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## The Farmers' New Year Song

From one of the rich farming districts of the United States comes the appended article. It is based on a quotation from the Bible, to which the Kansas City Star has added a commentary. It follows in its entirety:

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks,  
And look well to thy herds,  
For riches are not forever,  
And doth the crown endure to all generations?  
The hay is carried and the tender grass sheweth itself,  
And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in,  
The lambs are for thy clothing.  
And the goats are the price of the field;  
And there will be goats' milk enough for thy food,  
For the food of thy household,  
And the maintenance of thy maidens.

"This brief and beautiful song from the Ancient Book of Proverbs is a gladdening New Year's message for the farmer. This is a time when we need music, poetry, religion and optimism. It is an hour that calls for faith, idealism and courage.

"The ancient song begins with the ever old and yet new demand to be diligent. The farmer realizes this and knows from experience that he must know the state of his flocks and all the business connected therewith. And the farmer

does not despise his work, nor think mainly of the burden of his duties in raising pigs, nursing sick lambs, grooming horses or brightening the machinery for spring use. They are to him but details of a great undertaking—feeding and clothing the world.

"Still the poem is written in a minor key. Life is uncertain and full of change. 'For riches are not forever'—Prosperity is a winged bird—who knows the truthfulness of this better than the farmer?

"Storms come, harvests linger, droughts visit, army worms destroy, thieves break through, rust corrodes, markets fluctuate, and wealth decays."

"A return to the old-time virtues of thrift, industry, economy and frugal living, the farmer better than anyone else knows is the way back to safety and prosperity. Then the farmer understands that Mother Earth will care for her children, for the spring will come again when 'tender grass growtheth itself.' There are better days ahead.

"After all, we are faring better than crowned kings. We can come back, they cannot. For 'Truly the crown' as a symbol of power and security 'doth not endure.' But agricultural resources are as secure as the treasures of the hills. The farmer is the embodiment of the spirit of this song of faith and assurance. He trusts in the future and knows it will provide.

"As we face the New Year, this song is a challenge in these distracted times to live calmly and confidently; to live above the fret that poisons the body and embitters the soul; to exercise a militant and triumphant faith and a bold, progressive optimism as we enter this new era of world development."

## Answers to Questions

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Q. Why aren't Chinese allowed to be buried in this country? A. L.

A. There is no law prohibiting the burial of Chinese in the United States. Some are buried here, but the Chinese prefer being buried in their own country.

Q. Does the discharging of a rifle cause one noise or two? I. A.

A. There are two noises when a gun is discharged, the report noise and the bullet-flight noise.

Q. How did Governor's Island get its name? M. E. R.

A. The Dutch called the island "Nooten," and the English translated it Nut Island. The Indians sold it to Governor Wouter Van Twiller in 1637. In 1698, the island was set aside by the assembly for "His Majesties Governors." In 1784, the name was changed to Governor's Island in recognition of its long tenancy by the Dutch and English Colonial Governors.

Q. At the present rate of use, how long will hickory in this country last? R. H. J.

A. The Forest Service says that at the present rate of usage of hickory there is a possibility of exhausting the supply within 20 years.

Q. Late last summer my red raspberry bushes reached over and the ends have taken root. Kindly inform me what course to take in treatment of same? J. C. A.

A. The department of agriculture says there is nothing to worry about in a case of this kind. You can either leave the plant as it is or else cut off the rooting tips for propagating purposes.

Q. Who is regarded as the best rifle shot in the world? C. K.

A. W. R. Stokes, a student in a college in Washington, D. C., made the highest individual scores in the last international rifle contest in Switzerland. Incidentally the American team of five men won the international team trophy for the first time in history, Switzerland having won it 18 consecutive times.

Musings for the Evening  
MARCELETTE

Antony had worked his way up to a position of importance in a silk firm. Cleopatra had succeeded, but she had not worked so hard. Her beauty had helped her. Antony met Cleopatra and became mad with love. He was a man of the finest culture in business knowledge. It seems to be a law of human psychology that the greatest persons fall the hardest.

Antony forgot his duty to his firm. He lost his business acumen. Soon he lost his job.

Some Cleopatra build and some destroy. Pick the right one.

MARCEL STEINBRUGGE.

SPILLING THE SOUP  
The following letter has been received by a wholesaler from a Boston merchant:

Boston, Mass.  
Dear Sir—When I ordered that soup one of your salesmen, and you send me by freight and that soup was here in Boston freight office over one week, I think one time I go down and I see that box belongs to me. And want em taken to the store. Agant to tell him he is charge 25¢ and I told him to send em back to the company and he sell all right but he dont send em back. So this is no my fall. So I 10¢ to pay storage on soup. Do wat you please. Thank you.

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## TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

### THE RICHNESS OF FRIENDSHIP

Lincoln once said that God must have loved the common people a great deal for he made so many of them.

In thinking of the richness of human companionship and friendship, I have had the same thought in mind—that God must have thought wonderfully of it, or He wouldn't have made it so very beautiful. And He wouldn't have made such a wonderful world, filled with beauties of so many kinds, had He not meant that this friendship should remain as the one cementing power to life.

Picture yourself with not a friend on earth, and you feel so lonely that you do not want to live at all—even though you were to possess the world!

With very little in material things, we may be rich indeed if we have friends.

And if we would build a life more than worth while, we must ourselves know all that it takes to make up a friend.

I think that the first thing in friendship is loyalty. The charm and loveliness of friendship lies in the fact that our friends have most of the faults and virtues common to us. Or else we couldn't warm to them and love them—in their mistakes as well as in their near-perfections.

The sunsets hover about the good and bad in Nature—and give of their inimitable colorings as though everything they touch was perfect.

I feel that the greatest happiness of my life lies in these unpredictable little talks to you from day to day—for I think of you as one of my friends. And I am thrilled with warm joy at the many expressions of kindness that come to me from many of you.

God bless you and give you a large appreciation of the richness of friendship as you work out your particular tasks through the years.

Every time you feel a desire to be a better human being and more helpful in the world, that minute the entire world grows better!

We are small units in a very great whole. Our responsibility starts within us. And then it is possible for our influence to radiate—to only God knows where. He takes what we start and finishes it as only His perfect fashioning can.

Let us, therefore, never falter in our striving.

### Who's Who in the Day's News

KARL LANG

Karl Lang, new German chargé d'affaires to the States, has assumed new duties in Washington, succeeding Baron Edmund von Thurnau.

Lang is thoroughly conversant with Germany's diplomatic policies, has been in the service 24 years. He is about 50 years of age. He began his career as general vice consul at Hong Kong. Before the world war he was stationed in Montreal as consul general. He returned to Germany and was taken into the German foreign office. During the war he was in charge of the trade relations of Germany and neutral countries.

It is understood that when Germany names an ambassador to the United States, Lang will become consul general at New York.

Baron von Thurnau remains in Washington as counsellor to the German embassy.

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### Lessons in Correct English

DON'T SAY:

It is a MOST tragic affair.

QUITE A FEW men will vote for the nominee.

He was INTRODUCED into a secret society.

I HOPE you a good time on your journey.

This man's character is different THAN that man's.

SAY:

It is a VERY tragic affair.

MANY men will vote for the nominee.

He was INITIATED into a secret society.

I WISH you a good time on your journey.

This man's character is different FROM that man's.

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