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BOOKS FOR FARMERS AND FARMERS' WIVES

“If country life is to become all that it should be, if the career of the farmer is to rank with any other career in the country as a dignified and desirable way of earning a living, the farmer must take advantage of all that agricultural knowledge has to offer, and also of all that has raised the standard of living and intelligence in other callings.”—Theodore Roosevelt in Introduction to the Report of the Commission on Country Life.

The purpose of this bulletin is to place before the farmers and farmers' wives of Missouri the names and the descriptions of a few useful books which may be of service to them in their work. I am convinced that many farm homes would possess books dealing with the various departments of home and farm activity if the farmers knew precisely what books would give them the information they desire. If the farmer should have in his home the best books on poultry where he could consult them daily, he would increase his poultry products many times. If he had constant access to the best methods of caring for his sheep, and hogs, and cows, and would be guided by the experience of other men who have been successful stock raisers, he would make money more rapidly.

A resident of Columbia purchased twelve pullets and five cockerels in December, 1910. He studied several poultry books continually and followed directions and suggestions as well as he could with his lack of conveniences, and at the end of the first year he had a net gain of (§28) twenty-eight dollars. It pays in dollars to have the best books in dealing with specific problems. To make the most money out of poultry, a poultry raiser must master his subject. He must know the best methods of raising chicks, of feeding and housing his laying stock, and the like. The same is true in any other vocation. Many farmers have not had an opportunity to study these problems in the College of Agriculture. Their observation and experience
have not been sufficiently wide to make them adept in all departments of farming.

The farmer’s wife, too, has her problems. There is the care of the babies, the preparation of the food, the decoration of the home, all of which may be done more efficiently by the mothers and wives who study those problems in the light of the experience of others. If the housewife is interested in foods let her consult some book in our list on foods. If she is specially interested in the healthy growth of her boys and girls, let her read Hutchinson’s Handbook of health and Holt’s Care and feeding of children. These are the books which apply to her problems.

If the industry of your county is dairying, then here is a list of books on dairying, any one of which would be useful to you. If your county is devoted to fruit raising, then this list of books on horticulture may be worth while.

The books are grouped by subject and only a few of the best books are listed. These books have been recommended by the several professors in the College of Agriculture who teach the several subjects included in these lists. The library possesses other books on these subjects, which will be loaned if the readers wish them. The library contains books on a multitude of subjects. If information is wanted which can not be supplied by the books listed below, address the Librarian and state your problem. A book treating your problem will be sent if it is in the library and not in use.

The individual books listed may be loaned to residents of the state, provided the borrower pay the cost of transportation. The amount of postage in each case is indicated. These may be loaned for a period of (14) fourteen days subject to a renewal of (14) fourteen days, making a total of (28) twenty-eight days. If a reader should desire a book for a longer period, he should write to the Librarian about it. The fine for not returning a book on time is five cents a day.

These books may also circulate in groups. If several
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families in a community wish to study horticulture, all the books in this list may be sent as a travelling library on the request of two or more residents of the community. The library in that case may remain for a period of three months. Arrangements have been made with the Missouri Library Commission, Jefferson City, to send out these groups in travelling libraries. Application for a travelling library may be made on the enclosed blank card. The card may be mailed direct to the Secretary of the Commission, or to the Librarian of the University.

These lists may also serve as a guide to the purchase of books for the home library. The names and addresses of the publishers and the prices at which the books were published is given to facilitate their purchase. They may be secured through the local book-seller or from the publishers themselves. The library has none of them for sale.

**HOME ECONOMICS.**

A. GENERAL.

**Hutchinson, Woods.** Handbook of health. Illus. N. Y., Houghton, 1911. 347 pp. Publisher's price, $1.25; postage, 12c.

"This is a handbook of practical instruction for running the human body. "And seeing that, like other machines, it derives the whole of its energy from its fuel, the subject of foods, their properties, uses, and methods of preparation has been gone into with unusual care." Preface.

**Richards, Ellen H.** Cost of food: a study in dietaries. N. Y., Wiley, 1901. 161 pp. Publisher's price, $1.00; postage, 8c.

"A study of food requirements and economical means of meeting them."

