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end and tie the candlewick in each hole. Cut the wicks four and a half inches long, and when tied it will make the fringe one and a half inches long. Curtains made from such material give a soft, creamy light in the room, and on account of their inexpensiveness, one can have an extra pair on hand to hang when they are needed to replace others.

## OUR HOME CLUB

### An Interesting "Pen Chat"

I HAVE been an interested reader of the different letters in the Home Club columns dealing with the "Hired Man Problem," and as others are invited to express their opinions I gladly come for a little pen chat.

I quite agree with "A Satisfied Hired Man," and cannot understand why our hired man while under the roof-tree in our own home should not be treated as one of the family.

Why, I ask, should his position as our salaried assistant, demean him? I guess the sooner we employers improve our morals, so as not to contaminate our hired men, the better for us. I have given the subject careful thought and in no other way can I account for the man's supposedly menial position, unless it is because he consents to do our work; for in other walks of life employees are treated as equals by their employers, not as inferiors.

Teachers and professors had to begin at the foot of the ladder by learning the letters of the alphabet. No disgrace. The student who could not read or write was a disgrace. The student who could not do arithmetic was a disgrace. The student who could not do history was a disgrace. The student who could not do geography was a disgrace. The student who could not do science was a disgrace. The student who could not do literature was a disgrace. The student who could not do philosophy was a disgrace. The student who could not do law was a disgrace. The student who could not do medicine was a disgrace. The student who could not do engineering was a disgrace. The student who could not do architecture was a disgrace. The student who could not do agriculture was a disgrace. The student who could not do commerce was a disgrace. The student who could not do industry was a disgrace. The student who could not do art was a disgrace. The student who could not do music was a disgrace. The student who could not do sports was a disgrace. The student who could not do anything was a disgrace.

We do not live in Africa where blacks are looked down upon as inferiors, nor yet in India, where they have different castes. We live in a Christian land and should have access to the same "our Lord's teachings," who said "The last shall be first and the first last." It seems to me cobwebs are being drawn over our eyes when we belittle ourselves by being honest, decent men. Why not also discuss lives of men in other walks of life, for instance the doctors, lawyers, etc.? The fact that a man is poor and is compelled to trade, and is not able to displace. Our Saviour learned the carpenter trade, and was one of the poorest. He is our Great Example; so what have the hired men as a class done to be despised? Why do they not also merit such cobwebs?

In our home our hired man gets as good a room, as good a bed as the boss (and his is perfect), and our hired man appreciates it, too.

Once being short taken for help in harvest I was fortunate enough to secure the services of a man from another part of the country. He arrived at our home one night near midnight. He was shown to his room, and as the hour was late he quickly extinguished the light, not properly

taking in his surroundings. At home his mother never reproved him for expectorating on the floor, so in our room he indulged in this filthy habit. In the morning upon arising he noticed the extreme cleanliness of the room, and shamefacedly he came at once to his mistress, confessing his misdeed, and promising the like would never occur again—and it did not. This was one instance of the mother being to blame; so mothers take a hint and do not neglect your boys' education at home.

could write to greater length on this subject; but as matter is already low I must not intrude by taking up more space. I hope, however, I leave me I may make comment on one paragraph of Cousin Mae's letter which appeared in your issue of March 10. "Why, enjoyed the party, agree with many of the thoughts, still with one I disagree, and that is her suggestion that the 'old folks' build a small house on the farm, and move there, and live with the 'young folks.'" Now, why not leave the home, so dear to the hearts of those who earned it, in the hands of the owners? Let the young and his wife move to a small house. Let the young couple creep before they walk, but do not have the parents turn backward, by stepping as it were, down and over the shoulders of the old. Let the reins of power as long as they live, and such is just and right, and my earnest advice to parents is, "Do as you would be done by." If you do, you may regret when it is too late for repentation. do not speak from actual experience; but I have heard and seen, and I have heard the expressed regrets at having been so foolish as to give up their place in the world, and as it were, their place in the family.

