

place they proceed to hang out a sign: "Keep off the grass. This man belongs to me." It is a well-known fact that the doctor is a sort of "father confessor." Most of the doctor's patients are ladies and they go to him with all their troubles. If Charlie gets gay and kicks over the traces sometimes the old family physician is sure to hear about it. If he is a successful physician he gets the confidence of the ladies. They believe in him, and of course they feel that they can go to him, tell him just how they feel, for they feel that they can trust him with the greatest secrets. If a doctor's wife is at all inclined to be "jealous," when she sees a lady enter the office and is closeted with him for over ten or fifteen minutes, she begins to imagine something wrong. When the lady comes out of the office the doctor's wife greets her with a sour face that has driven many a lady patient away. When she meets her husband, he is liable to get "all that is coming to him." In my experience as a practical man I have seen some queer things. Deliver me from a jealous woman! She has no business to be a doctor's wife. She is out of her place. Many a doctor's business has been ruined by a jealous wife. Many of them will not allow their husband to attend a confinement case. They peep through the key-holes, listen at the door of his office, spy over the transom, open the door and walk in unannounced when he is consulting with one of his lady patients, and in many other ways make themselves a general nuisance. There is another class of doctors' wives with long tongues, who talk too much. They tell everybody who will listen to them about the doctor's patients. Many a good doctor's business has been ruined by his wife's tongue. A doctor's wife, of all women, must be discreet and never talk about her husband's patients. As her husband, he naturally confides a good deal to her about his practice, but she should learn to respect his confidence at all times and in all places. She can do a whole lot for her husband if she will: see that his office and reception-rooms are cheerful and tidy, have his meals at regular times, and see that he gets the food he likes and ought to have. Many a doctor's health has been ruined by overwork. Many doctors' wives, not fully realizing the work their husbands have to do—exposure to all kinds of weather, loss of sleep, the constant care and worry of his profession will in time break down the strongest constitution. It is then that he needs a wife's best care, her sympathy, her sweet womanly love. She should watch over him to see that he gets a proper amount of sleep and that he does not work at his profession when sick and full of pain. Many a good doctor might have been saved for many years of usefulness in his profession if his wife had only seen and realized the fact that her