



Farm and Home's Correspondent in Luzon.

This is the picture of Sergeant Irwin Billman of the U S signal corps, who wrote A Philippine Day in our Dec 15 issue. It was taken, writes Mr Billman, at a post near Novaleta, Bacoor and Desmarinas, South Line. The bamboo and alpa hut is used as telegraph and camp headquarters. Flags, as shown in the picture, are used where no wires are available. The enemy is entrenched about a thousand yards distant.

MANY MINDS.

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your advantage to introduce some new ones into yours. So you are not advertising yourself? A mild, insinuation that I was. May I ask in what way? I did not ask for correspondents, I do not wish any. You seemingly would convince us that your friends are innumerable and that they would be loud in your praise and even tell us that we may write them and learn if it is not so. I gave no one reason to believe that it would be possible to learn of me in any way, for I shall never appear to you or anyone other than [Coddle's Sister.

Stepmothers—No wonder Stepmother is in a quandary what to do. There are so many side issues, usually some relatives trying to make the children dissatisfied. The natural feeling of the children is, "You are not my mother."



In order to combat this feeling, the stepmother needs to gain the confidence of the girls, show them she really loves them, be blind to small faults, and not find too much fault. There is another reason—Children are jealous of stepmothers. The father often does things for his second wife willingly, which if he did at all was under protest to please the first. Of course girls resent anything of this kind. There are few stepmothers who are really just to their husband's children. Their own relations take the precedence, and this often causes trouble. We are all more or less selfish, and the wife of a man who has children needs to be unselfish if anyone does. It is a hard place. If the father sides against his children it makes trouble and if he takes their part, that makes trouble. So it needs

kindness and good judgment to make things pleasant all around. Property makes trouble, for stepmothers are far more eager than own mothers to control their husbands' pocketbooks as far as his children are concerned. They have friends they love better, and they make it look right in this way, quieting their consciences, many of them, and taking all they can from their husband's children to bestow on their own relations. [One Who Knows.

Check-Up—I have had much experience in traveling and always noticed that a girl full of life and a little forward is the most thought of in company, although a girl can be too fast; then it is time for her to check-up a little, and think before she leaps too far. Say, Brownie Daisy, I think I can beat you a peg or two. You said you could not bake a cake fit to eat. I can. I bake Johnny-cake and apple dumplings, if I am a bachel, and I can keep a house looking neater and cleaner than many women do, but it isn't because they couldn't if they tried to do so. Dean, I think you are quite right about boys being your best and bravest friends. Many girls would not put their foot before the door after dark without someone by their side. I know some young men who are just as bad. Just learn to use that rifle and be a good shot. I intend to go hunting deer (not dears) some day and perhaps you can go along.—[Keystone Bach.

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