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#### The Country Gentlewoman

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"Mother's sick and we want you to come over and show us what to do." This was the announcement made by the son, who came from a neighboring farmhouse one winter when the hardworked farmer's wife had finally succumbed to a long-pending illness — an illness which was finally traced to exposure from driving to the market, 12 miles away. Not until the men folk of the family were compelled to cook their own meals and make their own beds did they realize how serious is the situation when the woman in the farm home becomes ill. With all the training of farm boys in many homes the men are almost helpless when obliged to care for themselves without the direction of a housekeeper. In this instance three members of the family and three hired men had been depending absolutely upon this one frail woman, and not until she was obliged to take to her bed did they even think of the injustice that had been done her, or the improper balance in their household duties which they obliged her to maintain. It would not be fair to say that she shirked her duty; rather she encouraged them to depend upon her, and she would never have complained had not illness obliged her to give up her work. This emancipation through illness has been the lesson which has had to drop on many farm homes before the need of some careful consideration of the labor problem in the household has been realized. The lesson has in many cases been as important to the housewife herself as to the men folk, since she has in many instances to acknowledge that her home needs attention.

Why Farmers' Homes are Unhandy.

Just before I married, my father moved to a city and turned his farm over to the boys, leaving them practically in entire charge. They were both newly married and had established homes of their own with considerable handicap in the way of mortgages and unpaid loans. Though the city into which we moved was progressive in many respects it was not growing, and the only homes to be rented were the old houses without modern conveniences. It is the new growth in cities that has made us appreciate these new things, and in every old city there are thousands of homes that have no more conveniences than the average farmhouse. The place we went into was without modern plumbing or water supply. We had only a cistern and a hydrant in the back yard and there was no arrangement to carry our sewage except into a small cesspool. Though we had been used to these things in the country, it did not take us long to realize that in the city we must have conveniences because of the lack of sanitary accommodations which might affect not only ourselves but our neighbors. In the country the cleansing sunshine has in itself offset many of the results of a lack of sanitation.

Most of our farmhouses are old buildings except a few modern ones that are being built, which are entirely equal to the city house of the same value. The pioneers deny themselves conveniences simply to keep down the first cost. Too often in comparing country and city homes we criticise unduly these old houses and the people occupy ing them without remembering that the farm household has become used to a certain routine and does not feel the need of many sanitary changes. When my father built a house in the city he put in no heating system except stove, for the simple reason that he wanted a stove near him where he could see it and where he could put his feet upon the hearth when they got cold. He had not been trained to sit-

could see no dvantage in going down into the cellar to attend to a furnace after looking over the base-burner in the sitting room. Moreover, the cost of these conveniences had something to do with it. It amuses me to see many city folks go out on a summer vacation and spend several months in a bungalow with primitive conveniences and then tell how much they enjoyed it. If they were obliged to live in a similar house on a farm they would long bewail the lack of what they considered essential conveniences.

#### Farming as a Partnership. .

The farm home is a family partnership; and it is a partnership in a way in which no other business is. business of the place is brought into the family circle every day, and the success of the farm as a business enterprise immediately affects the home. There is hardly any parallel to this except in the small, old-fashioned store where the storekeeper owned the building and lived upstairs with the family, who assisted in tending the counter. If he failed to make a profit from his store operations, he said: "Well, I have had a good home at least." This is the same attitude which many farmers take when crops do not turn out well. There is not much use in talking about farm improvements until the business of the place is on a basis that enables one to make some expenditures. The women members of the family are just as ready as the men to deny themselves things that they sometimes consider luxuries in order to aid the business success of the farm. In fact, they are the most self-denying; but they are not to blame, since in a business that sometimes yields little or no cash returns the whole success depends upon keeping down expenses, and in practising these small economies most women are superior to men.

When I came to appreciate the importance of small conveniences and had spent some time in the city home I could see wherein the work of the farmer's wife might be made much easier. But again we cannot blame her for not having these conveniences. The average farmer's wife goes to town less than twice a month. She arrives in the forenoon and has certain purchases to make. She spends as much time as she can in buying as she has planned, then after a hasty lunch and a few more hours to complete her purchases is off for home. She has no time to visit other shops or to look for conveniences or the things she has not planned to get before leaving home. Therefore she is dependent upon the suggestions she gets from her women's magazines or from what she sees in other farmhouses; and these are precious few. In recent years when I have visited my country sisters I have always spent an hour or so at the kitchen counters of a department store before starting for the farm and have picked up a lot of little things for five and ten cents each to give the girls. Some of these small gifts accord more satisfaction than would an investment of a thousand times the cost in some improvement in the home. Again you cannot blame the farm woman for not having these things; for the means of distribution do not bring them to her

#### Is Help to be Had?

In most country communities the servant problem is not serious; for in the country there are few servants. In the South there are plenty of colored girls in some sections and in parts of the East foreign girls may be found; but on the whole servant girls do not abound in farming communities. This means that the average farm home is a one-woman proposition. She must do her own work with the assistance of her daughters or the country wife of the hired man. A good deal is said in favor of the married hired man on farms if his wife helps; but the wives have something to say about this, and in most cases it is a veto. Besides this, men must have homes of their own; and one household is enough for any woman. It is almost hopeless to look to the outside for help for the average farmer's wife. Even in cases of illness, mention The Western Home Monthly. I ting before the radiator, and my mother my sisters have been obliged to import

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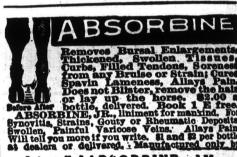
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