

Hermit Lives Ninety Years

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HAD SIMPLE RULES OF LIFE

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Macon, Mo.—Ninety years in the back country of Missouri without ever having ridden in a railroad train or visited a town larger than Moberly, Huntsville or Macon, was the record of "Aunt Betty" Elliott whose death occurred recently at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. B. Rice, six miles west of Jacksonville.

Miss Elliott was one of a very interesting trio, the other two being her brothers, Perry and Jordan Elliott, who died a few years ago. All their lives they had lived upon the land which was taken up by their father, William Elliott, when he came from Kentucky to northern Missouri in 1816. After the death of their parents and the marriage of the younger children, Miss Elliott and her two brothers lived on the old homestead, carrying on their farming operations and duties about the house in the same primitive manner as conducted by their parents in the pioneer days.

Had One Ride in a Motor Car.

Miss Elliott once enjoyed the experience of riding in a motor car. She said she got as far as College Mound when something about it went dead and they had to hitch on a couple of mules to haul them back home. She never cared much for motor cars since then.

The Elliott brothers developed the estate until it comprised about 2,000 acres, and although in the heart of the very richest growing section of Missouri, much of it was rough pasture land. For a great many years the farm was inclosed with rail fences, which as time went by sank far into the ground. The fencing around this farm marks almost the last of the old rail fences in northern Missouri.

None of the three had found time in their busy lives to go to school, but they knew the value of stock and grain and were as shrewd in their

deals as anybody. Underneath a large part of their land are valuable beds of coal.

"Fight shy of doctors and medicine. Have something to interest you and keep going. Learn to go to sleep easily, and don't borrow trouble. Get out in the air and raise turkeys, ducks and chickens. Eat hearty and go to bed early."

That was the rule of "Aunt Betsy." Scorned Luxury for Simple Life.

Fourteen years ago a correspondent visited the Elliott trio and spent a day with "the children of nature," who scorned luxuries to live the simple life of their parents, pioneers of Missouri.

There the correspondent found a leaky house, built by their parents; a part of which was begun the year after the Civil war and never had been completed, and three "children," all more than seventy, who never had had time to even think about marriage. The only thing modern on the farm was a nice-looking range in the kitchen which the boys had purchased for "Aunt Betty."

Late in the evening the two "boys" returned to the house. All talk in gentle, quiet tones. In brief they outlined their lives as follows:

- Never too old to quarrel.
- Never had a quarrel with anybody.
- Never swapped a horse.
- Never owned a dog.
- Never use tobacco in any form.
- Never belonged to a church, but believed in God.
- Never were in a lawsuit.
- Never knew the extent of their wealth.
- Kept their accounts with pins or shingles.

Two-Story Crop Proves Success

Enterprising Farmer Discovers How to Make Fourth Plain Land Pay.

RAISE CHICKS AND PRUNES

Chickens Fertilize Land Good Only for Raising Prunes—Farmer's Discovery Leads to Rapid Growth in the Industry.

Vancouver.—Fourth Plain, now a community with the thriving village of Orchards as the center, is expected to come into its own in a few years. The reason is a system of agriculture known to Orchards residents as the "two-story crop." If the Orchards residents make their present system work, it will be the first plan for tilling the scanty Fourth Plain soil that has proved a success since the land was first cultivated by the Hudson's Bay company some 90 years ago. The Hudson Bay farmers made the land pay. Until very recently, the only other people that profited from Fourth Plain were the real estate men, who frequently sold the same tract of land two or three times a year.

The soil of Fourth Plain is fine looking on top. In fact, what soil there is

is good soil, but it exists only in very small quantities. An inch or so beneath the surface gravel is found. Eastern people, lured into buying a small farm, soon found that it could not be made to produce. Even prunes failed, this being about the worst thing that can be said for southern Washington land. The prune crops were usually small, although occasionally big crops are harvested.

Soil Looks Fine.

R. J. Renny, a well-known chicken man, discovered the "two-story crop." In searching for a farm for a chicken ranch, he found a place at Orchards that was well drained and otherwise suited. On the farm when he bought was a prune orchard. Mr. Renny cultivated the orchard and raised the chickens in addition. He soon found that the chickens fertilized the prune orchard, the light soil being well adapted to the purpose. As a general rule animal fertilizer cannot be used for prune orchards except on light well drained soil.

