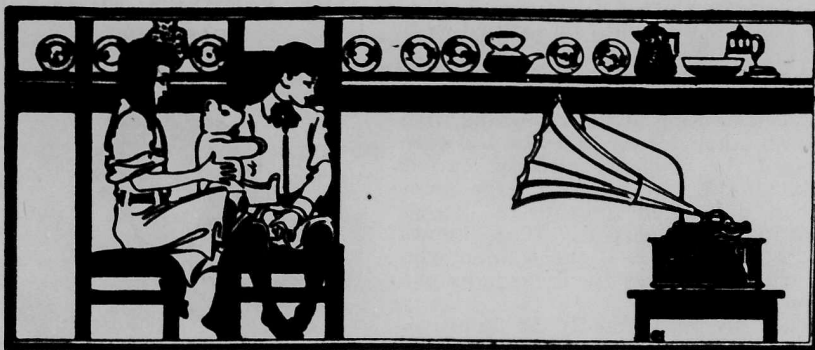




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THE HOSPITAL IN SIGHT

Dear Dame Durden:—I have been reading the Ingle Nook letters every week with much interest, and have thought sometime of writing again to tell all the members who so kindly wished us success in our hospital venture, that we have at last succeeded, and we now feel happy in the thought that there is an able young doctor living among us to be called on when needed. We did not get the church to take over the responsibility of the hospital, but we have managed it in a small way independently, and a Hospital Committee will arrange for the building of a small hospital and a comfortable doctor's residence as soon as spring opens. The hospital will be small to begin with but as our ability and means increase it can be enlarged and improved.

The different ladies' societies are working to make all they can, for each have the same aim in view, to comfortably furnish a ward in the completed hospital. The Ladies' Union, alone, made over \$200 last year for that purpose.

BELLA COOLA.

(You will have received a letter before this regarding the possibilities of your circular.

We are glad to hear about your hospital. It should be a success after the hard work you have all done. I think it was wise for the church not to assume the management of it, for some people would have felt that it was in some sense a denominational institution, while now it makes a bond among all the denominations and will prove a stepping stone to the great church union which is bound to come some day, and which, I believe, will first be consummated in Canada. D. D.)

A COMPLIMENT FOR BERTZ

Dear Dame Durden:—I have been a deeply interested though silent member, but I feel that Rastus should have a reply. Bertz expressed my feelings when he said "It almost makes me sick" upon reading the letter Rastus wrote. In my opinion, judging from the two letters, the woman whom he attempts to criticize is his superior in mental attainments. She, I am sure, could fill a public office with credit to herself and friends. I admire Bertz' letter very much. I could almost imagine that he is a woman from the genuine ring of his statements and the soundness of his principles. I would like him to give his views on the matrimonial bureau. I feel it rather beyond me.

Some one was asking for a remedy for erysipelas. If they will apply a poultice of low bush cranberries it will give relief and subdue the disease.

A. J. H.

FALLEN LEAF

Dear Dame Durden:—I have long been an interested reader of the Ingle Nook, but have never written before as I never felt that I knew anything worth putting in print, but now I see "A Prairie Maiden" is asking for the words to the Indian song "Fallen Leaf," and as I know a song by that name I have copied the words for her and hope it is the one wanted.

In regard to the suffrage question now so much agitated, I can only say that for my part I am perfectly willing to let the men take care of the politics. I have always found as much or more to do that I could do properly without politics, and as most wives would vote the same as their husbands I can't see that it would materially change the results if women were given the suffrage.

Do any of the other Ingle Nook mothers dye their children's light or faded last summer's clothes for everyday wear for the coming summer? I have just colored two of my small son's "Buster" suits that were past the "Sunday" stage, but still whole and good. I used navy blue dye. They look quite well and will be much more serviceable than the faded garments. It is well when dyeing to put in a piece of cloth. Then when the inevitable tear comes you have something to mend it with.

My letter is already long so will close wishing Dame Durden and all the Nook-

ers a happy Easter and prosperity for the coming season.

Sask.

ANOTHER HAWKEYE.

FALLEN LEAF

Far away across the prairies where the noble forests rise,
Lived the fairest little maiden ever seen by mortal eyes.
She whose smile was like the sunshine, daughter of a Warrior Chief,
Came to gladden hearts in autumn and they called her Fallen Leaf.

CHORUS:

Fallen Leaf, the breezes whisper
With a spirit's early flight;
But within that lonely wigwam
There's a wail of woe to-night.

Thru the forest dark and dreary all alone
One summer day,

Came a hunter, worn and weary with his long and toilsome way,
Weeks went by and still he lingered little Fallen Leaf beside,

Till with smiles of love she promised to become his woodland bride.

One bright day this hunter wandered thru the forest glade alone,

Long and lone the maiden waited but his fate was never known.
Like the summer day she faded, like the autumn leaf she died

And they closed her eyes in slumber by the gleaming riverside.

(We had one Hawkeye, but I changed your name as little as possible in the hope of calling out another letter from her, as she is from Iowa, too. It was thoughtful of you to send the poem and I'm sure a Prairie Maiden will appreciate it. Come again. D. D.)

THE DOWER LAW WORTH CONSIDERING

Dear Dame Durden:—The discussions following the letters of Nameless and Rastus are making the Ingle Nook quite interesting of late. If all women had secured such fine men as leaders of their homes, as Sunshine and Helmet of Resolution, they probably would not think of woman's suffrage and the dower law in the same strain they now do. But we must not be too severe in our judgments against them, as circumstances certainly alter cases in these lines. The dower law, in my opinion, needs our time and thoughts mostly, as it affects our comfort and well being. But I do not think it a necessity for women to have a vote in order to change this law. Surely the men of our Western country have not reached such a standard, that they cannot be persuaded to grant a wish to all womankind, especially if it will bring peace and happiness to many homes. In some of these homes this same law brings up some lively debates where very few others occur. I wonder if it would mend matters any, if instead of having scrutineers at polling booths, (who aim to have a man change his mind, if he really had it made up who he would vote for) we should have medical officers who should be able to ascertain, with little delay, whether the man is sane enough to know the good and bad points of the candidate and the government party he wishes to represent him.

I think it would be quite a help to the women of the Nook, if such members as Sunshine would outline in brief, a system of housekeeping whereby we could find time for music or to read books, etc. What would happen to the Ingle Nookers if Dame Durden should choose to start housekeeping in earnest, as Sunshine suggested? Why if Dame Durden had a hubby to please, one who wanted ginger-bread such as mother used to make, she would have as many troubles as ourselves, and we could never more bring our grievances big and small to her to smoothen out, which she now does to the satisfaction of all.

For those who have trouble keeping their shirtwaists down, cut a piece of silk elastic two inches shorter than waist measure, sew a hook and eye firmly on each end and fasten over shirtwaist.

It is a help in making good coffee too, once a week, fill coffee pot with cold water and a tablespoon of baking soda, allowing it to boil slowly, then scrubbing out well, rinse and air. Tea and coffee pots may be put on stove when baking



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