## CURRENT COMMENT

Best Life is in Country.

"The Cult of Agriculture" is an excellent subject for the President of Agricultural College and the President of the O. A. C., Professor Reycently dwelt with effort on a topic that should be more constantly t before the minds of town and city dwellers. One phase in particular he enlarged upon which must commend itself to every thinking person: There is an impression very widely spread that education is wasted on those who follow rural occupations, and that when a young man or woman free a certain amount of learning it is incumbent upon him to resort to the city in order to make use of it. Nine times out of ten there is nothing in it. The lure of the city is not the opportunity of utilizing one's learning, but the ancient one of the bright lights, the alleged easy money and "gentsel" clothes.

Mr. Reynolds classified the excuses that people make to leave the country for city life, and said: "We have become obsessed with several sions. First, that the city is a better place than the country to live in; second, that the factory is more necessary than the village shop; third, that education is to be used to escape work; fourth, that farming is monotonous, that country life is dreary and desolate." Of the last it may be said that no labor in the world is so desolate, so depressing, so monotonous, so the unceasing fag of the big factory or warehouse. There may be variety in office and detail business, but as a rule prolonged hours, small smarles and few chances of promotion do not prepare the way for a comfortable age. Of course, there are exceptions and every man may hope to be an exception, but every man cannot be an exception. With the same amount of labor and trained faculty he would go farther in the country. but in the country he is not always compelled to train his faculties, nor does he always choose to do so.

Intelligence when exerted in the country will go as far as in the city, and there is no reason why country life should not have as many attractions and become quite as enjoyable as civilian life. The tradition of light social life should have some weight in this respect. Those who can afford to do so do not spend their time in cities. "The reason" in London is only a small period of the year. Country life is the backbone of English society. For Canadians, who must all, directly or indirectly, draw their sustenance from the soil, it should be thoroughly understood that the surest way to wealth is agriculture. It may not be the quickest, but it will afford more pleasure, more certain profit, and for the same amount of intelligence and enterprise, more profitable returns for the average man than any city business. Our social and national necessities will urge this view with increasing insistence in the immediate future.

Lower Prices for Christmas.

There are some reassuring evidences that prices are moving downward in spite of the situation in Great Britain. On this side of the Atlantic we have an abundance of the necessaries of life, and our speculators in trying to store away the abundance have rendered themselves liable to the fate of those who yet hoist with their own petard. Sugar was the first to show it. No doubt a corner in sugar looked very tempting. In Canada it was stated that \$60,000,000 worth had been stored away. Reports of great accumulations in different parts of the country were made But according to the sugar dealers there was an absolute dearth of sugar. No sugar was to be had except in little doles. Sugar was sold in two-pound lots to customers who bought other goods, and this prize package trade lasted all summer. Then when the price began to weaken it was asserted that the poor sugar men would be ruined if they were compelled to sell all the sugar they had at current market rates. They had miscalculated and put the price of sugar so high that the good wives of the land decided to do without and the urgent demand expected in the fruit preserving season failed to materialize. The speculators had forgotten that the war taught us to do without things. Sugar is plentiful enough for all ordinary purposes, and the price is bound to recede. It looks as though paper might come under a similar experience as sugar. The difference is that there has been a steady and continuous demand for paper, and the prices exacted have had to be paid. All the more, those who paid them are determined not to pay them longer than can be avoided. It appears that huge stocks of paper in New York have begun to make their appearance under the threat of imports from Finland, Norway and other European points which must find a market and are not too set on profiteering. Europeans with commotities to sell will accept any kind of American money, and under such pressure American paper makers will have to meet the competition. Business in general is becoming affected by the same principle combined with the stubborn resolve of the buying public not to buy until a favorable season presented itself. It is hardly likely that the sellers will allow the Christmas season to pass without making some concessions to the purchasing public with a view to generating a little good cheer all round for the end of the year.

