

Farm and Home Council.

true to me and to himself they would have been brought together years ago and I alone left to suffer, but now there are three bright, active little children who love their papa and cannot understand why there is a lack of unity in parental affection, and a heart-broken wife. Let us hear your decision, Cowboy. I am interested in you and yours. [Wallflower.

Cowboy, by all means go back to your first love and ask her once more to become your wife. Do not for one moment think of asking anyone else to marry you when your love is given to another, for if she should accept your offer your thoughts would constantly wander to the one you wish in her place and she would not be long in discovering it, and then what misery her life would be!—[Charlie's Wife.

Troubles Shared—No 2 of Circle 106. I wish that more people would follow the golden rule as you have been doing, for in that way we will find the only true happiness. I would say in answer to Johnny Canuck's question that I think it a change for the worse that the young men and women of to-day think so little of domestic joys. I do not agree with you that married folks have the most trouble. When I contrast some of the bachelors around here with men that are married I can but pity the former for we all know (even old maids) how much lighter troubles are when shared.—[Nellie Bly.

The Spice Woman—"Have you ever visited the spice woman?" was the question which reached my ears as I was elbowing my way around at a fair, recently. The question answered one I was about to ask, for the crowd at this particular booth suggested a novelty of some sort. After a time, I found myself near enough to investigate, and this is what I saw: A miniature grocery store, with rows of boxes neatly labeled, behind a wooden counter. Aunt Jerusha, a typical country woman, was busily weighing the different spices, ordered even faster than she could supply the demand. Above the counter hung this sign:

Come purchase my spice,
It's new, and it's nice;
My prices compare
With the stores everywhere;
And fair rates, at best,
Will admit of a test.

[Helen M. Richardson.

Poor Pessimist—Friend Cowboy, I am in trouble again since I wrote my last letter. I wished to find out which my girl loved best, myself or my money, so I wrote her I had lost my money, and only think, her love stopped immediately! She was put to the test and found wanting. I am sorry, for now I shall have to see if I can find another. Zara, I do not agree with you in regard to the men. I think if you would reverse it and say the girls were heartless you would come nearer the truth, at least that is my experience. Sister Inez, you are right, a woman is not deserving of a man's love if after separation has been made she will not humble her spirit and is obstinate until his love dies, then sometimes it is too late. Yes, there are some women who are not deceitful, but they are few and far between. Cowboy, take warning and give them all up, for they will only break your heart and cause you trouble.—[Number of Letter Circle 106.

A Successful Stepmother—I have been a reader of Farm and Home for some time and have been interested in the stepmother discussion, for I am a stepmother too. When "father" and I were married two of the children were quite small. I tried to be a mother to them. I helped them with their lessons and gave them little presents to encourage them to learn. They are now all married and gone except the youngest, a boy of 15 years. He carries water for me when not at work, takes the milk and butter to and from the spring house and does many other things to save me

steps. He is never saucy to either his father or me. I think if both parties would try to do right they would not have much trouble in getting along.—[Stepmother.

A Mushroom Town—I have been a reader of this paper for more than a year and find it one of the most interesting papers I have ever read. I wish to extend my hearty thanks to you for the dress cutting system I have just received. It is three better than I expected and it proves itself very useful. I am a farmer's daughter and live on a large farm. A small railroad station is located on a portion of it. The town is only a little over two years old and consists of one general store, grocery store, drug store, one large grain elevator, an Odd Fellows' hall, a depot, a postoffice and several dwelling houses, but no saloons. The Councilors should come to this place to locate, for town lots are for sale at only \$25 each. I am a jovial young "old" maid of 17.—[A Hoosier Miss.

