

& H Romance-I can sympathize with Cowboy in regard to loving



and then giving her up and trying to forget her. My friend, I have been in the same trouble myself but have found someone else when I love better than I did the first.

which I have better than I did the flist, and we became acquainted through the F & H. Last winter I made her a visit and found her as she represented herself to be, and we expect to be married this coming December if nothing turns up to prevent. One thing I would like to say for F & H—I wish to thank it for the letter circles, for if it had not been for them I would never have known the young lady and I would have missed the best part of my life in the future. Now, friend Cowbey, you go and see the young lady and you will be surprised to find how quick your love will change from the one you were engaged to to your new acquaintance, and you will soon forget her and be glad of it. Try the experiment and see if I am not telling you the truth. With best wishes for your success,—[Member of Letter Circle No. 106] for your success,—[Member of Letter Circle No 106.

Proved a Mother-Stepmothers, I will tell you something that perhaps will help you. I know of a family of children that were all school teachers. Their father married a woman younger than some of the children. She was a very nice lady, but they did not like her and would not call her mother. One of them came home on a visit and was taken sick with a fever. The stepmother did all that was possible for an own mother to do. Another daughter came to help take care of her sister, and she also was taken sick. Then was when the stepmother reached the sisters' hearts. After they were well, one of them was heard calling "Mother!" When asked why, she said, "She has proved herself a mother." So try in some way to prove that you intend to do by them as near right as possible.—[Mac. father married a woman younger than

Begal's Horror-E. M. H. in F & H for March 15 gives the reasons, as she



sees them, for women becoming stepmothers. She entirely ignores the one reason, love, which is or ought to be the the reason for all other marriages. and why not for such?

marry a widower just as she would marry a bachelor, simply because she loves him. or thinks she does it is all the same), and because he tells her he loves her? Does she not be come a stepmother just as she becomes a daughter-in-law, because she cannot marry the man she loves without? How does a man dare ask a woman to marry him if the most he wants is a nurse for another woman's children! And how does any woman dare take the sacred place of wife without "the love which sione makes marriage hely." If the man she marries has children needing a woman's care she should give it freely and kindly, as she choild care for his parents if they need it. But no one would ask that she should love them better than her own father and mother. Girls, sisters everywhere, don't become a stepmother. If you must and will marry, marry a bachelor, wintever else he is.

THIS WILL INTEREST MANY.

F. W. Parkhurst, the Roston publisher, says that if any one afflicted with rheumatism in any form, or neuralgia, will send their address to him at raigia, will send their address to him at Box 1501, Boston, Mass, he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give, only tells you how he was cured. Hundreds have tested it with success.—[Adv.

Marry a man who drinks even, if you Marry a man who drinks even, if you must choose between such a one and a widower with children. I mean it. I had rather lay my fair young daughter in her grave than see her a drunkard's wife, but if I must choose. I would sooner she marry a drunkard than become a stepmother. There is no other horror in I' e equal to the horror that evil-minded stepchildren glory in making of the life of the woman so foolish as to place herself in their power.—(Resal. ns to 1 {Regal.

Nature Studies-The country schools are poorly supplied and equipped. The farmers ought not to be contented with half-way teachers. They should demand teachers who can teach well nature studies. Teach such things and teach them well, and your boys and girls will soon become aware that country life is the ideal life. Let the broad light of modern science drive the mists from off the meadow and raise the vell from the hilltops, and our boys and girls will turn their eyes forever from the dim, false lights of the city's aurora. Introduce free text-books into the country schools, and be sure there are good botantes and insect and bird books among them. Furnish a few good microscopes (\$1.5° apiece), and of all things require that your teachers understand teaching the habits and laws of nature and we the beauties of life farmers ought not to be contented with of nature and ...ve the beauties of life all over the farm and meadow.—[Good Faith.

A Moral-Cowboy, please let that pany rest a moment while I relate to



you a short, true story. A gentleman who had loved and lost asked a friend to be his wife, telling her he had no love to give, but had respect, confidence, a beautiful home and a good

had respect, confidence, a beautiful home and a good name to offer her. The reply was, 'If I marry you I can only give respect and confidence, no love, as that has been given elsewhere." My! but he looked angry and dignified as he arose (six feet two) and politely informed her that it was not his intention to marry any woman unless she would promise to love him better than any other man. Was the lady at fault if she smiled? A short time ago a brother of said gentleman made this remark: "Joe is beginning to realize that the women are not as foolish as he thought, as he has falled to find one that is willing to give all and receive nothing." Tablers, was it selfishness, or has this story a me al? Bill of the Ark, which one of the good book failed to mention you as a member of Noah's family, although the apples and berries are spoken of? A mere oversight. IS. T. S.

NATURE'S PAINT BOX-

Why is the sky so blue.

And why is the earth so green,
While the sunset clouds have a rosy hue,
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The flowers have a richer glow;
The roses, lilles and phlox
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On the wonderful ways of light!

Let some philosopher tell

How things delight in the rays so bright.

To love and grow and dwell.

MARCIA IRENA BARNARD.

Cruel Parents-Girls, let me say to you if you want to see some pleasure



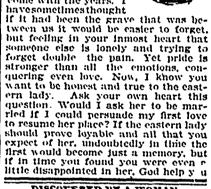
before you die, do not marry while you are in your teens. Some of our girls around here were married when they were nothing but children, and I know they do not

and I know they do not see much pleasure. Some parents think their children should marry whomever suits them, but I don t. for I think we "children" are the ones that have to live with the men. There was a young fellow paying some attention to me, so fellow paying some attention to me, so one evening we were at a parry and he wanted to know if he might walk home with me I let him come, but what did I get next day? Tho old folks just kicked awfully about it so I did not bring him home any more, but whenever we see one another we always have a good chat together. I hope the day will come when we will be together for life. He is just as nice a young fellow as you most ever see, but because some of his people had a hard name they looked down on him, too. then! Could you keep your thoughts from what might have been and bo true to your wife? If you still love your old 1 do not think that is right, because every family has a black sheep in the flock and sometimes two and three of them.—[Elmira.

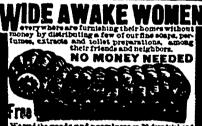
A Kind Word-How much of happl-ness to the human family is involved in being kind to others and receiving the being kind to others and receiving the same treatment from them. A kind word soothes, encourages and helps one at all times, especially when one is downcast, disheartened or disappointed. A smile, a kind word or deed is like a beam of sunshine in a cloudy day. Cross words irritate, foolish jests, if they do not do actual harm do no good to their author or the one they are meant for Ill-natured words, innuendoes, unjust criticisms, have a brighting effect, and leave a bad impression upon the mind, and add no luster to the fame of their author.—[Philander C. Chaney.

Once More-Cowboy, your experience has been so identical with my own that I wish to give you the

benefit of a glimpse inside a woman's heart. After several years' en-After several years' engagement to a man I loved and still love, through a misunderstanding and pride on my part, the engagement was broken. I know what you mean by the loneliness and the vasignation, that the resignation that come with the years. I have sometimes thought



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