CHANGING CONDITIONS ON THE FARM.

Very Little Building on the Eastern Shore in Past Ten Years.

A talk with builders and dealers in building material emphasizes the fact that in the last 10 or 15 years there has been no country building on any moment done on the Eastern Shore by the profits from agriculture. The house-building that has been done year after year is what may be termed accidental. It is always a future unknown quantity, and, depending on contingencies, can never be estimated ahead at the beginning of the year or season. One contingency is fires; a farmer may lose his houses by fire, recover the insurance and rebuild. Another is death, resulting in the division of a landed estate and the necessity of erecting a dwelling and farm buildings. If the heir gets ready money enough from the estate he will use that in his buildings; if not, he has to raise it on a mortgage, which the land will never pay off, as a rule, under the present conditions of farming. Indeed, the owner may be considered lucky if his debt does not eat up both farm and new buildings. Another contingency is the purchase of land by a moneyed man who will equip it with new buildings. Competent judges assert that there is not on the Eastern Shore of Maryland $10,000 a year from the profits of the farms spent in building. The opening up of a new railroad through a country brings a new population, even if limited to the railroad employes, and makes a demand for dwelling houses along the line. This was well illustrated during the last two years along the new Queen Anne's railroad, when more building probably was done than in all the rest of the Eastern Shore put together, outside of the towns. The money for this is not furnished by the farmers, but by local capitalists and building societies. Building in the towns, whether for investment as property to rent or as an abode for the owner, is done by the merchants and other business men. These things are not said in a discouraging way, but as an apt illustration of the serious fact that farming, particularly on the Eastern Shore, is not a money-making business. There is a good, comfortable living in it, but no surplus to lay by with which to replace old things with new. What is left after the living is barely sufficient to keep repairs? If a farmer accidentlly gets a peach crop and a price for the fruit, or less accidentally a big Keifer pear crop or strawberry yield, he will use the money to pay debts, and not to build a house. There is not even a living on a hundred-acre farm from the profits of growing grain at today's prices after the cost of the crop is deducted. It has to be suplemented with fruit, berries, truck or poultry, to make the farmer and his family a decent living.

HELEN KELLER'S SENSE OF TOUCH.

It Partly Serves the Deaf and Blind Girl in Place of Ears and Eyes.

"The delicacy of Helen Keller's sense of touch is certainly keen, but its keenness has unquestionably been developed from a merely normal foundation," writes Joseph Edgar Chamberlin, of Helen Keller, the deaf and blind prodigy in the May *Ladies' Home Journal*. "She 'hears,' as she expresses it—that is, feels—a footfall on the floor of the room, and distinguishes footfalls which differ markedly one from another. Last summer, when she was taking her exercise one day by walking up and down the veranda, I was seated in a chair near the door, and a little child, barely a year old but able to walk freely, came walking lightly out upon the veranda. Helen stopped at once, and coming up to me and touching my lips asked, 'Is Marion here?' I answered 'Yes.' Helen smiled and said, 'I thought I felt a soft sound.' She is particularly sensitive to musical vibrations. She is fond of holding her hands against a piano when it is being played, and her face shows keen pleasure while she is thus occupied. She distinguishes between high chords and low chords on a piano, but her sense of feeling does not distinguish between major and minor cords nor between concordant and discordant sounds. It is to be borne in mind that she has no remainder of hearing whatever, the drums of her ears being ruptured.

A great deal has been said and written about her power of recognizing people by the touch of the hand. She certainly does recognize all her friends readily by shaking the hand, and sometimes recognizes at a second meeting, and some time afterward, a person whom she had met once before. I have studied this accomplishment of hers a good deal, and am convinced that she recognizes her acquaintances not by the feeling of the hand, but by the slight individual or characteristic movement or movements of each person."

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The first patent for a Reaper was granted, Jos. Boyce, of England, July 4th, 1799, which was only remarkable because of its being the first. From that time on there were a number of unsuccessful attempts to produce a reaper, but not much was accomplished until 1822, when Henry Ogle, of England, invented a machine which is said to have cut and laid the grain in sheaves remarkably well. The farmers, however, hesitated at the expense, and the working people threatened to kill the builder if he persued any further, and it was dropped.

The first patent issued in America on this line of invention was to Richard French and T. J. Hawkins, May 17, 1803, of which little is known.

The first American invention which possessed any degree of merit was that of Wm. Manning, of New Jersey, patented May 3, 1831.

The next of any importance was the reaper patented by Obed Hussey, of Maryland, Dec. 31, 1833, which practically marks the era of harvesting grain by machinery, as the chief features of this machine have been incorporated in all harvesting machines made since, and it was the first successful reaper that was placed on the market. On Aug. 7, 1847, Obed Hussey obtained one of his most important patents, which was for the guard of the present day.

During the period following this date there were many patents issued of more or less value which we must pass unnoticed with one exception, which will no doubt interest our readers as it was issued to a citizen of our State also, Owen Dorsey, of Howard, Co., on Mar. 4, 1856. This was for the revolving reel raking device, a popular machine, and a valuable invention, and is still built by nearly all manufacturers. Space forbids us dwelling on the many different devices which contributed to the development of the reaper, and the next we will notice is the patent granted on the 17th of August, 1858, to C. W. and W. W. Marsh, of Illinois, for a harvester that elevated the grain and deposited it on a table where it was bound by two men standing on a platform.

This was a phototype of all machines which have since carried binders, whether men or automatic machinery, and marks another era in the harvesting of grain.

The Marsh Bros. were farmer boys and not mechanics and had many difficulties to overcome. In 1860 they attempted to build twelve machines at their home, but they were poorly constructed that they had not the strength nor capacity for the extraordinary heavy grain of that year, and all failed except one or two which were patched up and pulled through.

This disaster nearly discouraged them, but they went to Plano and had a machine built by a thorough mechanic which was experienced with more or less successfully until 1865, when they were successfully marketed by Stewart & Marsh.

Meantime Marsh Bros, had become involved through these experimental expenses and losses, and sold one-third interest of their invention to a speculator, and they together licensed six western States to Easter and Gammon, which afterward became the firm of Gammon & Deering.

Up to 1879 there had been made over 100,000 of these harvesters carrying men to bind, of which two-thirds were made by the Marsh combination.

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