Mosquitoes—That malaria results from inoculation by mosquito bites has been proved by catching mosquitoes from known malarious districts, taking them to non-malarious territory and letting them loose to bite a healthy man, who subsequently developed chills and fever, relieved by quinine. There are three principal methods of waging a war of extermination against mosquitoes: First, by drainage of the breeding pools; second, by the introduction of fish into the pools, third, by scattering petroleum or other chemicals over them. The introduction of fish is of value, for fish devour and destroy the grubs of mosquitoes; the use of petroleum or other chemical substances on the water has been found to destroy effectually the larvae and pupae of mosquitoes. Howard's experiment shows that one ounce of petroleum to 15 square feet of water surface will destroy mosquito grubs and prevent their subsequent development.

Perspiration from the armpits and elsewhere is often due to nervous conditions. Sweating over the whole body, if not caused by heat or exercise, is usually due to weakness. Night sweats are often very exhausting. If such sweating occurs both day and night, it indicates that the patient is a fit subject for a physician's care. If not too serious, and at night only, a tenth of a grain of agaricin given at 6 and at 9 o'clock will commonly secure a good night's repose and even cure the trouble in a few days. This remedy is dangerous, and must not be given in doses larger than indicated, nor continued for a great length of time.

Sweating of the armpits and other parts which perspire too profusely may be relieved temporarily by sponging with very hot water for a few minutes. This may be followed by the application of the following ointment. Salicylic acid, 20 grains, boracic acid, 1 dram, lanolin, 1 ounce.

If the feet perspire too freely, it is not well to soak them and wash them too frequently in warm water. Twice or three times a week is sufficient. Every night dust the feet well with a powder containing 20 grains of salicylic acid and one dram of boric acid. Rub this well into the pores of the skin and between the toes. Dust the inside of light weight cotton stockings with the same powder and wear the stockings during the night.

A very simple recipe for putting flesh on a thin neck and shoulders is to bathe them in warm water before retiring for the night and thoroughly rubbing in some olive or sweet oil. In the morning, after a cold sponge bath, rub the neck and arms for about 10 minutes.

An Angora cat refused to take medicine prescribed for it, and the maid-servant overcame the difficulty thus, by mixing the medicine with lard and smearing it liberally over pussy's sides. The cat licked it off with neatness and dispatch as often as it was applied and soon recovered its ordinary health.

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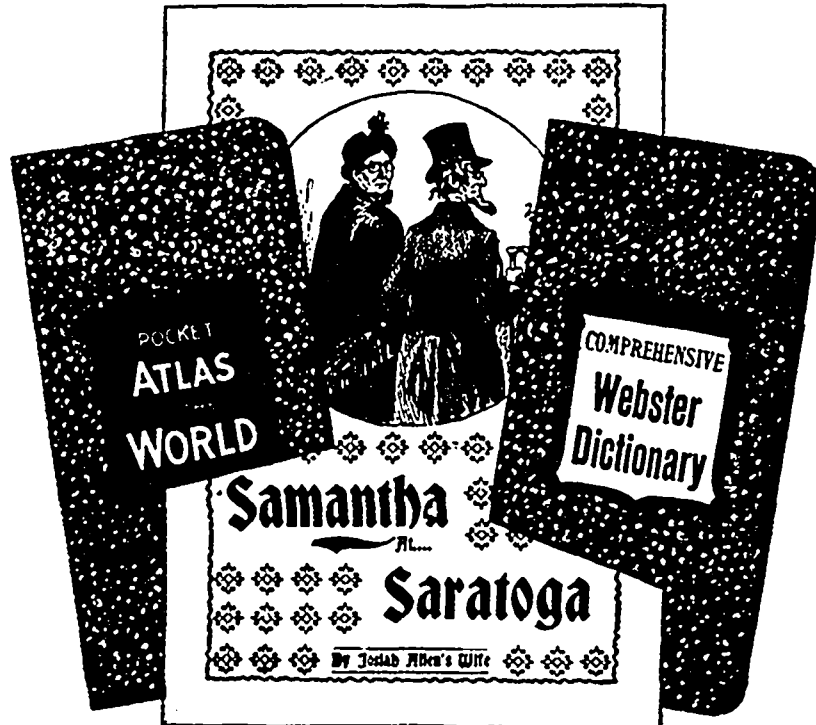
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