

Farm and Home Council.

lady, go to her at once. Be as frank with her as you have been with us. Tell her you don't love her, and that if you should marry her it would only be out of mere pity; 10 to 1 she will not want to marry you. If she does, she is beyond our sympathy. You think it would ruin her life not to marry her. I think it would just be the reverse. And I believe the Councilors in general will agree with me.—[M.]

Ruined Lives—Bluff Springs, you are wrong when you say it is much easier for girls to do right than boys. We think all the Councilors will agree with us. But you are right when you say, "Speed the day of woman suffrage." If woman had the right to vote it would not be very long before most of the saloons would be abolished. Have any of the readers ever visited the Yellowstone park? We are deeply interested in it, as we contemplate going there some time, and any information on the subject would be received thankfully. Are any of the Councilors typewriters? If so, will they tell if it is hard work and hard to learn? Kent Circle 106, you had better go to Klondike a while and we dare say you will appreciate our presence when you come back. Webfoot, don't marry the girl, she will find out after you are married that you do not love her and two lives will be ruined instead of one. Buck Strap, you may "ask her" and it will be perfectly proper, but don't be so silly as to think she will show her love.—[Minnehaha and Cinderella.]

A Question—Buck Strap, give her a chance to tell what she thinks of you, anyway. Webfoot, a man who marries an attractive, common sense, loving and lovable woman ought, if he is worthy to be called a man, to be able to keep from loving another woman to such an extent as to endanger the happiness of his wife. If you have a strong character you might safely marry. I would like a little advice. I could go to college if I desired, but I am sure of a good farm of over 200 acres. Now would it be better to spend \$1000 learning a profession, or stay on the farm with a chance, in fact certainty, of not getting rich, but always sure of a good living? I am rather in favor of the latter, but like all high school graduates, I am getting lots of free advice. I think F & H Council is a great help to earnest seekers for good advice.—[Pat Irish.]

Council Crumbs—I am living in the country now and I look for F & H as much as I would for my meals. I enjoy reading the Councilors' Talk.—[Apple Blossom.]

I have been a reader of this paper almost a year and enjoy it very much. I live on a farm about 20 miles west of Omaha. Buck Strap, "Faint heart never won fair lady," you know. No true lady lavishes her love before she is asked to do so. Webfoot, you surely do not strike the fancy of city girls as much as they do yours. Member of Letter Circle 106, don't think all the girls are troublesome because one was. I admire your grit.—[Brown Eyes of Tree Planters' State.]

Faults are blessings in their way; Without who would see or know their own?

By faults of others arousing my temper, I discover a weakness of my own.

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My brother is a subscriber to F & H, and we are proud to receive the punctual visitor in our home, the tempting sketches are hard to resist.—[June Ella.]

Wallflower, I desire to know you personally, and can deeply, fully sympathize with you. Certainly, Buck Strap, it is perfectly proper to ask your ideal to be your wife now. Webfoot, you are undeserving the love of that intense nature. You have misled and deceived the girl until you have won her heart. The probable results are that whether you marry her or not, you will be her cause of suffering and anguish for a lifetime. Ah! ye triflers of the human heart, retribution may overtake you.—[One Sufferer.]

Buck Strap, you have kept the girl's company long enough so far as time is concerned. The best way I know for you to find out if she loves you is to ask her. If she should not she will not make fun of you if she is the lady she should be. Webfoot, your case is certainly unpleasant, but do not make

it worse by marrying the lady without telling her just how you feel. As to the city-bred girls you might not like them as well as you may think after you know them better. "All is not gold that glitters."—[Potato Pete.]

We take your paper and like it very much. My grandchildren as soon as they come want to know if the paper has come; they think the letters from the little people just light; they always say, "Don't forget to keep the paper." [Reader.]

As M. J. Huffman requested my address, it is Jack Silster, Valley View, Tex. I live on my father's farm of 400 acres. This is a beautiful and productive country and anyone who owns a farm and knows how to run it, can make a good living.—[Jack Silster.]

With regard to Webfoot I would say, be honest with your own conscience, use your own judgment and if you do not love the "attractive lady" tell her so honestly. If she really believes you are honest and that you do not love her and that you could not make her happy, it will cause her no deep pain. But above everything, be honest and frank with her. It is not so much the absence of love that causes pain, but the deceitfulness about it which gives the heart aches.—[Buckeye.]

