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## OUR HOME CLUB

### The Rural Church

I trust that "The Pastor" will not think that I am trying to infringe on his territory if I write for the Home Club a few of my ideas on rural churches. I recently visited a small country community in which there were three churches, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist. As usual when Sunday came around I attended the Presbyterian church. I arrived late, but almost believed I must have gotten there early so slim was the congregation. The church could easily have accommodated eight or 10 times as many people as were there. On making enquiry I found that the attendance that day was an average one; also that the attendance at the

other two churches was about the same. All three churches had poor, underpaid ministers. All of them had their efforts laid out in devoted merely to the maintaining of their church and minister; little energy or money was left for missionary or social work. All of the people of these three congregations came to serve the same God and all are working to get to the same Heaven. And yet they are perpetrating little sectarian differences to the detriment of their country. The differences are slowly strangling the

"THE church and the farmer are two of the most important institutions in the world. In fact they are both indispensable. Through the one the bread of life is dispensed, and through the other the staff of life—food for the soul and food for the body."—Rev. Matthew Brown McNutt.

cial and religious life of the community.

How much better it would be if all of these three churches were to unite and so make one fair sized congregation, pay a good salary to a good minister and then really "do things." There would be both money and time for missionary work and what in my opinion is more important still, the church could be made the social center of the whole community. The church as a social centre in the opinion of your humble "Philosopher" would do much to solve the problem of keeping the young people in the country and to maintain their interest in church work.

And what about these sectarian differences? In a recent copy of "Successful Farming," the editor tells of how the Presbyterian and Christian churches of Griewood, Iowa, united three years ago under the name of The Union Church. They adopted this simple creed, or articles of faith: 1. Christ is the head of the church. 2. The Bible is our rule of faith and practice. 3. Individual interpretation of the Scriptures, the privilege and duty of all. 4. Christian character the test of fellowship. 5. Mode of baptism, if desired, at the discretion of the applicant. 6. The union of all followers of Christ.

From these two struggling churches there arose a strong one of about 200. Other churches in the town did not see fit to unite with the Union, and they still struggle on doing inefficient work in a way that is unsatisfactory even to themselves. I have travelled fairly extensively in my own country of Canada, and I know that the condition I have mentioned is common. Why not cast aside our narrow religious creeds and live and work with one another here on earth as we expect to do in Heaven?

"The Philosopher."

### Suggestions for Home Decoration

By the Instructor of Domestic Art, N.Y.D.C.

To make the home serve its best purpose with reference to home life, comfort and economy, there must be orderly arrangement and correct selection of their beauty and use. To accomplish this the following essentials must be considered: The plan of the house, the resources of its rooms, whether it is to be a town or country house, and the needs of its occupants. We give a few of the essential principles to be

concerned in the furnishing of a moderate sized home in the country.

There is nothing that causes more discomfort and irritation than a wrong use and combination of color. The eye is a nerve organ easily irritated by color and its irritation affects the whole body. For example, perhaps there is some room in your house that does not suit you. It seems too dark or close or perhaps you cannot describe just what reasons you have for disliking that particular room. It is not perhaps the color or combination of colors which is to be irritating? Or perhaps it is bad arrangement of furnishings.

#### POSITION OF ROOM

The exposure of the room, whether it is north, east, south, or west, should decide the color to be used on walls and floor. A south room which is always rather dark, should be finished in bright, warm colors. Rose pinks, lemon yellows, and yellow tans with brown as the contrasting color, are very good. The floor coverings should be much darker than the walls and the ceiling should be much lighter than either. A bit of brightness should be used in the furnishings if possible. Such a room costs no more than one finished in dark, sombre tones and will be a room pleasant to live in.