### Election Reform.

Two objections were raised to proportional representation at the meetfac of the committee appointed to report on the matter. Both objections were incident to the present methods of election as well as to P. R., and indeed P. R. is intended to be a remedy for both. The first was in respect of the unequal distribution of voters in the constituencies, and the disproportion in some cases between town and country constituencies. There should be an equitable ratio determined to govern the size of a city riding as compared with the rural one. It has always been granted that more voters should be included in a city than in a country member's constituency, but when the dispreportion in this respect becomes too great a redistribution is naturally sought. The necessity for this is quite as great under one system of voting as under another. The unit of size should be settled and as closely observed as possible. That one constituency should number 25,000 and another 75,000 is scarcely fair, and not even P. R. can cure this completely. There must be redistribution in such cases. One member of the committee said that if this point were settled to his satisfaction he had not objection to P. R. The other objection raised was to the effect that P. R. led to the group system of representation in the parliaments and assemblies. It certainly was not P. R. that led to group government in Ontario, but the old system. P. R. has the effect of eliminaing small groups as the transferable vote enables these to vote for men among the larger parties who represent their views. P. R. concentrates attention on measures rather than on men, and the party that gives the best service gets the general vote, no matter how many candidates may face the polls. This feature of P. R. in automatically the men of whatever parties who most truly represent the wishes of the whole people tends to solidify rather than to split up the representative body. And it prevents any possibility of a real minnority obtaining control as has occurred in the past on several occasions. A committee has been appointed to draw up definite propossis for election reform.

European Situation in a Nutshell.

A New York review recently in discussing the European situation advanced the idea that Europe might eventually become a federation of monarchies presided over by an Emperor, and be the Emperor of France. Capt. Joy, the new associate professor of English literature at Queen's University in addressing the Empire Club of Toronto, stated that France was now the greatest military power in Europe, and that her contradictory friendships for Pilsudski, for Wrangel. for Czechs, Slovakia, for Jugo-Slavia, for Roumania, for Poland and for Russia create irreconcilable conditions and constitute a situation constantly changing and beyond the wit of man to understand. The tendency, he considered, was to swing round from extreme Bolshevism to monarchy and France is now working with Hungary and the reactionary element with the possible result of reestablishing the monarchy, as a means of keeping Grmany weak. France also wants to restore the Russian imperial rule with Poland under Russian domination and to that end she supports Wrangel. The "Little Entente" of Jugo-Slavia. Czecho-Slovakia and Roumania is aimed at Hungary and France. Italy is out of tune with Britain, being disappointed of support on the seaboard and Flume. Should a monarchy be established at Buda-Pesh it would solve the problem of Germany where no strong man has arisen, a sad sent on the former diplomatic system, indicating that the former sats were only puppets. Capt. Cox thought that Europe, especially labor, would take its tone from Great Britain and much depended on her the British workman stood by constitutional methods or yielded to the subtle Bolshevist attack, which was intended now, as the German was in 1914, to subvert the British power.



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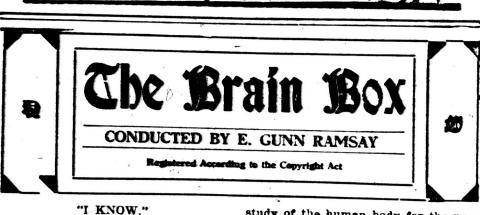
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Did you ever hear anyone say this with a ringing emphasis upon both words, which either makes you feel that this person is very egotistical, themselves? self-confident, even somewhat ascertive or very sure of their point?

A statement is made, a story is told. an explanation given, and the speaker finishes up in reply to some question ! about it, with these two words, "I

There is no more worth-while triumph to be gained over matter than when a man can truly say "I KNOW," ment from the heart.

within the power of man to know fully. | gain it? Certain things about which we may only humbly conjecture or think, and when we come to these the man who or the tool you have to guide. sets himself up as an authority and who boastfully asserts the right to guide all others by this egotistical "I KNOW" is a blind leader of the blind.

The truly great man realizes that we did you act so yesterday? know, but little of many things, but that the greatest power comes to him who seeks to know himself, and takes | done? as his motto "know thyself first." How many of us can truly say of our

minds, our motives, our bodies, our work, "I KNOW-MYSELF?"