**Richards, Ellen H.** Cost of cleanness. N. Y., Wiley, 1908. 114 pp. Publisher's price, $1.00; postage, 8c.

Contents: Clean house, personal cleanness and the disposal of personal wastes, the clean city, the cost of uncleanness, the way to future cleanness.

**Richards, Ellen H.** Cost of living as modified by sanitary
science. Ed 3, N. Y., Wiley, 1905. 164 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.00; postage, 8c.

"Attempts to indicate best methods and the proper division of economics."

Van de Water, V. T. From kitchen to garret. (Young farmer’s practical library). N. Y., Sturgis and Walton, 1910. 262 pp. Publisher’s price, 75c; postage 8c.

“It aims to simplify household duties of wife and daughter.”

B. CHILDREN.

Brown, D. R. Baby: a book for mothers and nurses. Boston, Whitecomb & Barrows, 1908. 200 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.00; postage, 7c.

“The writer knows all that is to be known about babies.”

Holt, L. E. Care and feeding of children: a catechism for the use of mothers and children’s nurses. Ed. 3. N. Y., Appleton & Co., 1903. 143 pp. Publisher’s price, 75c; postage, 7c.

“A standard work.”

C. FOODS.

Barrows, Anna. Principles of cookery. Chicago, American School of home economics. 1907. (Library of home economics, v. 5). Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 12c.

A course for home study.

Church, A. H. Food. Some account of its sources, constituents and uses. Lond. Chapman, 1900. 260 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.00; postage, 8c.

Part 2. Of vegetable foods.
Part 3. Of animal foods.
Part 4. Of food adjuncts.
Part 5. Of diet and dietaries.

Conn, H. W. Bacteria, yeasts and molds in the home. Boston, Ginn. 299 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.00; postage, 9c.

The work is designed for all persons who have practical charge of homes and are interested in keeping them in the best and most healthful condition.
**Hutchison, Robert.** Food and the principles of dietetics. Ed. 3. N. Y., Wood, 1911. 635 pp. Publisher’s price, $3.00; postage, 30c.

A comprehensive treatment of the subject. The lectures were first given to students, then revised and enlarged and printed in book form. The author says: “It is hoped that it may also prove intelligent and interesting to anyone desiring to acquire some knowledge of foods and the difficult problems of nutrition.

**Norton, Alice P.** Food and dietetics. Chicago, American school of home economics, 1907. (Library of home economics v. 6). 227 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 13c.

A course of home study.

**Snyder, Harry.** Human foods and their nutritive value. N. Y., Macmillan, 1908. 368 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.25; postage, 13c.

“Its aims to present some of the principles of human nutrition along with a study of more common articles of food. Prominence is given to those—as flour, bread, cereals, vegetables, meats, milk, dairy products, and fruit, that are most extensively used in the dietary.” Preface.

Other books of worth on this subject, which we do not circulate to non-residents, are:

Lincoln and Barrows. Home science cook book. Boston, Whitcomb and Barrows. Publisher’s price, $1.00.


Fireless cooker. Chicago, American school of home economics. Publisher’s price, 10c.

**D. HOME DECORATION.**

**Clark, T. M.** Care of a house. A volume of suggestions to householders, housekeepers, landlords, tenants, trustees, for the economic and efficient care of dwelling houses. Illustrated. N. Y., Macmillan, 1903. 291 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 14c.

“Valuable handbook on the repair and maintenance of houses, for non-technical readers.”

**Daniels, Fred H.** Furnishing of a modest home. Illus.
Worcester, Mass., Davis Press, 1908. 114 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.00; postage, 8c.

"The aim of the book is to promote good taste in the home."

French, Lillie H. Homes and their decoration. N. Y., Dodd, 1903. Illustrated. 446 pp. Publisher’s price, $3.00; postage, 21c.

A thorough discussion of decorations and furnishings of the home.

Kellogg, Alice M. Home furnishings, practical and artistic, with 55 illustrations from photographs. N., Y. Stokes, 1905. 278 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 12c.

Object: "To give practical aid to the aspiring home artist. The author has considered the different parts of the house in turn, and suggested the appropriate furnishings and decorations for each.” Preface.


Treats such subjects as selecting furniture, floor coverings, wall decorations, window trimmings, decorative ornaments, the nursery, the kitchen, home-made rugs, etc.

