

About the Farm.

The Voice of Summer.

Have you heard the Summer talking
When the world is all alight?
Have you heard her fairy whispers
'Mong the grasses bright—
Heard her in the woodbine hedges,
Where the deep gray shadow lies,
In the crooning low of wood-doves,
In the river's sighs?

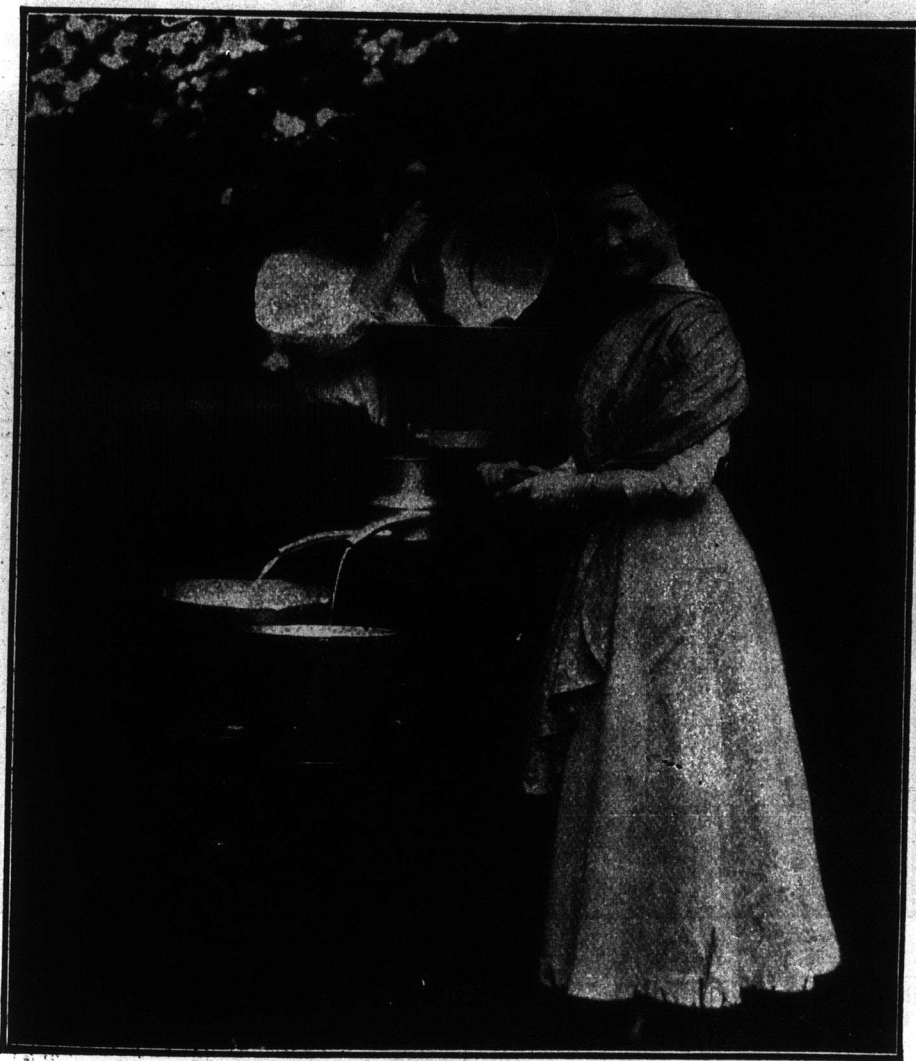
Have you heard sweet Summer talking
In the ripple of the spring
That leaps up beside the hawthorn
As a bird on wing—
Heard her talking in the light wind
Stirring all the leaves to song,
In the chirping of the insects
Dancing ferns among?

Have you heard the Summer talking
'Mong the cowslips on the lea,
In the deeper, nobler music
Of the wide blue sea,
In the ringing of the bluebells
O'er the woodland far away,
In the twitter of the young birds,
Making glad the day?

gave you a chance to save money. The boy's first paying garden and the girl's nice flock of profitable chickens will anchor their owners if anything will do it. A little good advice will soon start the extremely important habit of saving money. Can he clear \$50 a year? Sometimes. Fifty dollars placed in a savings bank every year will amount in twenty years at 4 per cent. to the very respectable sum of \$1548.46, enough for a good start in business. But the moral and business training that goes with it should be worth more than the money. A successful boy is pretty sure to become a successful man. The farm boy who saves money every year is not likely to grow into the kind of men who fill the poorhouses or live on their creditors or drift about the country telling hard-luck stories. They will be too busy being good, substantial citizens and a credit to the parents who gave them a right start.

Roosters.

I've heard a good deal in my time about the foolishness of hens; but when it



The modern way.

Have you heard the Summer talking
As she passed you on the moor,
Heard her laughing as she scattered
Roses on before—
Heard her whispers all around you
'Mong the clover and the thyme,
Heard her bird-like voice above you
Chanting songs divine?

Have you heard the Summer talking
In sweet accents, soft and deep,
When the golden airs of heaven
All about you sweep—
Talking of a day hereafter
When upon a distant shore
She will crown your life with lilies—
Leave you no more?

Hettie M. Beckingham.

Boys and the Farm.

The surest way to interest children in farming is to let them make a little real money out of it; money that they can call their own and spend in any reasonable way. You remember how it was yourself. You couldn't see any fun in farming until you began to find a little profit in the business. You became enthusiastic after a good season which

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