I would like to know how many of you enjoy music. I am very much interested in it. Carlo Minetti, composer, teacher and singer of Pittsburgh, Pa. is my favorite music writer, also Charles S. Burnham. I belong to three letter circles and all of them are very successful and doing a rushing business. [Rip Rap, Jr.]

Won't some mother tell me how to cultivate the art of story telling? I am not much of a talker (I'm a woman, too), and find it hard work to talk with my children. It's "don't do this" and "don't do that" and I often think if I could chatter with them the way some mothers do, I would not have to say "don't" quite so much.—[Silent.]

We take F & H: It is always a welcome visitor, is a very instructive little paper, but think it would be wise for some of the young ladies to go to their mothers for advice about their love affairs, as such things are too ridiculous for publication. Mira Creek, Neb, where I live is but a country postoffice. My father has been postmaster for the past 20 years. He being too old now to be bothered with such cares a great deal of the work has been turned over to me. I have not attained to the cranky old maid age yet, nor am I exactly on the marriage list, until I am sure I am exchanging my pleasant home for one fully as pleasant.—[Jessie M.]

It seems very probable that Woman Hater was not very popular with the girls and has given up all hope of getting a wife. Bad Boy, cancel your engagement and get a better girl.—[Amo.]

A Call to Arms—Daughters, do not marry a man who now and then drinks a little thinking that you may reform him, for nine times out of ten he does not reform, and instead of the loving words that were in store for you at the outset there will be curses and brutal attacks. Councilors, let stepmothers and divorce cases rest and strike with all your might against the evil of intemperance. If this evil is ever put down, then and not till then will this terrestrial sphere be a paradise. Prosperity will then reign supreme, which means less poverty and sorrow, fewer street walks, less crime, less divorce cases, and society will become an Eden of tranquillity, for in and through it will reign that all-swaying power, the greatest thing in the world, Love.—[The Sentimentalist.]

Guns vs Cats—W. J. S., I am glad you are not neighbor to me. We have a cat we think a great deal of, he very seldom goes to the neighbors, but the boy next door has a gun of some kind, using double B shot, and he fires at all the birds that come near. He can't kill them, but disables them. Now someone loves the cats you are so mean as to kill, and they have owners. God owns the birds and will defend them or punish one who destroys them. If you have neighbors, they must dislike you awfully.—[Spiffire.]

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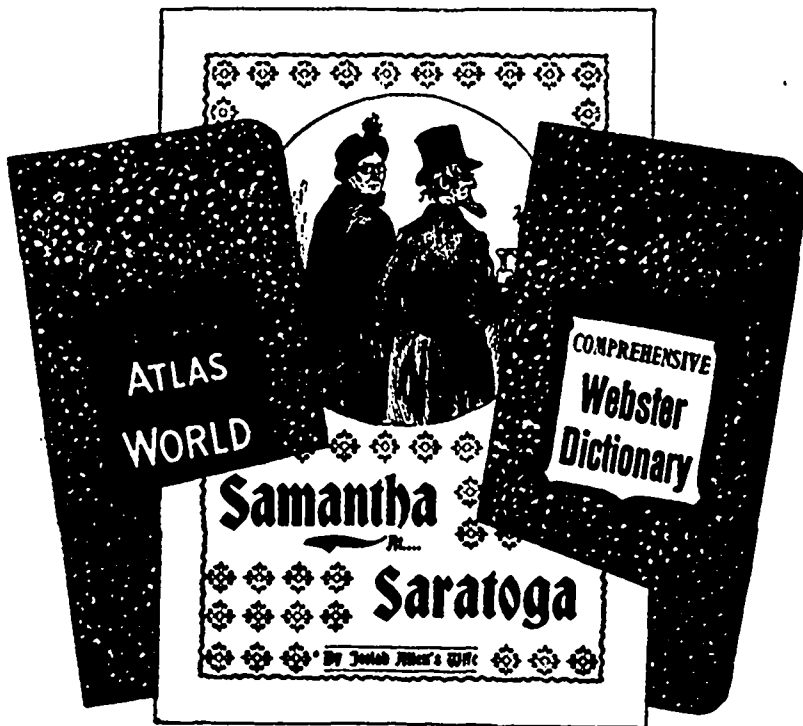
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