

Farm and Home Council.

light; get a "soft" light, with a dim shadow. An interesting and amusing experiment is to take your own picture. Take it from the mirror; the larger the better. This requires great care, for one must operate the camera, focus it and "look pleasant." In looking at the reflection of your eyes in the mirror, you will have a picture with eyes looking skyward. Always look at a point in the mirror the same height as your camera; the picture will then show you looking straight ahead.—[Cam. J. Kodak.

The St'ge—Katy Did, I hope everybody read your letter and profited thereby. A smile, a kind word will sometimes give more pleasure than would a gift of gold, and it is something we all can give. Nothing nerves me on to greater efforts more than words of praise from those I love. I really haven't time to write another word, for within two hours I shall be on the stage before a large audience. I wish it were possible to recognize some of the Councilors among them.—[Coddle's Sister.



Long Hours—I think Hawkeye Hank and Alter Ago have some bright ideas about farmer boys leaving the farms and looking for other positions. I was once a farmer boy, followed the plow from the time I was 12 until a few years after I became of age, then I began to think about the long hours and hard labor the farmer boy had to contend with, and also most of the Sundays spent taking care of stock, then looked on the other hand and saw many of my friends working at a trade, put-

ting in 10 hours' work, making bigger wages and free from toil from Saturday evening at 5 o'clock until Monday morning at 7. Then I made up my mind to be a carpenter and perhaps a contractor, hired out to a nice young contractor, paid much attention to all that he showed me, and always tried to do my work better than the rest. He took much pains in showing me. I stood in well with the rest of his men, was always willing to take advice and got along nicely. Within six months I was allowed to lay out and put up a shed 20 by 36 feet. Now I have a fine set of tools and can do most any kind of carpenter or millwright work.—[Key-stone Bach.

Cruel Words—Schoolmates who have turned out to be wild, reckless girls have said many a time that what was said about them was the first cause of their being what they were. How careful we ought to be about saying anything against a girl's good name! How many of the Council are members of the Y P S C E or of the I H N societies? Let us hear from you and the good you are doing. We may be able to help each other.—[Angelica.

Counsels—It is easy for the girls to be good. It is natural for them to eschew wrong. I want to see them vote. Could I go into your house and say to the wife and daughter, "You are nothing but a pot slinger?" When they do vote saloons will go. I say, speed the day of woman suffrage.—[Bluff Springs.

Old Bachelor, don't think that girls only are deceitful, for some boys will drink and swear, and never let a girl know it until they are married.—[Thora.

We live in a fast age, and in the hurry and worry about a business competence, love is left in the background, and alliances are formed for life, with only a view to a well-filled purse or a position in good society.—[Elmer Rowdy.

I am somewhat of a business woman. We run a milk wagon in our little town, and have for five years. I like the busi-

ness very well, but there is lots of work about it. I drive the wagon in summer and my husband in winter. One winter I drove it until Christmas.—[A. L.

I am very interested in the wild flowers Adeline Isinhour speaks of in her letter, especially the passion vine. There are many kinds of wild flowers in my western home. In the northwestern part of California, but none of the kind she mentions.—[Pine Burr.

I live in the country and like it better than city life, that lacks the freedom, the domestic animals, the beautiful sunsets and so many delightful things, but, of course there are many fine things to be enjoyed in the cities if people can afford to pay for them.—[Jennie.

Mended—Cowboy, I think Sister Ella's advice is reliable. I, for another,

have had a sad experience, and think I know what it is to have one's heart broken, but have had it mended by the same dear fellow. I say dear fellow, because he is dearer to me now than ever before, and I do not agree with the member of Letter Circle No 106 in regard to the quick change. I think everlasting love is necessary for the happiness of a married life, and one who is quick to change and forget did not know the happiness of true love.—[Michigan Hoosier.

No First Quarrel—I was married nine years ago to one of the best women that ever stepped in a pair of shoes. We live for one another and have yet to have our first quarrel, which I hope will never come. My wife has free access to the pocketbook and never is compelled to ask for a cent. Shame on a man who compels his wife to beg for what belongs to her! I have one sweet little girl who is a joy to my life.—[George F. Cary.



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