Men give up a life time to the study of machinery, to inventions, to art, to photography, to every and any kind

purity of the drinking water it is a

In order to kill any germs lurking in

minutes in an uncovered kettle. The

impurities are driven off by the heat

Air coming in contact with the wa-

ter reoxidizes it and prevents it from

Beware of well and spring water

Always when mixing a milk mixture

MIXING MIXTURES.

with another the mixture should be

poured over the milk. This prevents

curding. For instance, in mixing to-

mato and milk, add the tomato to the

milk. In mixing meat stock with

cream sauce, pour the meat stock into

the other. Add also a small pinch of

BUTTER IN HOT WEATHER.

can be kept cool through a hot day by

bowl into a large dish containing as

much salt and water as will come to

within half an inch of the top of the

butter bowl. Cover lightly, and put in

HOME-MADE CLEANER.

Here is an easily made, cheap wall

paper cleaner that will not cumble or

smudge: One cup of flour, one-half

cup of cold water, two tablespoonfuls

vinegar, one tablespoonful salt, one

tablespoonful kerosene. Cook in a

shallow pan until it forces a ball, stirr-

ing constantly. This is especially good

for paper in rooms where the walls

are blackened somewhat from the fur-

nace all winter. Mix the ingredients

CORN SYRUP INSTEAD OF SUGAR.

putting it in a bowl, then setting the

good idea to boil the water.

and escape through the steam.

that has not been analyzed.

having a flat taste.

a cool place.

study of the human body for the purpose of science or surgery, but how many take time and spend thought upon that most wonderful mechanism of all, the power house which lies within

The man who knows himself is the one who has true confidence in his ideals, confidence in the result of his work, confidence for the future. Confidence in one's self is the seed

of success, but it must spring from true knowledge, anything less is a mushroom growth, a delusion that will not stand the test of time. Do not be afraid to know yourself!

ii-knowledge is the finest educational foundation you can have. Without There is very much that it is not this all other is lost. How will you

Watch yourself as carefully as you would the machine under your hand, For every action seek out the motive, find the why and wherefore. Dig

deep. Search back. Spare nothing that the truth may be found. Why prompted the motives to-day? How was this thing hurried? or left un-

Are yau making every minute count for something and if not, why? These mental studies will presently put you upon the road to true self-knowledge. Only so can you be truly successful.

Give up looking at others, until you first know the real YOU — until of of study under the sun, even to the yourself you can truly say, "I KNOW."

Foilsewi

like the result quite as well.

cake that you are accustomed to make.

While sugar is so dear one may use a

AN IMPROVED PRUNE.

spised prune, according to Popular Me-

chanics Magazine. A horticulturist

has been working to replace the big

hard stone to which we are accustomed

by a tender, unprotected seed. Those

and flavor of an almond kernel, mak-

ing the whole fruit deliciously edible.

TAKE GREASE FROM SOUP.

grease harden, a piece of ice may be

put in and then taken out; then re-

move the grease that has hardened on

USING DRY CHEESE.

dry cheese and blending theroughly

with one teaspoon mustard, one tablle-

spoon butter and one-half cup sweet

KNITTED BAG RUG.

make rag rugs is to knit them. The

strips should be about an inch wide.

A pretty pattern is a checkerboard

design, which can be worked out by

easting 22 stitches onto large needles

and knitting 11 rows, thus complet-

A simple and economical way to

from white paint.

Dry cheese makes delicious cream

Unless one is absolutely sure of the stead of sugar in any good recipe for

have as perfect a herd as possible. as well as a protection to the plants; He decides to secure a new sire and many other cases in addition to that correct this fault. He selects an anireferred to have come to our attendefect is shown in the herd, but the thorough spraying with this mixture breeder finds that the animal is from sire is core certain to correct the fault Plant Pathologist.

gether to make the rug the size re-A SEWING HINT.

sticks in sewing heavy cotton go ds. KEEP DRINKING WATER PURE. , make. Simply measure corn syrup inrub the line of stitching to be done with a bit of rather dry scap. MUSLIN SAUSAGE CASINGS.

