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- Men's Fine Shirts, reversible collar. Regular price 75c. On sale this week **59c**
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- Men's \$1.25 Fine Shirts, with collar. In the window this week at **98c**
- Men's Silk Finished Shirts. Always sold at \$1.50. While they last **\$1.19**
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Our openings being so successful in pleasing the public, made our supply a little short of what we expected, making it necessary for us to reorder all the New Creations in Spring Millinery, consisting of Small, Medium and Larger Hats.

Now our Stock is complete again, and we would be pleased to show you through at any time.

Don't fail to see the hats this season, as they are very different from other seasons.

Mrs T. H. McClocklin, McIntyre Block, Durham
One door west of Standard Bank.

INFERIOR LIGHTNING RODS

The Department of Physics of the O. A. C., Guelph, again warns the farmers of Ontario against inferior lightning rods. It says:

"One of the same companies that buncoed the farmers with iron-centred rods last year is reported to be selling the same rod again this year. Watch out for them.

"There is no difficulty in spotting these rods. The outside covering is a thin sheet of copper, one-half inch wide, and two galvanized steel or iron wires about No. 10. The copper sheath is twisted around the strip and wires, giving the rod a corrugated appearance. The steel or iron will rust out in from five to ten years. For photograph of what happened to a rod of this kind in less than eight years, see Figure 34, Bulletin 220, which may be had by writing the Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

An Illinois firm is circularizing the trade and others advocating the "Mast" lightning rod system. They declare that twisted cables are positively dangerous, claiming they act like "choke-coils," that tubes only should be used, that insulators must be used, etc. For concentrated essence of error these circulars surpass anything else the department has seen.

Beware of the man with the iron-centred rod and the man who claims that twisted cables are dangerous. The Department will be glad to be informed regarding the operations of either.

HOLSTEIN BOY SCOUTS

Holstein Boy Scouts meet Wednesday, May 5, in the Boy Scout Hall, at which every Boy Scout must be present or receive a leave of absence from the Scout Master. In the meantime, we are making arrangements for our first annual concert and sports on May 24.

J. H. ALLINGHAM,
Secy. Holstein Boy Scouts.

The police raided a Chinese gambling joint in Owen Sound on Sunday morning, arresting a number of inmates. The keeper of the resort was fined \$300 and costs, and three frequenters \$20 and costs each.

THE FARMER'S INCOME.

Cash Profits Do Not Measure the Returns From a Farm.
[Prepared by United States department of agriculture.]

Just how much does the average farmer make? The answer to this puzzling question has been long sought by agricultural experts, since it is the ultimate test of all systems of farm management. It is simple enough to calculate the cash profits received in the course of the year, but these do not measure the farmer's success. The farm supplies him with much besides money—with food, shelter and fuel. For these things the city worker has to pay out a large part of his wages. They must, therefore, be included in any just estimate of the farmer's income. In other words, the city worker is paid entirely in cash, the farmer partly in cash, partly directly in the necessities of life.

To obtain fuller knowledge of the value of this direct contribution from the farm, the United States department of agriculture has recently concluded an investigation which included 438 farm families, divided among ten states in different sections of the country. The investigators found that on these farms the cost of maintaining each grown person was on the average \$176 a year.

Of this sum only about 22 per cent was paid out in cash. The remainder was furnished by the farm, not in the form of money, but in those things for which the money would have been exchanged. The extent to which a farm can thus be made self-sustaining, made to supply the wants of the family that lives upon it without resorting to buying and selling, is indicated by conditions in the particular area of North Carolina included in the investigation. This area, it may be said, is not regarded as typical of Southern agriculture.

The investigators found that the average annual value of the food, fuel, oil and shelter enjoyed by the farm family was \$505. Of this sum the average farm furnished directly \$429, leaving only \$76 to be bought. The grocery bill was always the largest item in the cash expenditure.

This was even more apparent in other sections where the farms were less nearly self-sustaining than in this particular area of North Carolina. The bulk of the groceries was always bought, but the total quantity consumed depended to a great extent upon the quantity of animal products and vegetables raised on the farm. Where these abounded the consumption of groceries diminished. From this it would seem that an obvious way to effect an important saving in expenses is to raise more vegetables and animal products on the farm.

