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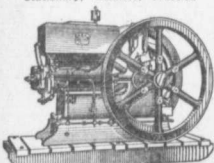
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HOME CLUB

Education of the Right Kind.

WHY do educated women not marry? The discussion which has been going on in the Home Club on this subject has been quite interesting. So far I have been a silent member, but I have at last screwed up courage to "speak out in meeting" in connection with this serious (?) problem.

Honestly, Home Clubbers, what did you think of that letter by "A Mere Man"? Wasn't it rather a shock to your mental reserve to know that we had a member in our Club who held such—well, queer views on the subject? Perhaps he has had some dealings with one of the "superior" type of educated women of whom he speaks or has been what is familiarly known as "squealed" by her. He, therefore, bases his opinion of all educated women on his experience with one. It seems to me that the very fact of a girl having a good education, makes it all the more possible for her to be the "chum" of her husband, while "A Mere Man" thinks education bans all likelihood of "chumminess" between husband and wife.

It is true that many educated women do not marry, and while I think the men are at fault in not seeking the educated girl as a life companion, there is also something wrong with our educational system. While the training in our public and high schools may be good so far as it goes, how much knowledge in the way of house-keeping does a girl receive? The girl who goes to high school receives training which fits her for entrance into the universities, and from there into the professions. This training is good and will be helpful in many ways in after life, but the ability to conjugate Latin verbs or work out problems in algebra does not mean as much to the homemaker as the art of managing a home efficiently and keeping her husband healthy and happy. Could our public and high schools not strive to benefit by a little readjustment in the curriculum, so that more training might be given to our girls on this important part of their life work?

One reason why I think it so essential that a girl be educated along the line of homemaking, is because the more training one has for domestic duties, the less like drudgery will it seem. Education does not mean to fill one's head with a great many technical terms and theoretical ideas alone, but it gives a girl a larger vision, better judgment and reasoning power. And even if it is not possible to get a good grounding in the art of homemaking, I would say to the girls, "Get all the education you can anyway, and if such men as 'A Mere Man' prefer the butterfly type—well, all we can say is, 'You never can account for the tastes of some people.'"

"—Aunt Flossie."

A Patriotic Canadian, Nevertheless.

THANK you, Home Clubbers, for the interest you took in my hunt after a dish washer and a fireless cooker and for the suggestions offered. No, I have not succeeded, so far, in securing either one, and begin to think that they must be rare, in farm homes, at least. I am interested in the Home Club letters, and always turn first to that part of our good little paper.

"Sister Molly" has bravely taken the part of the educated girl, and I agree with her heartily. But perhaps "Mere Man" simply means to say that a man would not be likely to live

happily with a woman he felt to be much superior to him intellectually. Naturally his self-esteem would suffer, and as far as I can judge, that is very conducive to masculine discomfort.

We owe thanks to "The Doctor's Wife" for her good letter on the more production campaign. "Then" my sentiments, too, and there are one or two other things in the same connection I would like to mention, if I may. Did any of you attend the meetings called for the purpose of inspiring the farmers to more heroic efforts? I did, and the things that struck me most forcibly were: First, the scarcity of farmer speakers; and second, the abundance of that good advice which is so notoriously nasty to take, handed out by people who know no more about our business than we know about theirs. "The Doctor's Wife" strikes near the root of the trouble when she mentions the minority of farmer members of the legislative bodies. I think the very root is the inability of the ordinary farmer to speak for himself and his vocation in a public gathering. Can't we help to make our boys and girls more efficient in that line, so that in a few years we may have many with the ability and the self-confidence to set their views clearly and logically before any assembly?

Our women are being urged to increase to a great extent their supply of canned fruits and green vegetables, but we are given no satisfactory reason for doing so. No sale of surplus in home-canned goods can be guaranteed, for the amateur is pretty certain to make a failure of part of her work the first year at least. Why not let the beans and peas ripen? Then they have greater food value and are much more easily handled, while surplus is sure of a market, and surely now, when famine hovers near, is no time to experiment with foodstuffs.

The "Thrifty and Economy" campaign is a good thing and much needed. Waste of any kind should be eliminated, but surely the big leaks should be stopped first. The business of the country should be conducted in business fashion, and when those higher up begin to show their willingness to "carry on," even at a loss, we the plow and hoe will gladly do our share. I don't mean to infer that farmers as a class are faultless, or that there are no slackers amongst us, but those twin virtues, thrift and economy, which seem to have appeared so suddenly on the horizon of the speaking and writing public, have been studied and practised as a necessity of life, for years and years, by those who are now being urged to try them. They will come as a novelty to the advisers, rather than to the advised.

Please forgive me if I have talked too long, and believe me, in spite of strong talk and strong feelings, a patriotic Canadian, and ever your "Merry Margaret."

Why Not Eliminate the Pantry?

IS a pantry really a necessity in the farm home? As far as I am concerned I "hate my doors." I read somewhere not long ago that "a pantry is an evil invention designed to make more work for women." Of course, some years ago, we would not dream of being without a pantry. Why, it was of almost as much importance as the kitchen itself. Large kitchens are the rule in so many farm homes that walking back and forth from pantry to stove or table uses up a great deal of energy. Because our kitchen is large, does not necessarily mean that the stove should be on one side of the room, the pantry on the other, and the work table off in another direction. Nowadays kitchen-

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