Death.—Farmer

## The Summer Sunday Dinner

**P**ERHAPS there is no commandment of the ten that has been so universally kept as "Six days shalt thou labor." I believe, too, that in the country the day of rest is more strictly observed than in the city. The farmer allows his horses to rest on Sunday because he realizes that they will stand the summer's work better. The hired man is not expected to do anything but the absolutely necessary work on Sunday, and outside of that he has the day to spend as he pleases. In fact, all regular work is laid aside on that day—or I might be nearer the truth by saying, the outdoor work.

Someone a great many of us seem to be coming to consider Sunday as a day of feasting as well as a day of rest from labor. But the preparation for dinner is not rest from labor, and yet it falls to the lot of many a tired housewife. In many communities Sunday visiting is common. I am not condemning this, but when women are so busy from daylight to dark almost every other day of the week, it is a real way for neighbors to meet in a social way on Sunday.

What I do take exception to is the habit of some people of indulging in baking good things on Saturday, and not content with that, "bake themselves" over a hot stove on Sunday preparing a hot dinner. Even when company is not expected, the hot dinner is a waste of time and energy.

In summer especially, I think it is a shame for any woman to have to putter around a hot stove in a hot kitchen preparing a hot Sunday dinner on a hot day. Instead of the day being one of rest for her when she may have an opportunity to gather fresh energy for the coming week's duties, it is a day of considerable strain. Instead of it being a fixed custom that mother be free to go to church every Sunday morning if she wishes, she very frequently stays home to get

dinner while her husband and the children go off to church, and bring the company home.

A better way, I believe, is to try and have something on the Sunday dinner of fare that can be prepared the day before. And so far as the company is concerned, what is good enough for the family should also be good enough for the company. Probably some Home Club members have worked out a plan to their own satisfaction regarding the Sunday dinner and if so, I would like to hear what they have to say about it.—(Sister Mac)

### More Attention to the Home

HERE are two departments in every farm, the farm proper and the home. The farm proper is the one that supplies the income, the latter the great spending department; but the tendency on the part of many farmers to give all attention to the producing end of their business to the detriment of the home. This view is held by a certain class of farmers in Denvers, of Hastings Co., Ont. Denyes spent several weeks last winter in Institute work, and he never lost an opportunity to emphasize his belief that farming will never be as attractive an occupation as it should be until the home receives more attention.

"We should pay more attention to our home and our community than we do," said Mr. Denyes at one meeting, which was attended by an editor of Farm and Dairy. "The attitude of so many of our farmers is like that of the old Minister. When he received a visit from his minister, the farmer was counted one of the best in the community. When they visited the pig pen, the minister was able to get full information as to the areas of filth, and the farmer was able to go to a day when his best corn had freshened. It was so in connection with every department of the well-managed and profitable farm. They went to the house and presented a dinner with the family, which included three or four bright youngsters."

"How old is this little girl here?" asked the minister. The farmer scratched his head for a minute and then looked at his wife. "Say, Mary, how old is Louise anyway?"

The audience had no trouble in appreciating the point in Mr. Denney's story. He went right on to drive it home. "We are trying to get the right type of cow, horse, and hog," said he. "We would be doing a much greater work did we direct more of our energies to the development of our selves and our children."

## Women's Work

"Some of our good women are working too hard. Help is scarcer in the house than it is on the farm, and it is scarce enough there, the deacons say. Why, it would even help a farm woman did we try to be a little more like the city women. Come in with a pleasant smile, and if it is a hard day for her, lend a helping hand. Some of us have too many jobs for the women folk. After the have done the baking, kept the house clean, hung out a big washing, and got the children off to school, to say nothing about mending, darning, and so forth, we even expect them to cook and help sweep the house and milk the cows. Don't believe the farm woman should be expected to do anything outside of the home."

"Life is not all work; at least, it shouldn't be. Our women should have energy enough left to entertain. Too many of our women have worked until they made gods of their work. They would be brighter and make the home more beautiful did they rest when they get tired, and let the work go." Much more homely philosophy along the same line did Mr. Denyes give. Farmers' Institute audiences do not often hear such sentiment expressed by "a mere man," and they were appreciative.

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