

The Country Home

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certain seasons the older people are content to work all day to keep the work up. The young people may partake at an early age the spirit of drive—the "all work and no play" plan that deprives them of sports and enjoyment which keep the spirit young. The sucker-hole is an alluring place, even at the milking time, as is also the "old swimming hole" when haying keeps all hands busy. The task which is set for the farmer lad to be done at a certain time, be it planting potatoes, hoeing corn or picking up stone may be the making of a fine stalwart fellow, but his bounding spirits are at times led unmistakably in the direction of ball and bat or hook and line. When he returns, these give added zest to the work and make him a more rounded individual.

Many boys and girls are turned away from the farm because they hear father and mother says so often that farming is a poor business. The child is made to feel that store-keeping or doctoring or other occupation is much better than farming. The farmer's own fireside often sends his children away from the farm. If the farmer does not take pride in his calling, his children will not.

"As a rule a man's a fool.  
When it's hot he wants it cool,  
And when it's cool he wants it hot,  
Always wanting what is not."

Rev. Geo. W. Kerby, B.A., says: "If I were a boy I would like to spend my early days in the country. There is no life in the world for a boy like the farm life. A large percentage of successful men to-day come from the farm. There is a reason for it. There is health and freedom and contact with nature on the farm that makes the blood tingle and heart leap and the mind expand. There is nothing artificial about country life. The flowers, the birds, the meadows, are fresh from the hands of God.

The farm makes a fine background for the picture of a life. The boy that is not born on the farm suffers a handicap.

We have been thinking about the boys and girls in the country; now we will try to think about the women.

Life in the country as it is lived now is a great improvement over that of twenty or thirty years ago.

You are much more happily situated now than they were then, for it is pleasanter to be able to call up your friends and relatives for a little chat, even if everybody else on the line is listening.

It is pleasanter to go down to the mail box on the corner and get the daily paper and the mail than to drive once a week to town for it.

You want a little more social life, a little less monotony to the days and they will come. The children are growing up and will be better and better company all the time and will draw other young people to them. Your own friends as their children grow up can come to see you often, as you can go to see them. Don't think because you are growing older you won't enjoy things as much when they finally come. You will enjoy them more. Years don't count. Keep young in heart and spirit and you will enjoy the pleasures of life all the more keenly as you grow older.

Just live each day to its utmost, get out of it every good thing to be had, give all you can each day, and look forward. Always look forward and up. Be glad you are a woman because women know all of life, its joys, sorrow, grief, pain and pleasure. Be glad you are a wife and mother because no woman tastes all of life unless she has this experience. And then be glad you are a country woman, because country women are the salt of the earth.

Something to Remember

If kitchen floors are painted with boiled linseed oil they are cleaned very easily.

The simplest way to clean windows is to rub with a pad of newspaper sprinkled with ammonia.

In order to get a pudding to come easily from the mould plunge the latter in cold water for a moment.

When you cook green vegetables and wish to have them green when served, let them cook with the cover off.

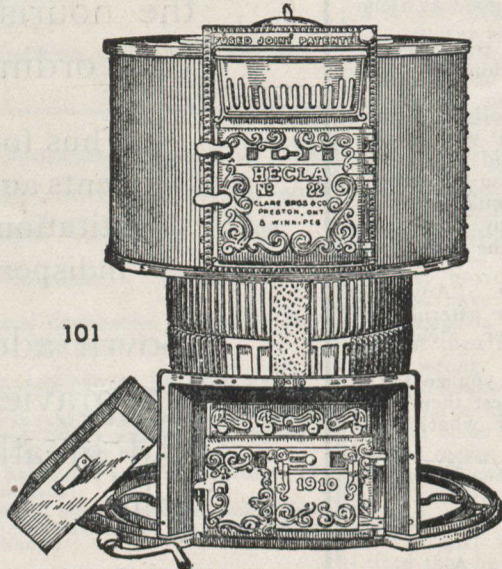
To remove paint from linens rub with turpentine, then clean with French chalk dampened with alcohol.

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