If the room has a south or easterly exposure, the colors used can be cooler or to offset the bright light from without. Soft blues, pleasing greys and grey-greens are especially good. Grey-green is a very suitable color for a living room as it has a very restful effect upon the eye. Brown, which combines well with green, can be used to good advantage in the furnishings. Plain walls make a better background than walls covered with figures which in wall paper are often large and ugly. Cartridge paper, calicoes and alabaster shades or paint are suitable wall coverings. Many of the calcimine and powder forms and shades are mixed with water until desired shade is obtained; this can be tested by trying on a clean board and allowing to dry. Alabaster shades are preferable to calcimine. Paint is more durable and has the advantages of being washable.

#### KITCHEN, BRIGHT AND CHEERY

The kitchen which is really the most important room in the house, as the housewife spends so much of her time there, should be made as bright and cheery as possible giving the idea of absolute cleanliness. White, or calcimine and white are best for walls. Calico or alabaster shades, paint or oil paper are all used. There are all cheap finishes. Oil cloth paper can be washed and makes a most satisfactory covering.

Bedrooms should be treated with much brighter colors than other rooms of the house. The exposure must be considered but light shades of cool colors are used even in very bright rooms. Light greys with rose color make a very interesting combination for easterly rooms. Inexpensive cretonnes, dotted muslins, serims and avoid cheap lace. Such coverings can spoil an otherwise delightful room. Light pinks, blues, yellows, lavenders, greens and rose colors, are also pretty bedroom colors. Dark and ugly furniture can be transformed by white paint or enamel. Advertisements of enamels can be found in any of the magazines. They are not expensive and can be applied at home. Japanese is perhaps one of the best known. It comes in cans of almost any size from 10 cts. to 50 cts. A 10-cent can will just about enamel a bed.

Every piece of furniture should give the idea of brightness, comfort and beauty. Mission and craftsman styles are very good as they combine the good qualities of beauty, simplicity, comfort and economy.

## The Sewing Room

Patterns 10 cents each. Children by number, adults by measure. This year's size for adults, give bust measure for waists, and waist measure for skirts. Address all orders to the Pattern Department.

### SHIRT WAIST IN MANNISH STYLE, 7831

The plain shirt waist is always needed. This year the mannish finish will be exceedingly smart. The waist can be made with or without the pockets and with or without the yoke in the back, and it would be well for each woman to choose the style she finds more becoming, for fashion sanctions both. There is a rather marked tendency toward the use of pointed collars and this one is smart and are equally correct.

For the medium size, 3 1/2 yards of material 27, 2 1/2 yards 34, 2 yards 44 inches wide.

This pattern of the waist is cut in sizes for a 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

### BLOUSE CLOSING IN FRONT FOR MISSES AND SMALL WOMEN, 521

Girls are so to welcome this blouse for it includes the newest collar and the latest sleeve. It gives the long shoulder line and the together it is exceedingly new and economical. Long sleeves with frills over the hands are becoming very worn, but fashion is liberal and those in three-quarter length sleeves are correct. The sleeve are sewed to the armholes and the blouse which is made with front and back portions and fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams.

For the 16 year size, 2 1/4 yards of material 27, 2 1/2 yards 34, 2 yards 44 inches wide with 1 1/2 yard 27 inches wide for the collar and cuffs.

This pattern is cut in sizes for misses of 16 and 18 years.

### GIRL'S BOX PLAITED NORFOLK DRESS, 7381

Every variation of the Norfolk dress is smart this autumn. Here is a girl's costume combining a Norfolk blouse with a box plaited skirt and which can be used for both street and home wear. The serge with trimming of black silk braid would be handsome. The serge could be finished with collar and cuffs of Scotch plaid taffeta to be quite in the height of style.

For the 12 year size, 4 1/4 yards of material 27, 3 1/4 yards 34, 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide, and for the skirt and trimming will be needed 4 yards 27, 3 1/2 yards 34, 3 yards 44 inches wide.

For the skirt of contrasting material will be required 5 1/2 yard 27 inches wide.

This pattern of the dress is cut in sizes for girls of 10, 12 and 14 years of age.

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A good home made furniture polish is composed of linseed or salad oil and kerosene. Mix well with a stick until the oil does not flow. Apply with flannel and rub off with linen.

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