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1922, QUICK, John Herbert, 1861-1925, Iowa farm boy; rural school teacher; lawyer; editor of Farm and Fireside, 1909-1916. Member of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, 1916-1919. Author of "The Brown Mouse," "One Man's Life" (his autobiography), three Iowa novels, and numerous other works. Worked hard home on parents farm until 20, in spite of a physical handicap caused by infantile paralysis. His formal schooling was limited to rural schools of the neighborhood. Read law in a lawyer's office and gained prominence as lawyer in Sioux City, Iowa, by successful prosecution of mumicipal grafters. Served as mayor of Sioux City 1898-1900. Began his literary work at age of 40. "The Brown Mouse," 1915, is a stirring novel about the transformation of a rural neighborhood by a rural school teacher who got children and adults to study the problems of their community. "Vandermark's Folly", a story of the soil, is about a poor boy who settled with the grub stakers in Iowa during the late fifties. "The Fairview Idea, first published as a serial in the Saturday Evening Post, shows what a young minister and his wife and a kigh rural high school with vocational courses could do to make a rural community both pleasant and profitable for young and old. 19191 Stimson.