For those who do not use the natvery little baking soda with acid fruits, ural casings for sausage to keen for the water it should be boiled for 15 when canning or cooking them. They a short time, it is a good plan to try using muslin bags and after they are will take much less sugar, and many We are promised a change in the de-

produced so far have the appearance

When washing cut glass add turpentine to the water in the preportion likes to do his own tinkering insofar of one tablespoonful to two quarts of as possible, it might be added that If soup must be served as soon as it water. This will insure a brilliant a satisfactory compound for coating

rons, first rub them with a piece of it, put it in again, and repeat until the | flannel saturated with ammonia. If no ice is to be had a little butter grease has all hardened on the piece of Then dry with powdered bathbrick and polish with a dry cloth.

### REVENGE AT LAST.

cheese by grating one-half pound of P. C. Youngun: "Mr. Williams, 1 respectfully ask you for her hand in marriage. Mr. Williams: "Ah! ah! you snake! Kerosene will remove finger marks

One year ago to-day you arrested me for drunkenness, an' truncheoned me. all the way to the police station. Now have my opportunity to get even. Wigwag-My wife makes as much

fuss over my mother-in-law as she does over me. Henpeckke-What are you kicking about? Any married man ought to consider himself mighty lucky to be treated like one of the ing one square. The next square family.

This substitution is very easy to length and sew several strips to he acts like a human lawn mower.

# PEDIGREE IS MOST VALUABLE TO PURE-BRED STOCK OWNERS

Not So Important to Know That Animal is Pure-Bred, As it is to Know That Strain in the Herd is the Very Best

CASH VALUE OF A PEDIGREE (Experimental Farms Note.)

All animals have a pedigree of some sort, whether pure-bred or scrub. Only the pure-bred animals have their pedigree registered and have pedigree certificates issued. A pedigree is valuable only when it proves some fact that is worth while about an animal, either favorably or otherwise. We frequently hear comments of some such nature as "I do not care about the papers, it is the cow I want." Speaking broadly that may be good business for a butcher, but the real stock breed-

er is paying mere attention to pedigree than ever before and we often hear him say "that is a beautiful individual but I do not like her breeding." The man who attaches the most

value to a pedigree is the one who The pedigree student may learn of a cow that has had a brilliant showpleasing to the eye in type, form and conformation. He studies her pedigree and finds that she has sprung from ancestors that were of little value and immediately decides to let her alone, regarding her as a freak. On the other hand he may find a cow that is not a particularly fine individual in type but he studies her pedigree and finds that she has for ancestors some of the very best anithe cow doing so on what he knows has not, as so many are inclined to state, paid a big figure for papers. Pedigree does not make value, it decides value by establishing the history of ancestry. The cow backed by several generations of good pro-

hold true. Just as we frequently find of ancestors so do we find poor inas a general rule, produces like, but

ducers is much more liable to be the

dam of producers than the cow whose

dam only, of all ancestors is a pro-

ducer. This does not of course always

and draws his conclusion. mind, first the value of the cow for sive and the air is especially dry. what milk she will produce and secher value as a milk producer but her

determined chiefly by pedigree. and should not be overlooked, vet it must not be the main deciding point. History shows as some excellent individuals who have apparently sprung from inferior stock and later have hecome wonderful foundation cows. Such animals are valuable if properly developed, but the owner must have skill and patience to handle a problem of this kind as often, after a few generations, there may be a reversion

back to the old ancestral type. Some herds have been built almost to perfection with the exception that possibly a single defect may be noticed

When the sewing-machine neidle

time you use it.

is made, and there is no time to let the / polish. To remove rust from steel fire-

should be of a contrasting neutral Wigg-Bjones hasn't much use for color. Make the strip the desired gras widows, has he? Wags - No. than an animal who is strong individually but part, or all, or his ancestors

This is where the real value of a pedigree is recognized. It is not so important to know simply that an animal is pure-bred as it is to know that the strain in the herd is of the very best.-W. M. Hicks, superintendent. Agrassiz, B.C.

TIP BURN OF POTATOES

(Experimental Farms Note) A trouble which is widely distributed and very prevalent in some seasons, and to which the name "Tip Burn" has been given, is to be found among our patato crops. This trouble takes the form of a gradual burning and dryingup of the leaves of the plants, often commencing at a comparatively early stage in their growtn and, in many ases, if allowed to go on unchecked. slowly but surely involving the whole of the plants so that they lie down a knows the most about its true value. | considerable time before the tubers are fu.'w developed.

