

The Young Woman and Her Problem

By Pearl Richmond Hamilton

WOMAN AND THE LAND

Viscountess Wolsley is drawing the attention of women to the part they can take in encouraging work on farms. She says after the war the nerve-strained or wounded soldier will need occupation in health-giving occupations and if groups of men and women with education in agricultural problems will train themselves to employ the ex-soldier and his wife to make a profit out of the land, a fine national work will be achieved. "I want to go way out into the country," a tired out city girl said this week. "I want to stay and live where I can feel the strength giving inspiration fresh from nature. Send me there—please, Mrs. Hamilton—send me back to the country."

Everywhere we see women and men hungry for the advantages of the country. Agricultural colleges are extending such wonderful privileges that soon the rural part of Western Canada will be an agricultural university. Our boys and girls, their fathers and mothers are all included in this growing student body—the man and woman—the boy and girl on the Canadian farm are bending every effort toward mental cultivation. At the present writing a session of ministers and their wives are taking a course at the Agricultural College. What does all this prophesy? It means that the whole world after the war will look upon Western Canada as the paradise of agriculture. It will prove the cementing of British to possessions British, as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle so earnestly urges.

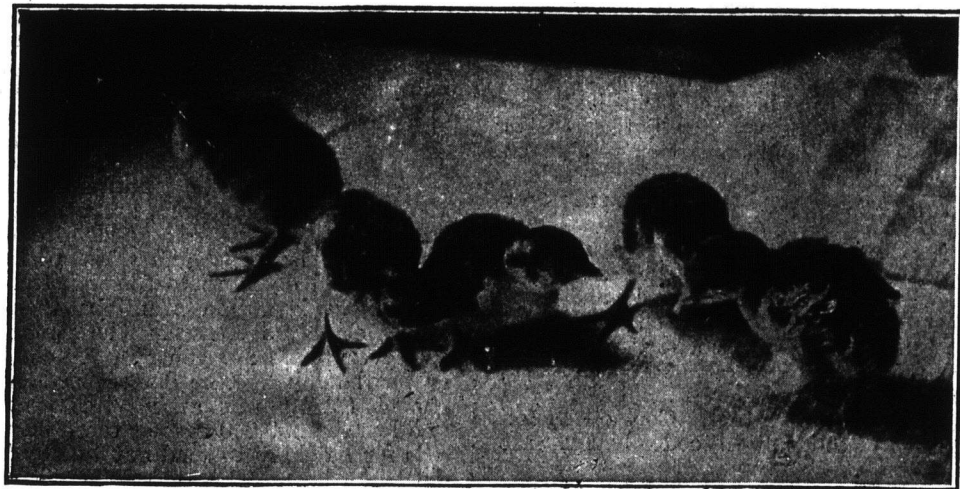
enemy to anything but a cheerful countenance and a merry heart, which, Solomon tells us, does good like medicine." This spirit contributed greatly to lift up his heart when surrounded by difficulties and dangers.

If one could insure one good thing in life for the child one loves, one would ask, not money nor fame, but a continuously happy marriage. The human unit is neither a man nor a woman; it is a man and woman united in a new personality through the unifying and blending power of love. A man can no more act independently of the woman he really loves than the heart can act independently of the lungs. If love binds the lives of two in harmonious unity, what may seem hardships are divine opportunities. No intelligence which a woman may possess need remain unused in the handling of a family. A wife living with the man she loves is the freest woman on earth, so far as mind and spirit are concerned.

OUR SOLDIERS' LETTERS

In the day of the telegraph, telephone, typewriter and picture postcard we are fast losing the art of letter writing.

Perhaps there is no mental exercise in early life more productive of results useful to the mind than that of writing letters. Over and above the mechanical facility of constructing sentences, which no teaching will afford so well, the interest with which the object is com-



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And women—why women are fast discovering the fascination of scientific knowledge of agriculture and the drudgery of the past will be forgotten in the new and true agriculture.

THE WIFE OF JAMES J. HILL

It was like a beautiful fairy tale to read the love story of the late James J. Hill a love story that began when he was a poor young man in a boarding house and lasted on through a long happy married life to the end. The story reads that he fell in love with the pretty waitress who served at his table. He fell in love with her because of her modesty and her sweet pure gentle manner. She was not educated, but she longed to improve mentally so she went to a convent. During their married life she improved her mind continually and was always an inspiring and interesting woman in the home. Nine children were born in that home and every one lived. One does not need to question the mothering of a family like that. She never met his home coming with any petty worry. She made that home a place of rest and comfort and good cheer. And James J. Hill was a master builder, achieving world-wide fame and fortune. From whence came the source of that great manly power? He was not a club man—he was a great home man. Could a man leave a home atmosphere like she created—for a club? The current that created that power was a golden chord of love that made his home a haven of love and restfulness and inspiration.

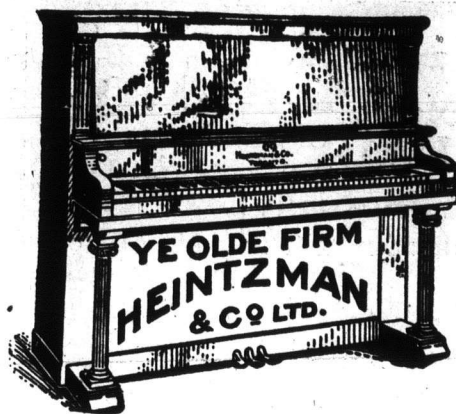
I find in history the story of another wife of a great man and this is what she wrote her husband: "I am a mortal

monly pursued, gives an extraordinary impulse to the intellect. Flowers of literature spring up where the weeds of scandal take no root.

A fine new literature is fast developing in the correspondence from our soldier men and our nurses. "What a splendid letter!" is a common remark when a letter from the front is read. The letters published from our soldiers and nurses are too valuable from the standpoint of history and literature to miss reading. In those letters we read the history of the heart as well as the head. The confidential whisper, the secret hopes not blazoned to catch applause, the emotions that explain the springs of action are guides to the character that history does not record. In the letters from our men and women at the front will be left a history to posterity far finer and more inspiring than historians will publish.

I picked up the letters of Mrs. Adams the other day—letters written more than one hundred years ago and found them most interesting history.

Here are some extracts from her letter to her son, "Industry and frugality, wisdom and virtue must make a powerful nation. I hope you will never lose sight of the interests of your nation. Make her welfare your study, and spend those hours, which others devote to cards and folly, in investigating the great principles by which nations rise to glory and eminence; for your country will one day call for your services, either in the cabinet or field. Qualify yourself to do honor to her." Her volume of private letters is rich in literature, history and inspiration. Thus have women influenced great men.



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