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CITRUS TALKS

"THE VALUE OF THE FARMER"

The farmer is a most useful
individual to society - in general
& the city - grafted in particular.

O. Henry in one of his humorous
books, "The Gentle Grafter" in re-
counting some of the schemes of
grafters for getting money out of

Trustful farmers quotes the
philosophy of one of his ~~of~~ them
~~that~~ "I have always been

a deep student of nature from
creation down & I believe in an
ultimatum design of Providence.
Farmers was made for a purpose
& that was to furnish a livelihood
to men like you & me, Else why
were we given brains. It is
my belief that the manner that the
Israelites lived on for forty years

in the wilderness was only a
figurative word for farmers; &
they kept up the practice to this
day. Once a farmer always
a "Come-on"

I have myself had experience

Every time I would get ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~extra~~
extra dollar or two of fellows from
the city would drive out in
hot haste & endeavor to get it
away from me. Too often
did they succeed.

I have seen three busy autos
parked by ^{my} office with hungry
city boys ready to catch in
turn. Try their scheme for
extracting that dollar from

my basket account, Some
pretty raw, others clever.

Liable to fall for one as well
as the other, A good deal
owing to nerve & ability - of the
grafters to ~~be~~ wear an
innocent expression & mani-
fest a deep interest in my
welfare.

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men from ~~the~~ country fill
largely important places in
edges. This stream of strong
capable, dependable men from
the country has done much
to ~~for~~ build up &
preserve the integrity
your cities

Farming ~~to~~ here in So.
Cal. is quite-different than
that of the purely grain or stock
farming of the great Middle States.

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We are quite disappointed
in that many of the young
men who left their country
homes, or employment on the
farm to enter the service
of their country in the Great
World war, do not now care
to return to the farm. They
have found the world big
& alluring & prefer em-
ployment in the city to re-
turning to the quiet life of
the country. They remember
the long hours & the little

pay. ~~Now~~ The city offers
an attractive change. Did
he investigate - he would find
the country different in these
respects. About Louis, ~~larger~~
better accommodations, &
~~better~~ ^{bigger} pay now prevail
in the country as well as in
the city. The good roads & the
automobile has brought the city
close to every country home
in So. Cal.

In our smaller cities there
ought to prevail a very close
& mutually helpful relations

between the business men
of the city & the farmers. They
should be invited to become
identified in a helpful way
with the local Boards of Trade
Lodges & organizations for the
general good. The farmers
should be recognized socially
by the city people. The relations
should be cordial between
the two classes. In fact we
have gathered in & about our
cities might we be one com-
munity with interests allied
This recognition on the part
of the city people will inspire
& stimulate the country

folk to higher standards of
of living; they will ~~stand~~^{not}
be more ambitious to make
money & more ready to
spend it with you. Thus
you will reap bountifully
if you sow accordingly
go out of your way & spend
money to provide for the
convenience & comfort of the
farmer when they ~~drive~~^{visit}
the city. A little judicious
attention in this way will be
well rewarded.

People crowd in the cities
for various reasons. The rapid
growth of all our cities as evidenced
by the late census is ample evidence
of ~~the~~ the tendency of people
generally to ~~the~~ congregati-
on in great centers. Some go
to secure employment, some
to engage in business or
manufacturing enterprise, some
are led to the cities by advantage
of for culture, for art
for amusement, but the ~~greatest~~
most potent reason is
the craving after fellowship,
social pleasure & the

general systemment afforded
by crowds of people.