

tern is cut in 6 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires 6½ yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size. The skirt measures about 2½ yards at its lower edge. A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10c. in silver or stamps.

9623—A Simple Frock for the Little Miss—Girl's dress with body and sleeve combined. White linen embroidered in blue was used for this design. It is easy to develop and cool and comfortable for warm weather. The design would look well in tan colored gingham piped with red, or in red or blue chambray piped with white. The pattern is cut in 4 sizes, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years. It requires 2½ yards of 40-inch material for a 4-year size. A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10c. in silver or stamps.

1277—A Simple Serviceable Apron Model—Ladies' Bib Apron. Percale, cambric, gingham, drill, sateen or alpaca

could be used for this style. The bib portion is gathered at its lower edge and has strap ends over the back. Convenient pockets are arranged over the sides of the skirt portions. The pattern is cut in 3 sizes: small, medium and large. It requires 5½ yards of 36-inch material for a medium size. A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10c. in silver or stamps.

If He Were My Boy

By Alberta M. Keeper

We will not consider the immoral and low type of hired man, for no one has a right to ask his wife to live under the same roof, much less bring up his children with the example of the depraved ever before them.

But there are coming into thousands of farm homes at this season, wholesome, hardy young people hoping to get a start in life by the sweat of their brows—the God-bidden way of earning

the bread, and in these youths we have a responsibility.

Because they are "hired men" directly we give them employment does not give us the right to crush all the buoyancy of youth between the upper and nether stones of hardwork and humiliation.

As we are Christian women, we must face the situation squarely and at every turn whisper the question to ourselves, "What if he were my boy?" then rest assured we will decide with fairness; for thought of our own sons out in the world will stir to life the broader mother heart within us that reaches out to all young people.

"If he were my boy" will prompt us to look to his health and comfort: we will urge him to change his clothes when caught in a downpour; we watch for symptoms of illness, checking them with those timely home remedies always at our command.

We will be interested in his friends and tactfully direct his course. Never will we nag him but direct him from bad company.

Is he fond of reading? Then borrow from friends when the home supply is exhausted all good books possible; for Sunday and rainy weather are tedious hours for the lad far from home that feels no one cares more for him than so much horsepower.

My word, after years' experience; it pays to buy good magazines and books or join a library for the sake of the boys in the home whether they are our own or not; and we may count this money in with our sum set apart for the Lord, if we wish, for it has been written "In as much as ye did it unto these, My children, ye did it unto Me."

A comfortable bed with the same little touches about his room like he is our very own will bring reward in faithfulness, for hearts are never stone; and every boy has a heart, a big, kindly heart, hammering away under a coat of bluff or shyness.

When a farm woman laments the inability to have a nice dining room or living room because of hired hands, one wonders if these boys are treated as human beings or "dumb, driven cattle."

The fact that some mother's boy is out from parental restraint during those plastic and restless years of adolescence, and spending those years in our homes, should give us grave concern for his future.

It is such a little thing to say, when we feel he is better off by the fire-side, "Let's pop corn or make candy to-night," or, "I can beat you and Daddy at a game of Rook" or whatever game is enjoyed by members of the family.

When something really worthy comes, arrange for him to attend as much as possible, not docking him for lost time. He will come to feel you have his interest at heart and in return one will find him sticking to the job early and late when work is unusually pressing, and sticking with a glad note in his whistle.

A word of merited praise won't spoil him. A little timely mothering may put him on the way to a self-respecting, honorable life that will be a satisfaction to the one that feels she had a little to do with shaping his destiny.

We farm women look away to the works of our famous sisters and sigh because we lack opportunity; when all the time it lies too close to be readily seen, for the work that lies nearest is the work required of us.

We can never accomplish good by preaching, dictating or making unfavorable comparison, nor nagging them about creed, nor about their faults. We must not assume the "I-am-better-than-thou" attitude, but find the boy's need, and stand by him in every effort to do right;

be loyal to him and never disparage him to others. If in confidence he says that some time in another place he "took a bit more than was good for him," hold the confidence sacred, and caution him to keep the secret from those about him, for some boys tempt, then taunt the one that inclines to drink until reform is almost impossible.

One gets interested in seeing the boy that was a little wayward struggling back. If she can guard and shield him "she has done what she could," and no one does more.

So many do not understand boys. They criticize and cast them off; they are often so narrow in their conception of religion that they restrict them too closely.

A boy is worth while. He has the world's work to do. The kind of a man he becomes tells the work we may expect—he is what we make him. Then, good friends, our responsibilities are plain. We must look upon the lad in our home as we would have our own sons regarded and be guided accordingly by the answer to the question, "What if he were mine?" for every mother has faith, hope, charity for her own.

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