted with the same bug.

The Indianapolis man who was fined for losing his temper while trying to put up a stovepipe probably wishes the judge was where they get plenty of heat without the bother of putting up stovepipes.

A southern contemporary asserts that "the oldest man in Virginia, who recently died at the age of 115 years, never tasted liquor or tobacco." If he never tasted liquor, he must have shunned most of the patent medicines on the market during his stay on earth.

It appears that there is great dissatisfaction in St. Louis because the clock in the union station is so high up that nobody on the ground can tell what time it is. We dare say, though, that some men are glad of the excuse for going into the nearest saloon to find out.

A party of friends were jollying a North Bend girl about her sweet-heart, when one said: "Oh, I think he is a weak-kneed chap, anyhow." "Well, you just don't know him as well as I do, he ain't a bit weak-kneed," and then she blushed, and they all wondered if she sat on him.

system supplementary to the extension work of the western railroads and the agricultural schools, eliminate disadvantages of transportation and disposal of grain and cattle, teach the value of water power, sanitation and highway engineering, and provide some agency for developing a "real rural society."

There is work here that will puzzle the law-givers in Washington. Another commission may be necessary to point the way.

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