

Farm and Home Council.

ern views. Sentimentalist, how can Woman Hater be an artist, yet have no love for beauty? A person may have a love for beauty, yet not have the training and ability which would entitle him to be called an artist, but I do not see how any one can be called an artist, no matter how great his skill, if he have not a love and deep feeling for the beautiful. Lady Prue, I wish you could see some of the homes from which my scholars come. In the heart of a large city, with poverty and dirt to fight against, ignorance and vice all around, it is a wonder that the little things are as good as they are. They are nearly all foreigners. I often have pupils who begin in September knowing scarcely a word of English. But before June comes they are writing and speaking readily and ready to pass to another grade. These bright ones are usually Russian Jews. Fretful Midget, let us hear from you again. Have you found something near home that satisfies you, or have you gone away to find happiness? Tell us your experience. Though I have much to keep me busy I am always eager to read the F & H Council page.—[No 8 of Circle 75.

The Author's Field—From her reply to the would-be author, I am convinced that Old Maid has been there herself. From a long experience in the author's field I fully appreciate her description of an author's tribulations. Many is the "battle royal" I have had with the supercritical proofreader over correction of copy. When the question was one of incorrect grammar or faulty construction it was easily settled by reference to text books, but when it was over bad taste or style, or infraction of ethics, the battle raged fierce and long, with the combatants retiring from the field, each believing he was the victor.—[Mutt.

Teacher's Tasks—I am a teacher and I find as a rule that all schools cannot be governed by love. Some scholars are harder to govern than others and the children in different vicinities have had different home training. If the parents would make their children mind at home they would certainly mind at school and make the teacher's tasks easier. The school I am about to teach is in a mining district. How many of you have been in coal mines? During vacation I am keeping house for my folks, a family of six and seven. We live on a farm and I enjoy the life, only there is lots of work to be done.—[Teacher.

City Bred—I enjoy reading the Councilors' letters, and read a good deal about the city-bred girl. Well, I am one myself, and don't see much difference between a country and city girl. As I am a trained nurse, I meet all classes of people. One of the readers inquired if there was a magazine published about nursing. There is one called the Trained Nurse, published by the Lakeside Publishing Co., 13-21 Park Row Building, New York.—[Milwaukee Nurse.

Slumbering Echoes—You need not frown, Councilors, for I have only come for just this once. In fact, I never thought of coming, but Fanny Allen "awoke the slumbering echoes in memory's silent halls" when she uttered that one word St Elmo, and instantly I seemed to be back in my early girlhood, in my father's beautiful orchard, sitting on the green clover sod under the dear old trees, and seas of white apple blossoms everywhere. Do I really hear the bees hum? I have read many books since; but no other character has ever seemed quite so pure as Edna. How she loved her dear grandie (grandpa)! [Mrs Osana.

Larger Conception of Life—Just a word for F & H Council from an old subscriber. Wow! The doleful wail and furnace sighs of the love-lorn swains who are among the Councilors are as comical as a blue pig with a saffron-colored tail to us fellows of 30 or thereabouts here in the west, who have been through the furnace of "Love's young dream," and are now settled down in some snug bachelor den with perchance a faded rose or sprig of holly to hang upon the side

love affairs locked up in Memory's storehouse. A City Experienced Girl has given Webfoot some good advice. I can add from a varied experience in various climes that as a rule young ladies in a city, while no more womanly than her country sisters, still have a larger conception of life, and it would broaden his knowledge of the sex to mingle with them. But after all he will not know them, as they are not what they seem—only riddles hard to read. My regards to "Miss Muret."—[1st Sergeant Co E.

Too Peaceful—Comical Cognomen, you think some of the Councilors' letters too ridiculous to print. Did you read your own? How many do you think were interested in your letters? Just some that were interested in potatoes, and I think your letter ought to have been printed among the farmers' crop reports instead of the Council. Columbine Clad, by the tone of your letter you might be termed "Man Hater." Did you ever stop and think what a lonesome world this would be without men? There would be no tobacco raised, no saloons, jails, workhouses and divorce cases, if there were no men. Life would be altogether too peaceful. W. J. S., how many cats have you shot lately? I expect to have my picture taken with my cats ere long, and will send it to the Council page for you to look at (providing the Editor is willing), and see if you would be guilty of shooting such noble-looking cats just because they kill a bird when they have a chance. Might as well say shoot a man because he kills a poor innocent chicken.—[Graham Gem.