The appearance of this trouble in the ring career. She may be particularly it is is often mistaken by growers for late blight. There is, however, a marked distinction between the two, for late blight may commence by attacking any part of the plants-leaves and stems alike-has a dark, watersoaked appearance, and, in its early stages, is damp to the touch, while Tip burn invariably commences at the margin or tips of the leaves and has a decidedly dry appearance and touch with the exception or after rain. It mals of the breed. He decides to buy also appears much earlier in the season than late blight has ever been reabout her ancestors. He has made use corded, and does not cause the death of the pedigree to select a cow that he | c. the plants so rapidly. Nor has it ever proven so destructive as late blight, : though evidence has been obt ined that in seasons when it is severe and where no effort is made to check it, a considerable reduction in the yield of marketable tubers, due to the premature death of the plants from this cause, may result.

Investigators of this trouble are not yet in agreement as to the cause. The observations of some have led to the belief that a period of hot, dry weaa good individual with a poor line ther during the growing season causes the leaves to throw off moisture more dividuals with strong ancestors. Like rapidly than it can be furnished by the plant, the result being the appearthe law of variation is also felt. The ance of tip burn. This belief seems, pedigree student studies these laws he ever to be disputed by the fact that the trouble is not found in the hot When a cow is purchased for a regions of the Western States, where breeding herd two things are kept in the temperature often becomes exces-

More recent investigations lead to ondly, the effect she will have upon the belief that this burning of the the future of the herd. A good judge leaves probably follows the depredaof dairy cattle can estimate closely tions of the insect known as the potato leaf hopper. These investigations are worth as a herd improver must be no yet complete, but enough evidence has been produced to serve as a warn-Individual merit is very important ing to potato growers to keep these insect pests thoroughly under control in an endeavor to avoid tip burn.

We have found in our experimental work with potatoes that Bordeaux mixture will to a large extent control this trouble. In 1918, when it was ext tremely prevalent, Bordeaux mixture was not applied. These plots suffered from a severe attack of tip burn and the plants were all killed down by the second week in August, while other plots on the same land, and to which. r the control of late blight, Bordeaux mixture was regularly and thoroughly through the entire herd. The owner until frost came. Bordeaux mixture

applied, suffered to a very slight extent only, the plants remaining green is a true stock breeder and wishes to acts as a repellent to the leaf hopper. mal not only strong itself where the tion bearing evidence that regular and ill reduce to a minimum the ravages families perfect in this respect. This of tip burn.—Geo. Partridge, Asst.

# PAINTED TIRES LOOK BETTER AND LAST MUCH LONGER

Painting the tires with a coating of liquid rubber to which whitening has been added, not only gives the shoes stuffed to paint the bags with paraffin. an attractive appearance, but it also If you do not use the sausage every helps to preserve them, especially in day, dip the end in hot paraffin each the hot summer time. There are a number of tire-painting compounds on the market, and they are intended Eucalyptus oil will remove grease to fill in small cuts and scratches as stains from any kind of material. well as to add to the appearance of Apply with a clean piece of flannel, the shoes. In sealing over cuts and and rub gently until the stains dis- truises the preparations further tend to keep moisture from working itself into the fabric. For the benefit of the motorist who

both the inside and the outside of the shoes can be made by stirring five pounds of whitening into a quart of gasoline, and after a thorough mixing has been effected, adding a quart of rubber cement. The cold patch cement sold by nearly every the company will do. This latter is the rubber part of the mixture. Once thoroughly mixed, the compound is applied with a brush like any other love your daughter, an' would most paint, and due to the elasticity, the point will not crack after it is applied to the shoe.

THE TRUTH.

Sybil: "Did you tell him the trut's when he asked you how old you were? Sophia: "Oh. res!"

What did you say?" "That it was none of his busines:

ONLY WISHED HE COULD. Horticultural Horace: You say here m this article of yours, that you have cultivated hot-house liffac bushes that have attained the height of over fir

Literary Lesite: "Yee: why?" Horticultural Horace (musingly); thing; only I wish I could illac than

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