

" an hour^{off} for lunch from 12 to 1. Go on then until 5⁰⁰.
feed and then at 8 o'clock groom & bed down for the
night. I think that it is now a long time since such
binding methods were employed, and I think that the stabling
is cut out a good deal and the horses are ruffed. If it was
a general mixed farm there were other arrangements.

There was more of a satisfied feeling, and a general co-
operation between man and master. True there was no
place for loafing, and there was not that feeling that if it
was ~~not~~ necessary that a man or employe should have
the pleasure of a little respite. Prices for commodities pro-
duced were not generally very high and the farmer in many
cases was very hard pushed. There was no paternal government
to run to for everything. If a man had not the means, he
had to go without. Pay a big interest for loans, and be pre-
pared for foreclosure if getting behind with interest or rent.
It was no unusual thing for a farmer who found himself
in these circumstances, to be ousted from his property & lose
the equity that he had put into it.

To day I must confess that in general we have developed
into a community of grumblers. Every body trying to get
away with the idea that every other body concerned is trying
to get a little more than he is justly entitled to.

We have now still, from all (the record goes) that it is ~~the~~
the best country in the world and conditions better than
any other. But are we as a people any happier?
Yet I would not say but what there is now a more general

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feeling of equality amongst the different classes of society.
In the old days largely there was that distinction that
a person must live in that state of life in which he had
been placed. A servant must not forget that he was a servant.
Charity is now bestowed as a right and necessity, but
~~is~~ dispensed ~~not~~ without discrimination. In those old days
a man had to look for a job, in order to live, but
a lot of charity was dispensed to the poor "swagger" looking
for work (or otherwise). This form of charity is now
dispensed by the government. If a man can't or won't
work, well we can't let him starve. Have we improved
on the old adage "If a man won't work neither should
he eat".

There are so very many things in life that we all have
an equal right to. Not one of us possess any thing
but what we have received by the blessing of
some one else. If we are well to do we forget that
it is the Almighty that "gives us power to get wealth".
We say this farm is mine or this business,
or this house, because we say we have laboured
for it. In the first place "who gave to us the breath of life?
We ploughed the land & sowed the seed, but who
supplied the sun to warm, and the rain to
moisten the earth, and caused things to grow? And
do everyone of us has that inheritance an equal
right to all that is above the earth & if you plant
a lovely garden, I have a perfect right as I pass by