



## A SONG OF CONTENT.

When the weather is dry I don't worry a mite.  
For a rain allers comes at the time that is right!  
When the heat is jes' meltin', I'm singin' a song.  
Fer I know in good time winter's comin' along!  
One can't change the seasons by moanin' et tears.  
The Lord's run the weather fer several years.  
An' though I ain't allers known jes' what he meant,  
I'm sorter inclined towards a-bein' content!

The corn has dried up an' the chinch bugs hev come.  
I've oft heard the locus an' grasshoppers hum.  
An' a summertime shower has sometimes the knack  
Of visitin' me fore my wheat is in stack.  
But though of the harvest it ruined a batch  
It did worlds of good to my late turnip patch.  
An' I allers affirmed I weren't carlin' a cent.  
Since I'm sorter inclined towards a-bein' content.

An' I've noticed the ones who s'en fit to complain  
At drouth, never got more than their share o' rain  
When the downpour did come. An' the dryness despit,  
Er wetness, the crops never yet failed us quite!  
An' I've thought he who sparrers will note in their fall,  
Ain't plannin' things so's to be starvin' us all.  
So it's easy to thank for the things he has sent,  
When one's sorter inclined toward a-bein' content!

ROY FARRELL GREENE.

## AROUND THE COUNCIL FIRE.

Education on Farm—Hopeful, you say the farm is a drawback to get an education. Of course the country boy hasn't got so many months of school in the year as the city boy has, but then, he makes more use of the time he devotes to school than the city boy does, because he is more alive to its real value. And then, he learns something besides books, which makes him the much better citizen. As for higher education, there is enough leisure on the farm to attend college. I know a number of boys who have worked on the farm in the summer and gone to college in the winter, and acquired a splendid education. In fact, some of our greatest statesmen have been boys on the farm. Further on, you complain of too little money and too much work. If you are an up-to-date farmer, I fail to see why you cannot make your farming pay, as there are good prices for what a man has to sell. And as for time, there are few vocations one could choose where there is more leisure than on the farm. A bookkeeper or clerk hasn't got half the leisure that a farmer has. Hopeful, you complain of lack of society on the farm; you can have the same grand society on the farm that you can have anywhere else. Buy good books and you can associate with men of worldwide fame.—[Greenback.

Have More "Ups"—Webfoot and Buckstrap are evidently having troubles of their own, but are getting all sorts of advice from seemingly experienced Counsellors. I really feel sorry for them, but I guess I can't help them any, for I am not experienced very extensively in love affairs, but I have no one to blame but myself. However, it is nice to have sympathizing friends to unfold our troubled hearts to in times of sorrow. But, thank fortune, I have none such to trouble my contented brain. Still, we will have our ups and down, but let us try to have more ups and not so many downs. Are any of the Counsellors interested in crayon portrait painting? I seem to astonish all who see my work. They tell me I have no business on the farm and am foolish for staying in the coun-

try, and all such, but I like the country better than the city. Fruit is our crop here. I would rather pick peaches than husk corn. I was raised in a corn country, where you could see nothing but corn and oats for miles.—[Temperance, Michigan.

Five Deaths—I can sympathize with Mrs. Young, for we have lost five out of our family in 10 months and one day. We had not had a death in our family for 25 years, so you all can know how hard it was for us. Then we were in the terrible flood of July, 1899, and a recent storm tore my home up and furniture and clothes are all to pieces. I have had a hard time for as young as I am, 'only 19.' Now, Woman Hater, I don't see how you can hate women. They are not all alike.—[A Widow.

Some Poor Soul—How much better and more contented we feel if, on looking over the work and events of the day, we can see something accomplished worth striving for, and some little deed of kindness to help a fellow traveler on the way, than if we have been careless and neglectful! It takes so little to do a kind act or speak a kind word that will perhaps make a whole day brighter for some poor soul, struggling along under more than its share of trouble. We ought to watch eagerly for an opportunity to help our associates, and remember that by our lives we are unconsciously helping or hindering others, cheering them on or discouraging them by our failures or carelessness.—[Wyopa.

Healing the Sick—Being an interested reader of the Council, and noting the many inquiries from young ladies who seek to know about trained nursing, etc., may I suggest another and more profitable occupation in the same line, but different, namely, electrotherapeutics, the science of healing the sick and relieving pain by the proper use of electricity. I am not yet 24, but am in the work. I like it. I am one who intended to become a nurse, but changed my mind and took up electrotherapeutics instead. The field is as yet worldwide and not overcrowded.—[Eva McLouth.

THE FIRE UPON THE HILL.  
I leaned against the doorpost.  
In the evening calm and still.  
And watched the flames ascending  
Of the fire upon the hill.  
And while I then did ponder,  
Lo! the haze had passed away.  
It was my own bright future  
That I saw before me lay.

Then a voice spoke, "Be worthy  
Of the life now before you  
Kind words, kind thoughts and actions,  
These are things that you must do."  
I thought, "Am I but dreaming?  
Is my mind a-wandering still?"  
I woke. I'd learned a lesson  
From the fire upon the hill.

L. H. W.

Let 'Em Alone—Poems and book reviews would be profitable, but we all want to mix a few pleasures along with those profits. Jordan am a hard road to trabble, anyway, and if it makes the road smoother to a few old maids and bachelors, that have never had a sweetheart and maybe never will, to talk and dream about love, why, let 'em alone. Life is chiefly made up of mistakes, and they are happiest who never find it out. No doubt but each of us has a soft spot somewhere. As for books and poems, some of the best ever written are on the subject of love.—[Maude Steele.

Only Contempt—A. M. S., when I read your letter, I just felt like shouting, "Them that's my sentiments, tew." Truly, a good woman is the crowning work of God's creation. And I believe a good man to be woman's peer in every respect, but not such men as Cow-boy, Webfoot and Bad Boy, who haven't got sense enough to settle their own love affairs, without "airing" them in magazines and making what should be sacred to every man and woman, a topic of discussion and a source of amusement to people all over the continent. I heartily admire a sensible, honorable man, but such men as they arouse only my contempt. If I thought it worth while to waste advice on them I would say, Pick up chips and feed the hens for your mother, or have some other healthful occupation, and keep your thoughts away from love and the girls, until your puerile minds are suf-

ficiently matured to grapple with such perplexing problems as love, and marriage, and then perhaps you will be able to solve them without applying for assistance to any journal or magazine, and if you do this I can assure you the time will come when you can say, as truly as that ancient relative of yours, Adam, "There's only one girl in this world for me." And when you meet her, you'll know what you want to do without asking F & H.—[Brown-Eyed Lenore.

Distracted Self—Are any of the Counsellors stenographers, or interested in the profession? If so, come this way please. I am taking a course and have just finished my first examination today, after a hard week's grind, but I enjoy it so much! Don't think, dear Counsellors, it's only a pastime. Oh, no,—I mean to convert it into a means of gaining a living for my mother, sister and poor distracted self. Any suggestions from those who know will be gladly received by one who intends to know, so let me hear how many there are of this profession among the numerous doctors, lawyers, schoolma'ams and who knows what else? Potato Pete, you speak truthfully when you

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