

In Woman's Realm

This Page Will Be Devoted Exclusively
to Subjects of Interest to Women

NEW WORK FOR THRIFTY WOMEN

Mrs. Felix Williams, of Shreveport, La., well known in Southern society, who runs a 1,600-acre farm and manages 200 negro employes, advises women to take to farming as the only career open to them which they will not find overcrowded. She says "it will bring them greater returns in health, happiness and in that delightful knowledge of an independent life than anything else that I know of."

THE SAD CASE OF CITY WOMEN

In the great number of articles concerning the sad fate of country women which have appeared lately, none of the writers ever seem to think that there are women living on farms, except the type they represent—that is, allowing there is the type they picture so pitifully before our eyes. To say that a woman lives in the country means, to them, that she is overworked, never paid, prematurely old, narrow and contracted in her views, and entirely devoid of everything that goes to make life happy and content. Without going into detail about the rights or wrongs of the case of the country woman, it would be well to turn to the average city woman, not the woman whose husband is wealthy, nor the one who lives in the slums, but the average woman. There are hundreds of thousands of men earning anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five dollars per week in cities, so a glance at the lives led by their wives would be interesting.

First of all in the way of food, for food comes first in every life, what may the city woman set before her family? A few weeks ago a country woman purchased from a dealer a large, live turkey, but discovered, when the feathers were off, that it was very poor and thin. She also discovered in dissecting it that the liver was covered with spots that looked to her like cancers, so she immediately returned the bird to the dealer. He took the matter calmly and put the fowl into a barrel to ship to the city, remarking as he did so, that city people had to take what they could get. She also made the discovery that hundreds of fowls were being held picked, but not drawn, in cold storage, to "ripen" for the city market. Many dealers buy up diseased poultry as a matter of course, and dress it before it dies for the city markets, keeping the healthy, live birds for their "finicky" country patrons. Country people would hurriedly bury much of the poultry their city relatives have to eat if they insist upon having poultry on their table, but still the country people are always pitted.

Butter is another product about which the city woman can not afford to ask questions. Tubercular butter, dirty butter, and everything else in the butter line, is consumed by city people, yet they would not live in the country at any price, because of the

unhealthy surroundings there. The ladies in small towns and in the country insist upon knowing who makes every ounce of butter they place upon their tables, and where the milk they use comes from, but how would that be possible in a large place? Of course, there are wealthy families in every place who can have the best at any price, but this article is not dealing with that class. The woman with ten or fifteen dollars per week to spend for the table can not afford to go into the root of every matter, and she might lose her appetite if she did.

INSTRUCTION IN SCIENTIFIC HOUSEKEEPING

Recent developments show that housekeeping is becoming more and more a subject for serious and systematic thought in educational circles. Chicago has just established the Lucy Flower High School for Girls, the primary object of which is to teach girls how to manage a home. As a secondary feature of the school is instruction along the lines that will enable girls to make a comfortable living until they are entrusted with the management of a home. The curriculum includes cooking, management of the family budget, care of the household furnishings and laundry, household design and decoration, dressmaking and millinery. By making a separate high school for such practical purposes Chicago is not unjust to those girls who desire a more cultural course, as that may still be obtained elsewhere.

Cincinnati's recent contribution to domestic education is a model flat in charge of a specialist, where household art and science is taught in a most practical way.

Nor is progress confined to the large cities. Carbondale, Illinois, has two hundred and fifty girls taking a lively interest in the wifely matters in the public schools. A recent inquiry showed that most of the girls were ambitious to be housewives, and that they had already become of greatly-increased assistance in their homes.

The idea that women are fitted to become good housekeepers spontaneously by reason of their women's intuition will not long survive in an age of high-school household economics.—Success.

A REPLY TO "BLUE EYES"

Editor Woman's Page,
Hershey Press, Hershey, Pa.
My dear Editor:

I am a Palmyra boy and a reader of your paper, and I had been calling to see a certain Hummelstown girl. If this is she who wrote you that letter she will know it, and if not the young girls who read the "Press" can profit by my experience which I am now going to tell you.

Your advice as to how to catch the fellow who seemingly did not care for the girl is good, and I doubt not that it is frequently worked, but in my case that scheme would be hopeless. The girl I called to see in Hummelstown attended dances regularly at Hershey Park. She was introduced to me at a picnic, and knowing that I did not dance, she never mentioned dancing to me. Later, I guess when she thought she had me cinched, she used to come up to Hershey on nights with other fellows and have a gay old time dancing. One day I asked her for a date and she asked me to put it off because she

said she had promised to go to a dance. Now I had not been with any girl other than this Hummelstown girl, and she was not supposed to be with any other fellows. She broke her promise and thought I was soft enough to knuckle under. She did not treat me fair and I am glad that I resented her advance.

Please tell me if I did the right thing, and whether she is justified in blaming me for not answering her love letters? Mark your answer "Palmyra" and I'll know you mean me.

Sincerely yours,
E. K.

"Palmyra"

Mr. E. K.:

Your attitude, ignoring the Hummelstown girl who deceived you is the proper one for you to take. If you had tried to forget that incident and had married her, some time in the future it may have caused an ill-feeling, which might have ended disastrously. Now Mr. E. K. see to it that you keep your promises and deceive no girl, always remembering that your sins will find you out and that you should do unto others as you wish them to do unto you.

Forget this incident and find another girl who will be true to you.

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AT LEAST ONE SELF-MADE MAN

Dr. Mary Walker, who wears trousers and a thoroughly masculine costume, including the coat and the derby hat, had just concluded before the Senate committee on pensions a few remarks regarding a bill in which she was interested, according to the Popular Magazine. As she went out of the committee room the late Senator "Bob" Taylor, of Tennessee, slid far down in his chair and remarked: "There goes the only self-made man in history."

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