

## OUR HOME CLUB

### Against Militancy

We read with novelty about the uplift of womanhood and childhood and of the great responsibility that rests on the mothers and sisters. The women are the home makers; and the safety of the state is built on the safety of the home. If we fully appreciate this responsibility it behooves us to be up and doing and to seek to make our influence felt.

Some of the women of this fair land of ours are seeking to make their influence felt, but how are they succeeding? While I am in favor of woman suffrage I certainly am opposed to the methods adopted by the leaders of this movement. I believe

OUR life is just as narrow as we let it be. If we live in a lonely country place miles from a railway, we can study the plants and animals about us until we come to understand something of the secrets of the universe. If our lot is in a great city, we have opportunities of studying human nature—seeing with our own eyes the development of characters as strange as ever novelist put into his books. Multitudes of men walked the same streets with Dickens without seeing a hundredth part of what he saw. It is the power to see and not the object to be seen, that we lack, and this power may be, to a certain extent, cultivated by practice.

—Anonymous

that in order to make a success of any project undertaken we should have our mind's eye set upon some ideal and seek to attain to that ideal, but I fail to see how any woman could be inspired with a lofty ideal, while following the militant tactics of the women in England.

Some people tell us that these women have been forced to adopt militancy, that the men had to resort to rioting before they were granted the franchise, and that women must adopt the same measures. But we must take into consideration the fact that conditions have changed greatly since the men adopted the franchise. Women are known as the gentler sex, but when we hear of the intemperate actions of the suffragette leaders we at most feel ashamed that we belong to their sex.

I believe that women should be well informed on all questions of the day, and by reading the various arguments on different topics a woman will be come broader minded, her household cares will not become so irksome and she will be a more entertaining companion for her husband. There is no reason why women who study the problems of the day cannot cast as intelligent a vote as scores of men.

If to get this franchise, however, it necessary for women to destroy property, amounting to many thousands of dollars, assault the rulers, arm themselves with clubs, blackjacks and chair legs, commit suicide and by various other methods degrade the very name of woman, I should say that we had better leave the governing of our country in the hands of mere man.—"Sister Mac."

### How to Preserve a Husband

Be careful in your selection; do not choose too young, and take only such as have been raised in a good moral atmosphere. Some insist on keeping them in pickle, while others keep them in hot water. This only makes them sour, hard and sometimes bitter. Even poor varieties may be made as sweet, tender and good by garnishing with kisses to taste; then wrap them in a mantle of charity, keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion, and serve with peaches and cream. When thus prepared they will keep for years.—Nebraska Farmer.

## The Farm Kitchen Beautiful

g "John's Wife," Durham Co., Ont.

Many farmers' wives, and city sisters as well, regard the kitchen merely as the room where all the dirty work is done and the oldest furniture kept—a room into which one never admits any but the family. To some extent this must be true. Our work is largely carried on in the kitchen, and it must be furnished appropriately for work. Of necessity we must have in that room strong chairs, work tables, and utensils of various descriptions. But our kitchen may be something more than merely a place of drudgery.

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I still wash, iron, bake, preserve, and do my mending in the kitchen, but my work is not distasteful in my remodelled room. Every hour that I spend in it my eyes feast upon prints from pictures by the masters, which, by the way, I framed myself. I find my way instinctively to my low rocker by the window, overlooking miles of beautiful country. John, too, has a favorite chair there, and when he has a few rare moments of leisure he is almost sure to appear in my kitchen for something to finish baking. I find my way instinctively to my low rocker by the window, overlooking miles of beautiful country. John, too, has a favorite chair there, and when he has a few rare moments of leisure he is almost sure to appear in my kitchen for something to finish baking.

The idea of hanging Madonna's in the neighborhood of bake kettles and brooms may seem ridiculous to you, my reader, as it did to me at first; but just try it for a while and see how much more pleasant your labor becomes. When I wash out my baby's dirty dresses (he's creeping) it seems to work like magic soap to look at the beautiful picture of "The Madonna of the Chair," which hangs in plain view and think the thoughts it calls up.

I wish every farmer's wife had an Aunt Mary to make her see forcibly the value of living and working among beautiful things.

Waterproofing Boots.—Melt together one part of mutton fat and two of beeswax. Apply at night, and rub off next morning.

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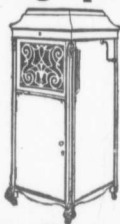
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