Richards, Ellen H. Cost of shelter. N. Y., Wiley, 1905. 142 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.00; postage, 8c.

“A thorough discussion of housing problems.”


Deals with theory and specific applications.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

Coburn, F. D. Swine in America. A text book for the breeder, feeder, and student. Illustrated. N. Y., Judd, 1910. 619 pp. Publisher’s price, $2.50; postage, 22c.

This book deals with breeds and breeding, feeds, such as alfalfa, roots, corn, wheat, etc., housing, preparing for market, and diseases.

Kenyon Printing Co., 1910. 187 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 13c.
Includes judging horses, cattle, sheep and swine.

**Davenport, E.** Domesticated animals and plants. A brief treatise upon the origin and development of domesticated races with special reference to the methods of improvement. Boston, Ginn, 1910. 335 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.25; postage, 11c.

“After all, the main purpose of the book and the main hope of the writer is to interest the student in affairs of the farm, and to enlist on the part of high schools the same interest in the teaching of agriculture and the preparation for the affairs of country life as is now exercised in the teaching of other subjects and the preparation for other phases of life.”

**Harper, M. W.** Manual of farm animals; a practical guide to the choosing, breeding, and keep of horses, cattle, sheep, and swine. N. Y., Macmillan, 1911. 570 pp. Publisher’s price, $2.00; postage, 18c.


Part 2. Feeding stuffs.
Part 3. Feeding farm animals.

**Johnstone, J. H. S.** The horse book. A practical treatise on the American horse breeding industry as allied to the farm. Chicago, Sanders, 1908. 299 pp. Publisher’s price, $2.00; postage, 12c.

“The work is designed primarily to be of practical value to those who have in view the production of the types of horses in general request upon the farms and in the market places of the United States.” Preface.

**Jordan, W. H.** The feeding of animals. N. Y., Macmillan, 1903. 467 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 15c.

“A valuable contribution to agricultural literature. Not a statement of rules or details of practice, but an effort to present the main facts and principles fundamental to the art of feeding animals.”—New England Farmer.

**Kleinheinz, F.** Sheep management. A handbook for the shepherd and student. The Author, Madison, Wis.,
1911. Illus. 245 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 9c.

"...this handbook has been prepared to serve as a brief guide to sheep management. It treats only of the practical problems of the care and management of the flock which every shepherd engaged in the business has to confront."

Preface.

Marshall, F. R. Breeding farm animals. Chicago, Breeder’s Gazette, 1911. Ill. 287 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.25; postage, 12c.

"The main object of this book is to direct attention away from profitless speculations that have necessarily characterized some earlier books and to stimulate interest in the more tangible, the physical basis of heredity."

Preface.

Mumford, H. W. Beef production. Urbana, Ill., The Author, 1908. 209 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 9c.

Contains: Fattening cattle for the market; breeding beef cattle for the market; elementary principles of stock feeding.

Plumb, Charles, S. Types and breeds of farm animals. Boston, Ginn, 1906. 573 pp. Publisher’s price, $2.00; postage, 18c.

Part 2. Cattle.
Part 4. Pigs.


Contains: Administration of medicines, diseases of the special organs, poisoning, surgical operations, infectious diseases, etc.


Contains: Examination of a sick horse, methods of administering medicines, diseases of the special organs, general diseases, wounds, shoeing, etc.

DAIRY HUSBANDRY.

Conn, H. W. Bacteria in milk and its products. Designed for the use of students in dairying and for all others concerned in the handling of milk, butter, or cheese.
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Phila., Blakiston, 1903. Illustrated. 314 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.25; postage, 9e.

Eckles, C. H. Dairy cattle and milk production. Illus. N. Y., Macmillan, 1911. Publisher’s price, $1.60; postage, 13c.

Each of the dairy breeds is discussed by the author, their characteristics and adaptation being pointed out; the selection of the individual, calf raising, the management of the cow, feeding and stable construction are also included.

Gurler, H. B. The farm dairy. Chicago, Breeder’s Gazette, 1908. 163 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.00; postage, 9e.


Part 2. Feeding stuffs.
Part 3. Feeding farm animals.

