

PRAISE YOUR WIFE.

A farmer's wife who reads the *Agriculturist* complains that we give "advice to wives" without anything *per contra* for husbands. We were not aware that we had been guilty of any partiality in the case, and therefore willingly give room to the following extract which she kindly sent us:—

Praise your wife, man; for pity's sake give her a little encouragement. She has made your home comfortable, your hearth bright and shining, your food agreeable,—for pity's sake tell her you thank her, if nothing more. She don't expect it, it will make her eyes open wider than they have this ten years. but it will do her good, for all that, and you too.

There are many women to day thirsting for a word of praise, the language of encouragement. Through summer's heat, through winter's toil, they have drudged uncomplainingly, and so accustomed have their fathers, brothers, and husbands become to their monotonous labours, that they look for, and upon them as they do the daily rising of the sun and its daily going down. Homely, every-day life he may be made beautiful by an appreciation of its very homeliness. You know that if the floor is clean, manual labour has been performed to make it so. You know if you can take from your drawer a clean shirt whenever you want, somebody's fingers have ached in the toil of making it so fresh and agreeably lustrous. Every thing that pleases the eyes and the senses, has been produced by constant work, much thought, great care, and untiring efforts, bodily and mentally.

It is not that many men do not appreciate these things and feel a glow of gratitude for the numberless attentions bestowed upon them in sickness and in health, but they are so selfish in that feeling. They don't come out with a hearty 'Why how pleasant you make things look, dear wife! or, 'I am very much obliged to you for taking so much pains!' They thank the tailor for giving them 'fits'; they thank the man in the full omnibus who gives them a seat; they thank the young lady who moves along in the concert room; in short, they thank everybody and everything out of doors, it is the custom, and come home, tip their chairs back and their heels up, pull out the newspaper, grumble if the wife asks them to take the baby, scold if the fire has gone down; or if every thing is just right, shut their mouth with a smack of satisfaction, but never say, I thank you?

I tell you what, men, young and old, if you did but show an ordinary civility toward those common articles of house-keeping, your wives, if you would give them the one hundred and sixtieth part of the compliments you almost choked them with before they were married—if you would stop the badinage about who you are going to have when 'number one' is dead, if you would cease to speak of their faults, however banteringly before others, fewer women would seek for other sources of happiness than your apparent so-so-ish affection.—Praise your wife, then, for all the good qualities she has, and you may rest assured that her deficiencies are fully counterbalanced by your own.

MEDICAL USE OF SALT.—In many cases of disordered stomach, a teaspoonful of salt is a certain cure. In the violent internal aching, termed colic, add a teaspoonful of salt, to a pint of cold water; drink it and go to bed, it is one of the speediest remedies known. The same will revive a person who appears almost dead from receiving a fall.

In an apoplectic fit, no time should be lost in pouring down salt and water, if sufficient sensibility remain to allow of swallowing it; if not, the head must be sponged with cold water until the sense return, when salt will completely restore the patient from the lethargy.

In a fit, the feet should be placed in warm water, with mustard added, and the legs briskly rubbed, all bandages removed from the neck and a cool apartment procured if possible. In many cases of severe bleeding at the lungs, and when other remedies failed, Dr. Rush found that two teaspoonsful of salt completely stayed the blood.

In case of a bite from a mad dog, wash the part with a strong brine for an hour, and then bind on some salt with a rag.

In toothache, salt and warm water held to the part, and removed two or three times, will relieve it in most cases. If the gums be affected, wash the mouth with brine. If the teeth be covered with tartar, wash them twice a day with salt and water.

In swelled neck, wash the part with brine, and drink it also twice a day, until cured. Salt will expel worms, if used in food in a moderate degree, and aids digestion, but salt meat is injurious, if used much.