Grandma's First Cans—Blessed be the inventor of the can. What wonders it has done for our table! How well I remember when not a can sat on the shelves in my grandmother's pantry, but a goodly lot of crocks of all sizes filled with the old-fashioned preserves, so sweet it fairly makes me sick to recall its taste. Finally two little strangers appeared among them. I can almost hear dear grandma say, "Don't touch them, darling. Grandpa paid a big price for them and they only hold a quart." Then she explained to me how you could do such a great wonder as keep fruit without one drop of sugar. Wonder of wonders in those days, but oh so common now. I wonder what dear grandma would say if she could arise from her grave and look at the long rows of her darling's canned fruit. [Mrs Osana.

Puzzled—I do not see why a girl should marry a man that she knows gets drunk, and yet I have known some of the best girls in our neighborhood do so. It must be that when they meet their ideal they overlook his faults. But, girls, stop and think before your happiness and your lives are ruined forever.—[A Buckeye Bach.

Begin at Home—The Sentimentalist is right when she says we should strike with all our might against the evil of intemperance, as it is the cause of a great deal of misery. But the ballot is not the remedy. The few women that would vote against such an evil would be in the minority, and their votes lost just as the votes of good men are now. The majority, not right, wins in an election. If mothers would not allow intoxicating drinks of any kind in their homes, by the time the children were old enough to vote, intemperance would die a natural death. A boy brought up in a home where wine or beer is drunk on all occasions, will not think it wrong to continue drinking when he is a man, and if in time he takes more than is good for him it is nothing more than we could expect. Intemperance is a disease and we should guard against it as such. The voters we have now would vote right by our next election if public opinion demanded it. The distiller and saloon man are in the business for money, and as soon as they see there is no profit they will soon stop. Well, Silent, I will tell you how I talk to my children. I am not a story teller either, so I read stories, also the young people's letters from several papers, and with their school studies, Bible reading and Sunday school lessons I have no breath left to tell stories. If your children ask as many questions as mine I don't think you will have any trouble if you answer them. If mothers taught their children to look to them for information on all subjects in early childhood, it would come natural to ask their advice in after life, which

if followed would save many a heart-ache for both. The lack of confidence between parents and children now is sad to contemplate.—[L. D.

Story Telling—Silent, I heartily sympathize with you and would like to help you if I can. There are few things that interest children as much as story telling. Even reading stories falls to draw and hold the close attention that will be given to the telling. Begin with very short stories. It is not necessary to memorize them, only be sure you fix in your mind the points of the story that will interest the little ones. It is a good plan to commit to memory any especially well-put sentences, and any short, apt quotations that the children may also remember will not come amiss. Practice telling the story aloud when alone and try to tell it as interestingly in your own words as it was told in print. Do not be discouraged, but keep trying, and it will soon grow easier and more natural for you. Of course there is a great difference in children, but if the stories are varied to suit the different tastes and temperaments, they will love the stories, and you will be able to get better acquainted with them and their thoughts than in any other way. Teach them little poems to say with you and songs and hymns to sing with you. Don't hesitate to try this because you are not blessed with a particularly sweet voice. It may come to be the sweetest music to your children. Have any of the mothers who cannot send their children to a kindergarten ever tried any of the kindergarten methods at home? If so, let us hear from them. [A Young Mother.

CITRON PRESERVE.

Subscriber, this recipe for preserved citron by Mrs Rorer may suit your needs. Pare off the outer skin, cut into halves, remove the seeds, then divide each half into a number of smaller pieces. Put them in a stone jar, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt to every 5 lbs citron. Cover with cold water and stand aside for five hours; then drain and cover with fresh, cold water. Soak two hours, changing the water three or four times. Drain. Cover with boiling water, bring to boiling point and drain again. Make a syrup from $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs granulated sugar and $1\frac{1}{2}$ qts boiling water, boil and skim. When perfectly clear, put in the citron and simmer gently until you can pierce it with a straw. When tender, lift the pieces carefully with a skimmer, place them on a large plate and stand in the sun one or two hours to harden. Peel the yellow rind from one large lemon, add it to the syrup, then add the juice of 2 lemons and a small piece of green ginger-root cut in thin slices. Boil gently for 10 minutes and stand aside until wanted. When the citron has hardened, put it cold into the jars, bring the syrup again to a boil and strain it over the citron.

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