Lane, C. B. Business of dairying. How to conduct dairy farming for the largest profit. N. Y., Judd, 1909. Illustrated. 246 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.25; postage, 13c.

Part 1. The soil.
Part 2. The crops.
Part 5. Products.

Plumb, Charles S. Types and breeds of farm animals. Boston, Ginn, 1906. 573 pp. Publisher’s price $2.00; postage, 18c.

Part 1. Horse, Mule, Ass.
Part 2. Cattle.
Part 4. Pigs.

Van Slyke, L. L. Modern methods of testing milk and milk products: a handbook prepared for the use of dairy students, butter makers, cheese makers, producers of milk, operators in condenseries, managers of milk shipping stations, milk inspectors, physicians, etc. N. Y., Judd, 1906. 226 pp. Publisher’s price, 75c; postage, 9e.

“A work which represents both scientific and practical sides of cheese-making.”


FARM CROPS.

Bowman, M. L. and Crossley, B. W. Corn growing, judging, breeding, feeding, marketing, for the farmer and student of agriculture. Ed. 2. Illus. Ames, Iowa, The Authors, 1911. 508 pp. Publisher's price, $2.50; postage, 17c.

Hunt, T. F. The cereals in America. N. Y., Judd, 1910. 449 pp. Publisher's price, $1.75; postage, 16c.

Discusses wheat, maize, oats, barley, rye, rice, sorghum, buckwheat.

Hunt, T. F. The forage and fiber crops in America. N. Y., Judd, 1910. 434 pp. Publisher's price, $1.75; postage, 16c.

“The characteristics of the forage and fiber crops are discussed, and the results of experiment and experience as to their climatic and soil adaptation, cultural methods, insect enemies, fungous diseases, harvesting, use and marketing are summarized with special reference to American conditions.” Preface.

Spillman, W. J. Farm grasses of the United States. A practical treatise on the grass crop, seedling and management of meadows and pastures, descriptions of the best varieties, and the seed and its impurities, grasses for special conditions, etc. Illus. N. Y., Judd, 1909. 264 pp. Publisher's price, $1.00; postage, 10c.

Voorhees, E. B. Forage crops for soiling, silage, hay and pasture. N. Y., Macmillan, 1907. 421 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 16c.
"The work is intended to give brief and practical farming suggestions that will be helpful in the growing and using of forage crops." Preface.

Wing, J. E. Alfalfa farming in America. Chicago, Sanders, 1909. 480 pp. Publisher’s price, $2.00; postage, 16c.

FARM MANAGEMENT.

Hunt, Thos. F. How to choose a farm, with a discussion of American lands. N. Y., Macmillan, 1906. 430 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.75; postage, 18c.

Chapters 1-11 treat of the selection of a farm for profit, with some illustrations of the principles involved. Chapters 12-19 deal with the thirty different regions into which the author has divided America for the purpose of treatment.

Full of advice to those wanting to buy land, to make estimates of the value of farm property, or to know the agricultural resources and possibilities of different localities.”


Part 1. Farm accounts.
Part 2. Rural law.
Part 3. Inventories from the census.

Roberts, I. P. The farmstead. The making of the rural home and the lay-out of the farm. Ed. 5. N. Y., Macmillan, 1910. 356 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.50; postage, 16c.

Treats of the selection of the farm, the lay-out, the house, barns, yards, sanitation, household economy and comfort.

Steiner, H. L. How to keep farm accounts. A practical book for the practical farmer and a text book for use in agricultural schools. Toledo, O. The Author, 1908. 152 pp. Publisher’s price, $1.00; postage, 7c.

FARM MECHANICS.

Davidson, J. B. and Chase, L. W. Farm machinery and farm motors. N. Y., Judd, 1911. Illus. 521 pp. Publisher’s price, $2.00; postage, 18c.
Part 1. Farm machinery.
Part 2. Farm motors.
Discusses all the more important machines used in modern farming operations.

Publisher's price, $1.75; postage, 18c.
This book is a compilation of the best farm building plans published in the Breeders Gazette during recent years.

FORESTRY.

Graves, Henry S. Principles of handling woodlands. N. Y., Wiley, 1911. 347 pp. Publisher's price, $1.50; postage, 16c.
"The book deals primarily with the principles of cutting mature stands of timber with a view to their replacement by new growth; cutting immature stands made for their improvement; and forest protection, with particular reference to forest fires." Preface.