Mr. Renny specialized on quality stock, and his birds and eggs command far better than the market price. Others of his neighbors tried out the experiment and it was soon found that practically every Orchards farm is as well adapted to the two-story crop as the Renny place. Ten years ago but one commercial chicken raiser was located at Orchards. Now the number in the district is probably close to 500, and every flock is being increased.

Chickens Fertilize Land.

A thousand chickens in the hands of an experienced chicken man will produce a comfortable living at Orchards. The chickens occupy the "ground floor" on the farm and fertilize the prune trees, occupying the second story. While the prune trees are not remarkably productive as prune trees go, nevertheless they represent practically all profit.

As over 50 chicken ranches have been established in the last six months, it is conservatively estimated that at the present rate of increase two more years will make Orchards the greatest chicken country in the United States, not excluding Petaluma, Cal. Practically every chicken raiser, in addition to his flock of birds, has an orchard, and the receipts from both fruit and chickens make farming a success.

Orchards is six miles from Vancouver, Wash., and but ten miles from Portland, Ore., and as a street car line runs through the new chicken country, the growers have little to fear about finding a market.

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From Africa.

The "Greatest Show on Earth"—one of them—was touring Georgia and having trouble with its small but select menagerie. Therefore, the management of the show advertised for an assistant animal trainer. A husky black gentleman applied, was accepted and went to work.

When the time came to feed the animals, though, his nerve faltered, especially when he was obliged to open the lion's cage.

"Oh, Lawd!" he prayed, "as yo' was wid Dan'l in de lion's den, so be wid me now."

Whereupon a voice issued from the king of beasts:

"Nebbah mind de Lord and Dan'l, big boy. Dis yere lion's yo' own countryman. Jes' bustle wid dat chow."—American Legion Weekly.

Egotism.

Always reflect that, of course, some of the services performed for you are not so well done as you could do them.

Volcanoes are most thickly grouped in Guatemala and Java.

The upper classes in Japan do not frequent the movies.

Snowy linens are the pride of every housewife. Keep them in that condition by using Red Cross Ball Blue in your laundry. 5 cents at grocers.—Advertisement.

It is not the correct thing even in polite society to return the visits of a physician.

DYED HER BABY'S COAT, A SKIRT AND CURTAINS

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An Americap Miss.

For a quarter of an hour the master had been giving examples of the names of rivers which in Greek were feminine, when he noticed one boy, blissfully unconscious of the mental edification he was missing, contemplating the beauties of nature through the classroom window.

"Jones!" he roared, "give me a feminine river!"

The dreamer stirred, and in a flash of inspiration answered: "Sir, the—the Mississippi, sir!"—Exchange.

Wanted to Fight Wildcats.

William M. Knight addressed a crowd of negroes on the circus grounds at Louisville.

He described himself as an "annihilator" and a "killer," and offered to do combat with all the wildcats in the circus menagerie, predicting a direful outcome for the wildcats.

Furthermore, he challenged anyone in his audience to gainsay that he was the "gamest gamecock" on those grounds. Copious draughts of witch hazel, he said, had made him what he was, and he was about to expound further on the rejuvenating effects of that beverage when a policeman took him away on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Last Privately Built Submarine



The United States submarine S-51 being launched at the yard of the Lake Torpedo company in Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. Roy P. Mills, who was sponsor for the vessel. This is the last of the submarines to be built by private contractors.

American Legionnaires at Versailles Palace



The American Legion men visiting Paris are shown passing the statue of Louis XIV in the courtyard of the great palace at Versailles, where the peace treaty was signed.

The Man Who Said:
"The proof of the pudding is in the eating"—
was only half through

He started a good pudding-proof, but he didn't finish it.

There's a lot of trouble in the world from puddings that taste good but don't do good.

They "eat" well, but that ends the recommendation.

Sanitariums are full of pudding-eaters who stopped the test at taste and forgot to inquire whether their food gave the body what it needed—until the body rebelled.

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