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**FIG. 1.** *Every stock farm needs its shade and water easily accessible.*

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## P R E F A C E

If country boys and girls are to be kept on the farm, it is incumbent on parents and school authorities to enlist their interest in scientific farming and stock raising at the earliest possible age. A text on Agriculture for grade or rural schools should, therefore, begin with a discussion of farm animals, because it is vastly easier to stir up enthusiasm among children over the raising of fine stock than it is over soil elements or even fine crops.

Many texts have reversed this order, because certain farmers' organizations have so recommended. However, if education is our object, the child mind should receive first consideration in presenting any subject.

The author was born and reared on an Ohio farm and taught in rural schools for several winters. He was later a supervisor of township schools. His knowledge of actual farm life and rural schools on the one hand, and of the child on the other, is offered in explanation of this attempt to place before the children of the common schools a simple and stimulating introduction to scientific farming.

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