Green, Samuel B. Principles of American forestry. N. Y., Wiley, 1903. 348 pp. Publisher's price, $1.50; postage, 14c.
"This is a book on elementary forestry, and has been prepared especially for students and others beginning this subject. It is also intended for the general reader who wishes to secure a general idea of the subject of forestry in North America." Preface.

Keller, Harriet L. Our native trees and how to identify them. A popular study of these habits and their peculiarities. Illus. Fifth ed. N. Y., Scribner, 1907. 557 pp. Publisher's price, $2.00; postage, 18c.

Roth, Filbert. First book of forestry. Boston, Ginn, 1902. 301 pp. Publisher's price, $1.00; postage, 10c.
"An effort has been made to present in simple, non-technical language some of the general principles underlying the science, and to state the methods which are employed and the objects to be obtained in the practice of forestry." Preface.

Books for Farmers


"Part 1 deals with the units which compose the forest, with its character as an organic whole and with its enemies." Preface.

"Part 2 deals with the practice of forestry, with work in the woods, and with the relation of the forest to the weather and the streams, and concludes with a short account of forestry at home and abroad." Preface.

Horticulture.


Treats of ornamental gardening, of fruits and vegetables for home use.

Bailey, L. H. Horticulturists' rule-book. A compendium of useful information for fruit growers, truck-gardeners, florists and others. Ed. 2. N. Y. Macmillan. 221 pp. Publisher's price, 75c; postage, 8c.


"This little handbook aims at nothing more than an account of the methods commonly employed in the propagation and crossing of plants." Preface.


Contains: Location, tillage, fertilization, care of fruit grounds, diseases, harvesting and marketing fruits.


Part 2. Vegetable gardening crops.

Treats of "making hot-beds, cold frames, the soil and its treatment; all about seeds; lay-out of the garden, marketing and storing produce." The treatment of each vegetable is taken up.

Bailey L. H. The pruning book. A monograph on the pruning and training of plants as applied to American
conditions. N. Y., Macmillan, 1909. 555 pp. Publisher's price, $1.50; postage, 16c.

Part 1. Fundamentals—fruit buds, healing of wounds, and principles of pruning.
Part 2. Incidents—some specific modes of training, American grape training.

Fraser, S. The potato. A practical treatise on the potato, its characteristics, planting, cultivation, harvesting, storing, marketing, insects, and diseases, and their remedies, etc., etc. Illus. N. Y., Judd, 1910. 201 pp. Publisher's price, 75c postage, 8c.

Fuller, A. S. Small fruit culturist. N. Y., Judd, 1891. 298 pp. Publisher's price, $1.00; postage, 11c.

Contains: Barberry, strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, cherry, currant, gooseberry, cranberry, huckleberry, etc.

Hunn, C. E. and Bailey, L. H. Practical garden-book containing the simplest directions for the growing of the commonest things about the house and garden. Ed. 2. N. Y., Macmillan, 1901. 250 pp. Publisher's price, $1.00; postage, 8c.

POULTRY.

American standard of perfection. Illustrated. A complete description of all recognized varieties of fowls. American poultry association, 1910. 331 pp. Publisher's price, $1.50; postage, 14c.

Class 1. American breeds—Plymouth rocks, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Island reds, etc.

Class 2. Asiatic breeds—Brahmas, cochins, langshans.

Class 3. Mediterranean breeds—Leghorns, Minorcas, etc.

Class 4. English breeds—Dorkings, Orpingtons, Redcaps.

Class 5. Polish breeds.

Class 6. Hamburgs.

Class 7. French.

Class 8. Games and game bantams.

Class 9. Orientals.

Class 10. Ornamental bantams.

Hawks, Earl B. Science and art of poultry culture. A practical text book of poultry husbandry in its various branches. Illus. The Author, 1909. 500 pp. Publisher’s price, $2.75; postage, 14c.
Kains, M. G. Profitable poultry production. N. Y., Judd, 1910. 288 pp. Publisher's price, $1.50; postage, 12c.