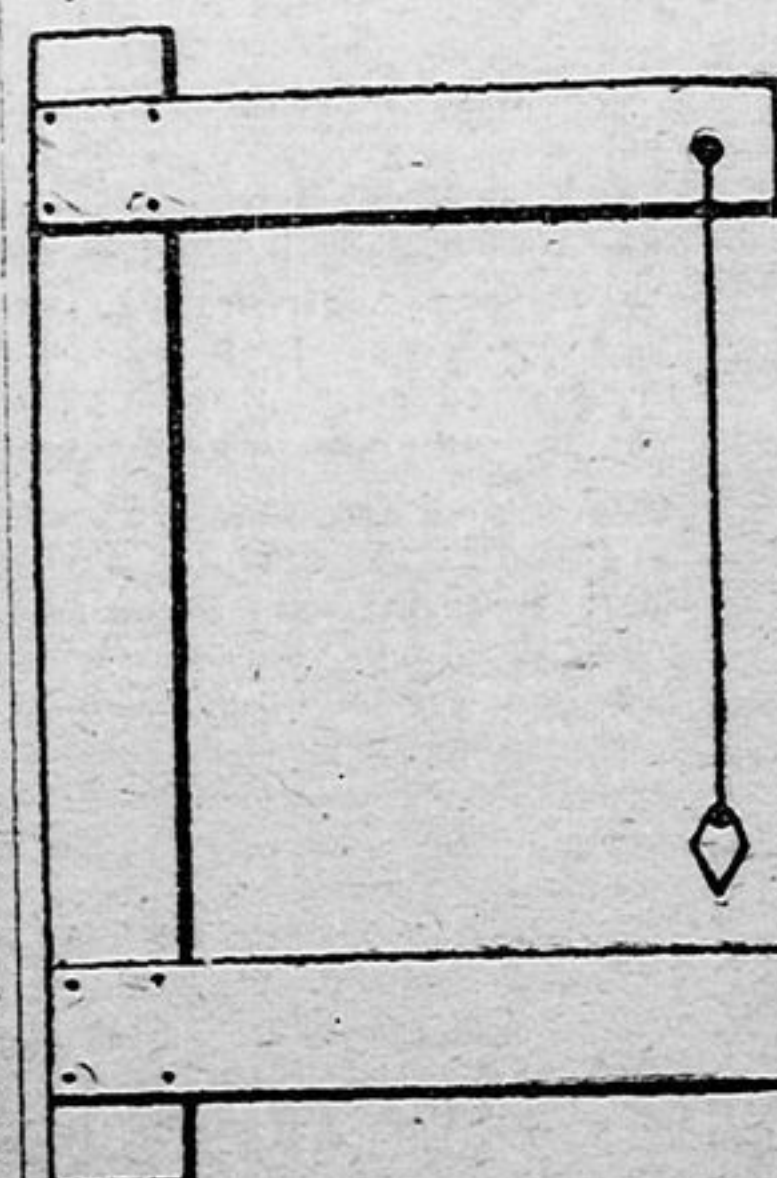
Whether it is better to cut down expenses in this way or to increase receipts by concentrating attention on cash crops is one of the great problems in farm management, the answer to which in each individual case depends upon local conditions. In the past, however, many farmers have not realized the existence of the alternative. The two other important items in the cost of maintenance are house rent and labor. Both of these it is a common error to overlook in estimating the farmer's income. Since the house usually goes with the farm and the labor is performed by members of the family both are taken for granted.

With labor it is much the same. The members of the family secure by their work comfort which they would otherwise have to buy, or to put it another way, if they did the work for somebody else they would be paid. As it is they pay themselves.

It is obvious, therefore, that what the farm furnishes directly in food, in fuel, in shelter and in rent is an important part of the farm family's income. On the other hand, it must be remembered that the farmer has capital invested in his business, the interest on which must be earned before he can truly be said to be making money. In the proper relation of the three factors—interest on the investment, cash receipts and direct income from the farm—lies the secret of successful farming.

Homemade Plumb Bob.

While you can get along on a farm without a plumb bob, it is nevertheless very handy when doing certain kinds of work, and it is a part of the everyday equipment for rough and ready



farm carpentering and building. The one illustrated here is easy to make. Very little material is required. Take two ordinary latns, get them set true with the try-square or T-square and attach the bob with a string. By using the illustration as a guide you can make a very serviceable help.—Farm Progress.

Not Lost, But Gone Before

In memory of those who have lost their lives in the present war. Canada could offer nothing more beautiful than the best of her sons. Of these, over two hundred fell gloriously discharging their highest duty. We are proud of them. They are gone, but not forgotten.

Death makes sad havoc here!
So stealthily he comes amongst us,
With his greedy hands rifling our treasure casket;
Stealing thence, the dearest and the best!
We would have watched—and hidden them away,
But he is strong, and takes us unawares.
Our hearts are poor, losing so many riches,
And our homes are still and sorrowful,
That erst were gay and musical with song.
There are some names we cannot utter for the choking tears,
Some spots so full of painful memories
We scarce can bear to see them.
In our hearts are pictures of the missed one,
Painted there by the deep touch of anguish.
We see the eyes that looked their tender love,
The lips that parted off to bless us,
But the mist is in our eyes, they are but pictures still.
And such is earth.
But ah! there is a home, a land of no more death,
Whose sapphire halls have never echoed back the cry of pain
Wrung from white lips at parting;
There—the signs are turned to songs,
The tears to sparkling gems,
The prayers to praiseful anthems.
There, ere long, we shall regain our treasures,
They are safe—for God will keep them for us,
Soon He will enrich us with them there—at home.

—T. Hargreaves Ibbott,
Methodist Parsonage,
Holstein, Ontario

PERSONAL

Mr. Lorne Allan was in Toronto over Sunday.

Mrs. John Nelson of Dromore is the guest of Mrs. Hamilton Allen.

Mr. W. A. Campbell of Queen's University, Kingston, is home for vacation.

Mr. Harold Aljoe of Toronto Dental College is holidaying with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cameron went to Shelburne on Tuesday to attend the funeral of her father.

Mr. Lynn Grant, of Toronto Dental College, is spending his vacation at the parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis and child, of Edmonton, arrived here by the noon train Tuesday, and will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Davis, in Glenelg, and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Allen, in town.

McWILLIAMS.

The weather has been extremely warm this last few days for this season of the year. This has caused a rapid growth of grass, which will be much appreciated by those short of feed.

Mr. Allan Kennedy had the misfortune to lose a horse last week. Rev. Mr. Leece of Priceville was visiting around these parts one day this week.

Mr. Sherrington of Walkerton, accompanied by Mr. G. A. Watson, were around one day this week looking up a cream route for the coming season.

Rev. Mr. Ibbott of Holstein will give an illustrated lecture on the present war, in Ebenezer church, on May 13, commencing at 8 p.m.

Mr. Farr Lawrence was confined to the house for a few days last week with a severe attack of la grippe.
Mr. John Andrews has treated himself to a new buggy.

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