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To the Moulders of Public Opinion, Who  
Point out Better Ways and Throw  
Light on New Subjects—

**TO THE EDITORS OF AMERICA**

This Book is Respectfully  
*Dedicated.*





## FOREWORD

**I**NTEREST in the "little lands" from which men may make a living continues to grow and spread. A money panic does more than scare people—it sets them thinking how they can protect themselves against a recurrence of this thing. That necessarily turns their thoughts to the land as the source of wealth and independence. It is because of this growing desire on the part of the people to know what can be done with small areas, that the author has written this book. Every chapter has been submitted to some expert for correction and revision, and the author gladly acknowledges indebtedness to Mr. George T. Powell, President of the Agricultural Experts Association; Professor W. G. Johnson, of the Orange Judd Co.; Mr. R. F. Powell, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Association; Miss Kate Sanborn, Mr. Howard

Goldsmith, of the Suffolk Farms Co.; Mr. Samuel Milliken, and others for valuable aid and suggestions. The footnotes give credit to other sources of information.

The reception accorded by press and public to my book, *Three Acres and Liberty*, which Macmillan published a year ago, was a pleasing proof of the interest already awakened in this matter. Six editions of that book have been issued, and indications are that others will follow.

But no one volume could begin to exhaust so fruitful a subject, and the readers of *Three Acres and Liberty* will not find *A Little Land and a Living* in any sense a repetition of its predecessor. The reasons for its publication at this time are numerous and cogent, many of them being set forth in Mr. Borsodi's letter, which follows this foreword. Others may wisely be left to its readers to infer.

Those who are facing the problem of rearing a family on a weekly wage, with the purchasing power of the dollar decreasing, will find much in this book to encourage them to reach out for a better, saner living, through cultivating the little lands.

Those who know most of farming believe that it is only a question of once learning what to do and how to do it, to draw many of the city workers to the outlying lands. This *A Little Land and a Living* aims to do; not to induce the unfamiliar to rush headlong into farming, but to encourage those who feel the pressure of city life to study how they may get away from the overcrowded city into nearby country, where the gardens may first be made an adjunct to the income and later, perhaps, prove the source of the income.

Mr. George T. Powell writes:

“You have brought together many facts and information that should be helpful and be an aid to many who, for the want of specific information, do not realize what they might do on a small land-holding.

“If there could be lectures given on this subject in the tenement districts it would be of special value. I advocated this in a lecture at the United Charities Building on ‘How to Help the City Poor to Get Out to the Land.’

“They do need specific instruction, first, where