

hear the conversation of their elders, see the pictures of battles and battleships in the newspapers. Full of primal instinct, the idea of strife and conquest takes quick hold of their imagination."

Though current war reports may form a point of contact we should use the opportunity to extol peace and deplore the necessity which circumstances has placed upon us.

There are many little things that are of small moment except for the habits they help to form, but we do well to remember it is very questionable whether an act performed unwillingly has a very desirable effect. It leads to the formation of habits, of course, habits of stubbornness and insubordination, hedging and evasion. If we can approach the child from just the right angle, in just the right spirit, we can generally get him to do with willing mind what we desire if only to please a loved and loving parent. And these acts done happily, what potency they possess! How they are repeated over and over until they become a part of the child's own sweet nature.

Courtesy is as much a habit as anything else. It is the habit of thinking of other's happiness, of keeping the Golden Rule. In no place can it be formed better than in our homes. We are, all of us, more or less pressed for time but we can take time to be gentle.

Obedience is largely a habit. Do not think that because I advise against arbitrary discipline that a child shall be allowed to usurp the rights of others. We should give him free rein when we can that he may learn to direct his own actions wisely and gain confidence by experiences of his own devising. But there are situations where prompt obedience is called for and no time to parley or discuss, our great task is to use judgment in discerning such cases until obedience becomes automatic.

—Mrs. D. J. McFadyen, Edgerton, Alta

## Home Economics

**L**ET us make an effort to hunt up the lonely woman in our community. Perhaps she lives next door. I received a letter this week from a Scotch woman who is so lonely that she is despondent and she is in a community settled with English speaking people. She feels their life is so absorbed that they do not care for her. But they care I know they do. They do not realize her loneliness. Who is your next door neighbor?

### Leadership

**I**T is with pride that we think of Mrs. Speechley, formerly of Pilot Mound, these days. She was at the head of the woman's section of the Red Cross movement that collected more than twice the amount asked, nearly \$700,000 in the city of Winnipeg. I know every woman in the country is proud of her, and the city as well. She is president of the Red Cross in Winnipeg. We are

proud of her, too, because she is a prominent H.E.S. worker.

The women in the patriotic societies including our great H.E.S. have done almost superhuman work these past four years.

Somehow I feel our women in country communities are going to lead the women of the city in the great reforms. They are so clear-minded, determined and active, and their very life has been so full of accomplishment that they are earnest and most unselfish when they undertake the responsibility of a movement for any great cause. And they believe in and respect their men, too. They recognize that most of our men will do the right thing if appealed to in a convincing way.

Let me urge the country women to weigh very carefully before voting on any scheme sent out by the Local Council of Women from the city. The Local Council is an excellent organization of women but sometimes a few women advance ideas stating that they represent the views of all the ten thousand women affiliated with them, when such is not the case. It often happens that only two or three or perhaps one woman really fosters the idea.

I have heard many women protest most bitterly against schemes sent out as the voice of ten thousand women. Sometimes they have the vote of little more than half, other times not that, as in the "impeachment" case, which even the Ministerial Association turned down.

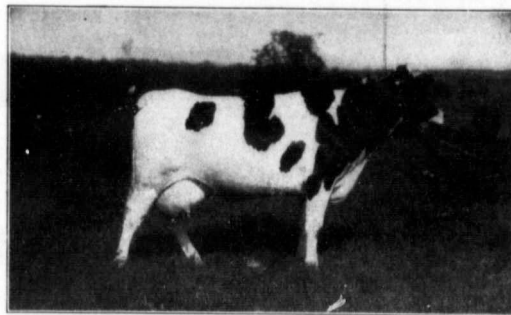
The Local Council should be the clearing house for a great deal of splendid definite work. And it is in many places. It should be free from political lobbying. In some cases our feminine lobbyists can teach the men lessons in the mystic science.

I simply mention this to warn our H.E.S. to consider carefully before voting on any paper sent out by the Local Council. Do not be influenced against your honest convictions. I wish all of the H.E.S. were affiliated with the Local Council, then we would see a great progressive movement led by our women in the country towards definite constructive work along all lines of helpfulness and usefulness. Mrs. Speechley, in her position as President of the Red Cross, has shown what force of executive leadership is in our country women. Let me emphasize here what the Brandon Local Council has been doing most excellent definite work, and we can learn much from their splendid executive management.

The great I.O.D.E. organization, too, is a powerful factor in definite accomplishment.

Our women do wonderful work when they have genuinely representative leadership. That is why we are proud of our own H.E.S. President, Mrs. H. W. Dayton. She is a genuine representative of the women and has the rare combination of executive ability with the sympathetic heart.

This does not in any way refer to the city women leading the many splendid patriotic organizations and auxiliaries whose work is the very life of our country.



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Wife: "George, there are two strange men digging up the garden."

George: "It's all right, dear. A brainy idea of mine to get the garden dug up. I wrote an anonymous letter to the Food Controller telling him there was a hoard of food buried there."

Wife: "Heavens! but I did bury a box there!"