

Our boys have a personality that is all their own. So have our girls a personality that is lacking in a child of city breeding.

We country mothers, however, should not forget that personality is not everything. Our children are bound to develop personality, but there is undesirable as well as desirable personality. In the district of my childhood home most of the children had developed the former. Many were rough and almost uncouth in their manner and absolutely uninformed.

When I came to realize the great opportunities that the country life into which my husband had led me would give to my children, I immediately made plans for the developing of a right kind of personality. Of course the main factor is to live yourself as you would have your children live.

Children who hear coarse language at home, who hear sharp words exchanged between their parents, and who see everywhere evidences of

slovenliness and carelessness, will soon be using sharp words themselves and will be slovenly and careless in their appearance and manners. These are some of the small points that we parents must always pay heed to in developing the right personality in our children.

Nor have I found the absence of public libraries and high-class schools a disadvantage in our country home. I believe that the biggest aid to the development of personality is a well-stored mind. And a well-stored mind is not the result of the omnivorous reading of recent fiction, such as the town child ever finds ready at his command at the nearby public library, but the careful reading of standard books and magazines. I would much rather give my children access to a few standard novels, such as those of Scott, some of the works on political economy, such as those of George and Mrs. Fawcett, another on Nature Study, and access to such magazines as "The Outlook," "The Canadian Magazine," or

"The Literary Digest." Of course, I would include in their list of reading good agricultural books and the leading farm papers. This reading, of course, after they have passed the story-book stage.

Such reading as this I have observed will do more than anything else to develop a strong-thinking man or woman. I believe that my children have had an advantage in their reading in living in the country. In the town there are so many things to detract from attention to reading that children grow up without the power of concentration.

And finally, let me say that the reading found in our library is above all other things the source of our contentment. One with a well-stored mind and a well-filled bookcase or magazine stand, does not need to worry because of lack of many companions and places of amusement. Satisfaction of a much higher character and most lasting may be had as the fruits of reading.

## How Shall the Income be Apportioned

Several View Points on what is often a Burning Problem.

**M**Y husband and I each have our own pocket-book. I have all the proceeds of the butter and poultry, and with this I keep the house in groceries and home linen and clothe myself and children. When I have not enough, my husband gives me what I need if he has it; if not, I go without. If he needs money and I have it, I give it to him. We think the woman has as much right to the handling of the money as the man.—Mrs. T. S. McGin, Grey Co., Ont.

### A True Partnership Basis

Mrs. J. E. Caldwell, Carleton Co., Ont.

**I** AM glad that Farm and Dairy has taken up the subject of the farm pocketbook, and I am pleased to give my idea of it, and also my husband's, as his ideas and mine correspond.

Previous to my marriage for five or six years I had my own money, and when I married I thought I would still like to have a stated sum that would be my very own. When we discussed the matter, I told my husband what I desired. But that was not his idea. He said that when we married he took me into partnership, and that as partners we shared alike in the business. He said, "There is the cash box; take what you need. I do not expect you to spend extravagantly or foolishly; but take what you need." And I did. I saw his point of view and I also saw it was up to me to live up to my husband's trust in me.

That was years ago, and we have yet to have

our first unpleasant matters. Whatever went into the one pocket-book, and I am sure I did not spend one dollar more (and maybe less) for having the privilege of taking what I needed.

Men make a great mistake when they put their wives in the humiliating position of having to ask for every cent they need—and very often refuse to give it even when she has lowered herself to ask for it. It certainly lowers a woman in her own estimation to have to beg for what should be hers without the asking. And what, perhaps, is worse, it lowers the husband, too. He loses something more precious than silver or gold or houses or lands when he loses the respect of his wife.

There are few women who would not be so proud to feel that her husband trusted her business ability and good judgment that she would do her utmost to spend all money to the very best advantage for both. And I think we all understand that if the firm we belong to is not prosperous we are not. And why should my husband think I would not use our money carefully? Are not his interests my interests? But I am

afraid many men are penny wise and pound foolish, for depend upon it, no man loses when he



A Home Built by Two People Who Are Really Partners

This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Woodley, Norfolk Co., Ont. In this home, as in the homes of the other competitors in the Inter-Provincial Prize Farms Competition conducted by Farm and Dairy in 1913, the spirit of cooperation and mutual helpfulness was one of its most attractive features. Mr. and Mrs. Woodley, working together, have established a splendid farm and a farm home that must be classed with the very best.—Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

has married a good woman by trusting her. And I am sure there are few men who will admit he is not capable of selecting a good woman for his wife.

In the greatest of all books we are told that "In a good woman the heart of her husband may safely trust, and she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."

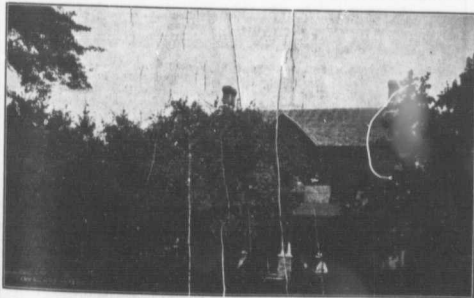
### The Principle of the Farm Partnership

Mrs. Constance E. Hamilton, Peel Co., Ont.

**M**ARRIAGE is usually regarded as a partnership and the business undertaken in establishing of a home. While the husband usually provides the material for the home, the woman is called the home maker and brings to the establishment that peculiar indefinable atmosphere without which no house is a home.

The man earns the living, while the woman in marrying resigns her liberty as an independent wage earner, but becomes none the less a worker and provider. Business partners usually share alike financially. Is there good reason why this marriage partnership should be conducted differently?

Let the husband and wife divide the finances (Continued on page 22)



Another Home Built on the Partnership Plan

This fine farm residence is the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bales, York Co., Ont. It is a successful competitor in the Inter-Provincial Prize Farms Competition. In fact, well rounded success such as that attained on the Bales farm is made possible only through such cooperation.

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