



The farmer's son.

dividends in lightened labour in later days, but the competent farmer must be watchful—looking for that rickety gate, that growing gap in the hedge, the loose boards in the milking-shed, the blocked drain, and a dozen other potential sources of irritation and inefficiency. A 90-acre farm such as this Inglewood farmer owns covers a fair tract of country, and its upkeep can entail a great amount of walking in all weathers, but here again planning can ensure that a man need cover no more ground than absolutely necessary on his rounds.

There is a well-meaning, if unfortunately worded, advertisement which says "Don't kill your wife with drudgery—let electricity do the dirty work!" The intended meaning is clear, however, and the slogan has a real meaning for the dairy-farmer as well as his wife. In the homestead there is usually found most of the boons of the busy housewife—and no housewife is busier than the farmer's wife—including refrigerator, vacuum-cleaner, range, and the necessary luxury of a radio. As for the

farmer himself, electricity works his milking-machine, provides a reliable supply of hot water, and drives his pressure pump if he has a source of water on the property. All these installations serve to lighten the labour of life on a farm, and—war-time perhaps excepted—are in reach of a prudent and progressive farmer.

A Family Man

For a family man the life has much to commend it, in spite of the lack of many conveniences found in towns. It is the healthiest life in the world, and most boys find the work congenial, with a mixture of grown-upness and healthy play that appeals to them. The life gives children a sounder scale of values, and an appreciation of the simpler things that town children often lack.

A wife with similar interests and ideals is all-important in the life of a dairy-farmer, and it would be hard to find a more perfect partnership anywhere than that between a well-suited farming couple. The work is hard for the wife, no less than for the man, but in the home, too, planning and foresight can accomplish much. It is not a life for every couple—even every happily married hard-working couple—but it would be hard to beat for the right people.



The end of the day.