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OUR HOME CLUB

Another Disagrees With "Mignonette"

THE letters appearing in the Home Club are very interesting indeed, and I just wish to have my little say in reply to "Mignonette." The hired man question has been well aired, also the hired man's wife, who is perhaps the principal one and the maker of the man. I agree with "Mignonette" that well-to-do farmers at least, should always be prompt in payments to their hired men. I am an advocate of six months' payment for single men and monthly for married men. "Mignonette" must remember, however, that circumstances are not all alike, and it is not always convenient for the farmer to have money on hand to pay the full month's wage. When a man is hired to work on a farm, however, his wages should be paid in full before any other creditor.

I do not agree with "Mignonette" in her views on conscription. I think conscription is a good thing for all young men. See how all the continental nations force conscription, and when the day of trouble comes, they are all trained to arms and must defend their country if they are not cowards. That is one reason why the Germans thought they could make a rush and crush everything before them, casting aside all treaties as mere scraps of paper.

Conscription is a good thing, not only because we are then in a position to defend our native land, but it is good for young men in that it trains them to be more active, teaches discipline and obedience to superiors. I have had a few conscripts from the Jersey Islands (a part of the British possessions), and for active, intelligent and obedient men, they can't be beaten. That is the principal reason why I favor conscription and I trust it is put into force and handed down to posterity. It would put the British race up in the forefront of civilization and Christianity. Britain is a nation that never looks for trouble, and the British are considered a peaceful and industrial race. They could not honestly stand aside in this war, and any reader of history will appreciate the fact that they were right in the Boer war, and Canadians acted wisely in assisting at that time. The Boers are better off now than ever, and appreciate the freedom they have under the British flag.

Britain being a peaceable race was not prepared for war, especially with all these inhuman missiles of destruction. But now that all are roused, we will see the Germans getting a dose of their own medicine. My opinion is that the Germans are worse

than the most ichman race of barbarians ever known, and if "Mignonette" had been a woman in Belgium, she could have backed me up on this point, though perhaps we differ on others.

The right-thinking women of Canada should swamp the Minister of Militia with postcards, asking for conscription, the principal thing that would keep our husbands, sons and brothers from being sacrificed on battlefields. There is no need of conscription so far as getting brave men for the colors is concerned.

The rich men of Britain and Canada are giving nobly of their means and their sons, while the ladies throughout the possessions are doing grand work at home for the comfort of our brave, worthy men at the front. I understand that in the C. P. R. window in Ludgate, London, is a list of all Canadians who have joined the colors and opposite the names of those who have fallen are crowns, which mean that these have offered The Great Sacrifice. I trust the patriotic women of Canada would do all in their power to encourage young men especially to join the army and carry this war to a successful termination. It is better to die for our country's freedom than to be whipped along as slaves under the German "Kultur" and lash. Let us all be brave and act as one to avoid such an awful catastrophe as is threatening civilization. Let us be ready, ay, ready, is the forward slogan of—"Thistle."

The City Boarding House

IN the issue of August 19 "Dream" mentioned the fact that the farmer is the only man who takes his hired men into his home and treats them as members of the family. This statement started my mind running back over the many places in which I lived during my travels and comparing them with the home of this young man with whom I am now working. I have decided to write again giving you my conclusions for the consideration of the members of the Home Club.

It is a great mistake to think that the hired man on the farm has a much better home life than the single man in the city. I have lived in scores of boarding-houses and know from experience that the popular conception of the city man's life being spent in a hall bedroom, with occasional access to the dining-room, is a great mistake. Any man getting good wages and keeping himself clean and well dressed has no trouble securing accommodation with private families, where he has as much freedom in the house as the hired man on the farm has in the house of his employer.

As to the social aspects of life in a boarding-house, my pleasantest recollections take me back to the groups that gathered around some of the

OFFICIAL FRUIT BULLETIN

FRUIT BRAND-DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

Canning and preserving fruits are almost done, although some good produce may even yet be obtained. Those who have not canned or preserved sufficient to last for a year should do so promptly. Do not forget that grape jelly is delicious and a liberal supply should be on the shelves for the coming winter. Get Smoak Peaches, the latest and one of the best, for canning this week. If you can get a few Florida oranges, take them. Some of the prunes are still available. Do not forget our soldiers. Buy a few for them, and communicate with the Canadian Club or Red Cross Branch in the nearest city.

tables at which it has been my good fortune to dine. I recall many, many tables at which the conversation carried on was most interesting and instructive. Men of various occupations and experiences, and therefore with different viewpoints, enriched the life of the place, and not infrequently there would be young ladies, poets, stenographers and telephone girls and some who were no longer young but pretty; so that there was always an interesting social life. In most of the boarding-houses a piano is found, and there is always someone who can play and sing. One should be careful, therefore, about forming conclusions concerning the isolated life of the city boarder.

And so you see, "Dream," that though the hired man on the farm has the privilege of living as one of his employer's own household, he has not any great advantage over his brother in this respect. The farmer's wife, it is true, has to provide for her husband's hired help, but in this respect it should not be forgotten that one of her station in the city might find it very necessary to add to her husband's income by taking in boarders. She would not have their own hired man, but some one else's to provide for, and instead of one she might be glad to have half a dozen—"Rolling Stone."

The Doctor Who Saved Him

A STORY is told of an Englishman who had occasion to go to the door while staying in Peking. "Sing Loo! greatest doctor," advised his native servant. "He saves my life once."

"Really?" queried the Englishman. "Yes, me tellible awful," was the reply.

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