"This book is written to present the case fairly and squarely so the farmer may see the advantages that poultry offers as a means of making money. The book lays special emphasis upon all the important practices and new wrinkles that have been found profitable by professional breeders and poultrymen." Preface.


The topics are arranged in alphabetical order like the topics in an encyclopedia.


Part 1. Poultry industry.
Part 2. Production—location, coops, buildings, fences, fittings, foods, incubation, growth and marketing, egg production, etc.
Part 3. Reproduction—types, breeds, etc.

RURAL ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY.


This volume deals with the present movement for the redirection of rural civilization, discussing the real country-life problem as distinguished from the city problem, known as the back-to-the-land movement.

Bailey, L. H. The state and the farmer. N. Y., Macmillan, 1908. 189 pp. Publisher's price, $1.25; postage, 9c.

Professor Bailey here discusses the relation of the farmer to the government in its varying aspects. He deals specifically with the change in agricultural methods, in the shifting of the geographical centers of farming in the United States, and in the growth of agricultural institutions.

Butterfield, K. L. Chapters in rural progress. Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1908. 262 pp. Publisher's price, $1.00; postage, 9c.
Contents: The study of rural life, problems of progress, expansion of farm life, the new farmer, culture from the corn-lot, education for the farmer, farmers' institutes, rural school, the grange, opportunities for farm women, the country church and progress, summary of progress, social side of farm question, federation for rural progress, etc.

Butterfield, K. L. The country church and the rural problem. Chicago, Univ. of Chicago Press, 1911. 162 pp. Publisher's price, $1.00; postage, 8c.

Carver, T. N. Principles of rural economics. Boston, Ginn, 1911. 386 pp. Publisher's price, $1.30; postage, 13c.

An exceptionally clear treatment—the best yet published—of agriculture and the rural problems in their relation to national economy. After a brief history of agriculture in America, the author takes up the factors of agricultural production and management, the distribution of the agricultural income and the problems of rural social life, emphasizing throughout public and social aspects more, and the business aspect less, than has been done in earlier works.

Coulter, J. L. Co-operation among farmers the keynote of rural prosperity (Young farmer's practical library). N. Y., Sturgis & Walton, 1911. 281 pp. Illus. Publisher's price, 75c; postage, 8c.

Plea for co-operative selling, buying and organization in the rural districts in order to bring about educational and social betterment.

Fairchild, G. T. Rural wealth and welfare. N. Y., Macmillan. Publisher's price, $1.25; postage, 12c.

Discusses agriculture as the chief factor in the production of wealth. Special chapters are devoted to the analysis of forces in the production of wealth, aims of industry, methods of association, special incentives to production, showing the rate of increase and value of farms, farm stock, farm crops, etc.


Harris, H. F. Health on the farm (Young farmer's practical library). N. Y. Sturgis & Walton, 1911. 306 pp. Publisher's price, 75c; postage, 8c.

A simple, practical volume covering all phases of personal and some general rural hygienic problems and differing from other books in being especially adapted to southern conditions.

Hays, W. M. Farm development. N. Y., Judd, 1910. Illus. 391 pp. Publisher's price, $1.50; postage, 15c.
BOOKS FOR FARMERS

A comprehensive manual discussing farming as a vocation, the selection of a farm home, planning the farm, subduing the land, drainage, irrigation, roads, bridges and fences.

Ogden, H. N. Rural hygiene. (Rural science series). N. Y., Macmillan. Illus. 434 pp. Publisher's price, $1.50; postage, 10c.

"An excellent work—it is untechnical, suited to the average reader and to village health officers." A. L. A. Booklist.


A collection of eight papers discussing the problem of wider social usefulness for rural schools, with concrete examples of methods already in practice.

Powell, E. P. How to live in the country. N. Y. Outing, 1911. Illus. 300 pp. Publisher's price, $1.75; postage, 14c.

"Those who will find it really most interesting and valuable are the amateur farmers, already 'in being'. To them its practical advice and suggestions will be altogether useful."


"The purpose of the Commission was to determine the present status of country life in the United States, to point out its main deficiencies and to suggest lines of action and inquiry."

SOILS.

Hopkins, C. G. Soil fertility and permanent agriculture. Ginn, Boston, 1910. 676 pp. Publisher's price, $2.25; postage, 20c.

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