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AT TWILIGHT.

The road from Long Ago to Now! 'Twas a road of Joy and pain; But therein made the sun more brightly to shine When it passed from the clouds again.

The Journey of Life was a winding one; As o'er hill and through dale it led, And it promised much, with sugar feet, On its first few miles we sped.

But when the brow of the hill was reached, And the road began to descend, To our watching eyes the hours flew by Like minutes, so fast came the end.

Oh, the road from Long Ago to Now! We have felt its joy and pain; But each as we forgot its name, And the "road" that "deth remain."

THE HOME.

What is a Gentleman?—A Talk with Young Men. Never imagine that the swaggering braggart can move the world—he is as feeble as he is loud. Jesus Christ was the strongest man who ever lived and the gentlest.

What is a gentleman? First of all, let me tell you what he is not. He is not that well-known youth, with vacant expression, gorgeous necktie, and a huge boutonhole.

No; ladylike-ness of exterior and a sort of "got-up-regardless-of-expense" appearance are not the outward and visible signs of gentlemanliness.

But now let us come to close quarters and inquire into some of the indispensable characteristics of a gentleman.

In the first place he is brimming over with brotherliness. Not only is this the first indication of gentlemanliness—it is the very essence and heart of true Christianity.

Then you will always notice that a gentleman possesses a dexterous and most delightful tact. The story occurs to me about Grant, who avoided taking Lee's presentation sword at the capitulation without either "chummy bluntness or caudal showiness."

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THE FARM.

A Jersey Heifer.

She was two years old, a wee bit of a thing, and had been raised in a large pasture where no person had touched her. When they brought her to us a man was walking on each side of her with a rope fastened to her head, while another followed with a big whip.

She looked at me with her great dark eyes as if she thought I was going to kill her on the spot, then sprang into the manger. My husband was obliged to tie her so she could scarcely move in order to milk her.

In the afternoon I brought down a light rocker and some sewing and sat in an adjoining stall a couple of hours. I then fed her, and she allowed me to rub her neck. Three days afterward I could go into the stall with her, brush her down and milk her, and in two weeks she was following me about the yard like a pet lamb.

At first she was a little afraid of strangers and would move away when they attempted to approach her, but this timidity is wholly due, I am satisfied, to the wild, rough manner in which she was raised, for her calves are as gentle and tame as one could wish.

A good hay crop depends on a series of conditions extending throughout the year, but, as far as the quality of hay, and to a large extent its value, depend more on the manner of making than on other conditions combined.

Early cut hay always contains most protein, and protein is the element most lacking in winter feed. After the early bloom stage there is little, if any, increase in the protein content of grass, but a ripening up takes place in which the woody fibre increases rapidly, and the digestibility of the hay declines.

Professor C. M. Wade, show a marked difference in the composition, at the blooming stage and the seeding stage. The dry matter in the former conditions contained 9.67 per cent. of protein, while after the seed had formed it showed only 7.89 per cent.

The quality of hay, of course, is increased by late cutting, but the experience on this point indicates that the total production of the land during a season decreases as the time between cuttings increases.

The aggregate growth of grass on a meadow during the growing season is perhaps greater when the first crop is cut moderately early. This gives the aftermath an opportunity to start when conditions are favorable.

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