

indeed of a desolate place of exile.

"Have love! not love alone for one,
But man as man thy brother call;
And scatter, like the circling sun,
Thy charities on all."

My wish, as ambiguously expressed in my former letter, is not to devote our time wholly to the great, inspiring topics, but to stimulate our brains to greater activity in the discussion of all the live topics of the day. Schiller said, "Little-minded people's thoughts move in such small circles that five minutes' conversation gives you an arc long enough to determine their whole curve." Friends, we are not individuals with a single thought, but we are the world's people, with many and varied thoughts and therefore let us strive to prove to each other that we are all adherents of the expansion theory as applied to mind-growth. El Rustico, come again and often. Your experience is very similar to some of my own past experiences. Difficulties gauge our strength and durability, in teaching as in every other work. "We rise by the things that are under feet."—[Miss Publico.]

Real Modest Girl—I believe as Senis; girls are very often misjudged. Some girls that have not a "fast" principle about them, simply jolly girls, are often wrongly termed fast, and some girls who appear quiet are in reality fast. My opinion is that it is hard to distinguish between them, but the best principle, I think, is to be a real modest girl and I do not think there will be very much danger of being fast, although some girls are misjudged. Never mind, Dotty Dimple, what you see around you. You will be happy, for "Dick" is the best man in the world.—[A Student.]

A Dear Girl—I can't count my furrows or think of the tears that have stained my cheeks on account of a dear girl I once had for marrying some one else. I did not blame her a great deal, as I told her I was going for fun and did not wish to marry. Yet it seems so hard she could not stay single so I could have more fun. I am inclined to believe, as Mrs. Susie Miller, believes, that the modest girl is the best off in the long run, but yet I must congratulate Senis upon her grand illustration of the horse. It is too often we find the modest appearing girl a kicker or high-flyer, and very often the fast appearing the most modest, only we have to watch them. I wish to say to Dolly that not all men who do not smoke, chew or drink are brutes, even though brutes do not indulge. My gravest trouble with the gentler sex has been to find one who is not deceitful.—[The Bachelor.]

Inquiring Friends—Josie O'C., we don't know the issue, a year or so ago, in which the knitted skirt appeared. A pretty crocheted skirt is given in the March 15, '99, issue.—Mrs. J. W. D., we do not have the poem you speak of.—The query, "How to kill cabbage worms," Mrs. William answers by saying "Dust with flour."—Scotia asks for knitted vine and leaf edging.—James Lowen, Bartlesville, Ind. Ter, wants to know about combination stock and dies.—M. Greenleaf (no address) asks whereabouts of James Trobaugh, or his sons Henry and Roscoe, who lived near Pendleton, Ore, some 11 years ago.—J. F. D. O., we don't know when the knitted oakleaf and acorn pattern was published.—J. C. A., no one can answer your question as to how a woman with a baby can get a pleasant place to work without knowing her, her circumstances and the needs of the people among whom she lives. As to palmistry, it will take years of study and practice to become a professional, though one can be simply entertaining who knows only a little of the art.—Where can Prof. Bateman's Ancient Cities in the New World be obtained, asks Mrs. J. G. B.—How can one polish the horns of dehorned cows for ornaments? asks O. A. B.—Mrs. Bridger, our contributors do not have samples of their fancy-work for sale or sample.—Mrs. E. M. G., we do not deal in serial stories, and can't advise you, as we know nothing of the merit of the one you speak of.—Thomas W. Thompson, Kurtz, Minn., wants to know if there is any good government land adapted to general

farming in Idaho, eastern Washington and eastern Oregon.

& Pledge—There have been requests for something of interest for discussion. I think I have a plan that will be of benefit to all those who will help me form it. My idea is this, that the countless numbers of readers who are struggling for improvement, mentally, physically and morally, form with myself a pledge to refrain from all excesses that are an injury to their advancement and welfare. There are many habits one forms that are an excess of only a useful factor. Temper is not bad, but only the excess that causes injury, and so on. I shall begin with limiting myself to only two chews daily, then to one, so here goes; let others join with me. I shall tell my experience in another letter.—[Plow Boy.]

Generals—I agree with the Editor's friend mentioned in the "circle business" column of Nov 15, that the greatest general this country ever produced were on the confederate side. And never forget the men either, in whatever cause. I would like to shake that veteran's hand. Perhaps Leonard Van Buren has never had any dark shadows in life. He may have had all sunny days and thinks it just an example of will whether a person is happy if he wishes.—[Corncracker.]

Somewhat Personal—I am in sympathy with Betsy Trotwood, for she has a purpose in life, and that purpose is to prepare for a life beyond the grave. [204.]

Water Lily, you are the "stuff," if you will pardon the term. If your teacher fell in love with you, that was his affair; if you cared to return the sentiment, that was your privilege. I think "kisses" altogether wrong. I do not think you are "too fast" or "too hot" because you are of an active temperament and affectionate disposition. [Lysander.]

I was very much pleased with some of the Councilors' pictures. I wish I could see Water Lily. Wouldn't I take her in my arms and kiss her for half an hour.—[Mermaid.]

Stepmother, let me whisper a word to you: The reason your stepchildren do not like to mind you is because they dislike to see another in their dead mother's place.—[Silver Moon.]

I would like to find out through the columns of F & H why boys leave the farm, and have the articles written by progressive boys themselves. I hope I am not asking too much of you or the boys.—[Roy Morris.]

Calvin—If, as seems well established, Calvin and others of the reformers were involved as principal or accessory in the burning of Servetus, and if F. F. Cassine is right (F & H Dec 1), must they not have been persons who did not obey the Bible teachings?—[Thomas J. Powell.]

The Wailer—Why cannot supposed philanthropists let the "man lean on his hoe" if he will, and turn their attention to the man that "leans on the bar," and his wife that "leans on the washtub?" By so doing the world might possibly be better for their having lived, though there might not have been quite so much "in it" for them. By the way, what has become of the mournful wailer from Walltown who signs himself Sabin and claims "kindred with the ox?" Now if you are spoiling for a picnic, why in the name of common sense, if you have any, don't you improve some of the 52 days of idleness that is enforced upon you annually and take your family into the country for an outing? In this age of cheap excursions there is no excuse for anyone complaining that they can't have a "picnic."—[Michigan Hayseed.]

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