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over and over again. If they sit down to over and over again. If they sit down to do a piece of sewing they are not content with performing the thing well as they go along, but they fatigue their nerves, by wondering when it will be done, and by going over and over the whole process of bringing it into a state of completion.

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#### MOTHER FIRST, SAYS JUDGE

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"I don't see how any man can refuse to support his mother. Your mother comes before everybody else," said County Judge John E. Ownes, of Chicago, in sending Geo. Wall, a plumbing contractor, to jail for failure to support his mother, who is 70 years old. Wall was later released on his own recognizance and the case continued until next Friday. Wall declared that he was not working at the present time and is unable to comply with the order of the court that he pay \$3.50 a week for the support of his mother.

"I have to support my wife and three children," said Wall. "I can't pay that amount."

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### NO VOTE, NO NATURALIZATION

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Dear Isobel:—Our men were talking about "homesteads for women" the other day and coolly informed me that "it was no use women taking out naturalization papers when they had no vote."

Are you going to do anything for October 10 (California suffrage day)? I was thinking it would be a good thing to celebrate the coming victory of the Californian women here as they will surely win. However, it might turn out like the medal Napoleon struck to commemorate the taking of London, which wasn't needed, as he never got to London. But you city women can do many things that are quite beyond us here.—Don't you think it would be wiser to get the suffrage before tackling the dower law (on the Ontario plan)? A gentleman I know is for the suffrage but not for a dower law. His brother's wife was greatly against coming to Manitoba, and, he says, men live in poverty in Ontario instead of having a good living here because the women "will not sign off." This gentleman thinks the lawin Manitoba is not good, but doesn't want to have it improved by the Ontario plan. What is your idea?

Sincerely Yours,

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Morris, Man.

Note.—My idea is that the gentleman is perhaps illogical. What is the Western man willing to give to his wife in exchange for her "signing off" in Ontario? Does he expect his wife to "sign off" and get nothing? Why should she? Is a man, a hashand, square who would allow his

he expect his wife to "sign off" and get nothing? Why should she? Is a man, a husband, square who would allow his wife to dispossess herself in order that he may have three shares and she none? The plea put up that the Ontario law would be bad here because women will not "sign off" is mere pretext for a man getting everything; otherwise he would offer his wife an equivalent for her third. No man offers his wife anything in exchange for her share, so that it is perfectly clear that he wants the whole thing and will not be satisfied otherwise; but the whole thing is not good for the average man. The law in the West does not prevent a man owning property jointly with his wife, therefore why not invest the wife with a third interest here so that there will be something for her. If all women had been as far-sighted as that "brother's wife," there would have been a dower law in the West long ago, for the land would not prosper without women, and women should share directly and financially in the prosperity they produce. But, leaving the financial side of the question aside, there is still the ethical side to consider, which recalls a statement of Mr. R. P. Roblin to the women delegates who waited upon the government anent a dower law last spring.

ment of Mr. R. P. Kobin to the women delegates who waited upon the government anent a dower law last spring. Mr. Roblin said personally he believed the Ontario dower law was bad, because he "knew a man who, when his wife refused to 'sign off' smashed every atom of furniture in the house and raved most terribly, etc."

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To the fair and thinking mind, it would appear that to be irrevocably attached to a creature capable of such conduct was surely hardship enough for any woman, without also depriving her of the protection that one-third interest for life in the realty which she helped to earn, would give. Surely, if anywhere, there was a man who needed a law to keep him in check. Truly, "there's a lot in the way



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you look at things." Laws are not made to control the just, but the unjust.

Several years ago, at a pioneer's picnic, I was importuned by a number of women to take that opportunity of obtaining a public statement from our M.P.P. who was present, upon a dower law for Manitoba. His reply was:—"Any women who cannot wheedle a dower out of her husband without any law, doesn't deserve a dower." Well, equally reasonable is it to say that any man "who cannot wheedle" his wife into "signing off" her dower doesn't deserve to have it signed off.

### NEW FANGLED SCHOOLS

They taught him how to hemstitch and they taught him how to sing, And how to make a basket out of variegated string.

And how to fold a paper so he wouldn't hurt his thumb.

They taught a lot to Bertie, but he couldn't

They taught him how to mold the head of Hercules in clay, And how to tell the difference 'twixt the

bluebird and the jay,
And how to sketch a horsic in a little
picture frame,
But strangely they forgot to teach him
how to spell his name.

Now Bertie's pa was cranky, and he went one day to find
What 'twas they did that made his son so backward in the mind.
"I don't want Bertie wrecked," he cried, his temper far from cool, "I want him educated!" so he took him out of school.

### FALL ON THE FARM

Now is the season of all others when the farmer's wife needs a dozen pairs of hands in order that she may satisfy the extra demands made upon her; now the schools are all open again, and she misses "the thousand and one" little helps that the children were able to give. Instead

of getting help from the children, the mother must give it, for the school lunches have to be put up and the little bodies tidied, and there's extra washings and ironings, and there's nobody to amuse baby or gather the eggs or get a panful of potatoes. Oh, it's a dreary day for the mother when the children start to school after the summer vacation. The fall preserving, canning and pickling must be done, and the overhauling of the wardrobes for the approaching cool weather, and the days are shortening fast, and the vegetables have to be gathered, and the threshers have to be waited upon, following close upon the overwork of harvest. Who but a farmer's wife could keep abreast of so much work? How often one hears the educationist berate the mother on the farm for the irregular attendance of the country pupils. How little he seems to know of the situation and how far from the real cause is he when he blames the mother? The long distances to school, the busy, busy seasons when even the help of the children seems indispensable, the bitter cold of winter, the only slack season, and the financial exactions that ends must meet, which are as insistent upon the farm as in the city office. Combine these reasons and lay the blame of the difficulty of "making ends meet" where it belongs—the high cost of living and of farming implements, and of other necessities, and then it will appear, as it should, that the farmer's wife is really the most industrious, persevering, reliable, ambitious, underpaid and unrecognized factor in the scheme of existence, and makes more strenuous efforts in the cause of education, under greater difficulties, and without any competitive stimulus, such as the town and city provides. The farmer's wife is not ambitious for herself, but only for the various units of her household. Her separate identity is lost in a multitude of exactions that admit little or no return.

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