



## BIG CROPS AND BETTER TIMES

**T**HE SPLENDID PROMISE of the Crops all over is encouraging general business in a way that means busy activity for Fall. The fact that we are building an immense new store has done a good deal to help the local situation, and with work being rushed night and day the resulting benefit to the community is very considerable. It is important to remember that ready money is at the top-notch of its value to-day, and that all classes of goods can be bought much cheaper now than later. We urge shoppers in their own interests to anticipate requirements all they possibly can and make the most of present buying conditions. Attractive prices on catalogued goods are a necessity now, because of reducing stocks to make room for store changes.

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she to do their share of the work—remained in bed. She milked and looked after the cows, fed the pigs and poultry, and often the horses, she managed the garden, hoeing and gathering the crops, she made butter and carried it to customers, and in the fall she did most of the dressing and marketing of the great flocks of turkeys and geese and hens.

She had ambitions of her own, of course, but had been trained to make them subservient to the family comfort, so she put them aside, and finally killed herself with over-work just at the time when she ought to have been at the height of her strength and usefulness.

The boys were really not so much to blame. They are strong, handsome fellows, able and willing to do a man's work in the field, but taught to consider milking and garden making and poultry raising and marketing and similar work as belonging especially to women, and altogether beneath the dignity of a man's attention. Now, they have an uneasy

feeling that they might have done a little more for their sister, but on the contrary, mingled with the mother's grief for her daughter, is a tender regret that the poor boys have no one to wait on them when they are about the house.

With equal opportunities this girl, so uselessly sacrificed, had the force and determination to equal and perhaps distance any of her brothers in usefulness. It may be that a niche was waiting for her somewhere in the world, and that it is still empty. Is such self-sacrifice sane or commendable?

### A Chance to Marry.

Certain friends of mine, older women, say that if a young woman has a chance to marry a good man, she ought to do it while she can; that good men are scarce. Do you think this is true?

Whether or not it is true that good men are scarce—and those of us who have been

blessed with honored fathers, and splendid brothers, and noble husbands, and number our trusted friends of the other sex by the score, will be very slow to subscribe to that statement—it really has nothing whatever to do with the first part of the sentence quoted.

Good women are almost as 'scarce' as good men; and a young woman owes it to the world not to diminish their number by disgracing womanhood in a marriage over which her heart or her conscience has any question.

Give your friends to understand that you are not looking out for 'chances' to marry, and that if there were only one good man on earth, and he wanted you for his wife, you would not marry him unless you loved him with all your soul, and believed that God had called you to the honor of being his wife.

When young women have splendid ideals, and insist upon living up to them, there will be more good men, and less talk about 'chances.'—'Christian Endeavor World.'