

## Farm and Home Council.

more convenient. Eggs, poultry, butter, etc., might or might not furnish a fair amount of spending money for the wife. If she were extravagant, incapable or shiftless, perhaps the amount at her disposal should be limited and the same with the husband. But when both are capable, honest, economical and industrious, there seems no occasion for partiality in the amount of spending money each should have. And it also seems right that all in the family should do their fair share as needed for its proper maintenance, even though wife or daughters need to do some work considered as properly belonging to men, and vice versa. Not that it would be best generally, but only in cases that ought to be rare, and when the necessities or happiness of the family require it.—[Thomas J. Powell.

**A Great Wrong**—The pocketbook question has been well discussed, but there is still another great wrong to women which to my thinking is as grievous. When man and wife start poor, and both work hard, live economically and raise up a large family, and both succeed in earning a home, say 80 or 100 acres of land,—after the wife has helped to earn what they have, she has no share, no right, it all belongs to the man, and the man refuses to provide for her. True, she may have a third,—yes, a third of what she has worked hard for.—[One of Them.

**Correction**—In the Council columns far May 1 was an error of make-up which made the two paragraphs beginning respectively "Cruel parents" and "Once more" read wrong. The first three lines at the top of the third column on Page 220, under the former head, belonged at the top of the first column on Page 221 in the "Once more" paragraph.

**Inquiring Friends**—Mrs. M. L., we would like to publish your excellent letter, but the subject makes that course unwise.—R. G., we believe Theodore Thomas, the great orchestra leader, has his headquarters in Chicago now.—Mrs. H. M. R., in the potato yeast recipe in our April 1 issue, you can use any of the various kinds of yeast in the "one cup" referred to. Half a cake of compressed yeast dissolved in a cup of water will do also.—S. B., gluten bread may be made the same as wheat or entire wheat bread or biscuits, using all or part gluten flour.—Mrs. L. W. C., "s c" in crochet means single crochet.—Mrs. W. H. Q., we can't give specific cures for diseases in this journal.—J. A. H., we know of no fluid that a watch can be dipped into in order to clean it.—Mrs. N. M. B., we don't know what marketable use "sumac bobs" can be put to. You should advertise your Belgian hares.—Can someone tell how to make "shrimp paste"?—Leonie, there seems little doubt that the astrologist's art is founded on natural scientific laws, but he may not always interpret them rightly.—Phillip, the answer to your coin query is given in our Feb 15 issue, Page 94.—J. W. M., directions for a knitted oak leaf tidy were given in our issue of June 1, '98.—Subscriber, the biograph is controlled by the American Mutoscope company, New York city.

**Teddy's Ride**—Do you wish to hear some of my experience? I am a telegraph operator on the Erie railroad. It was Sunday afternoon, fine wheeling and a model day. I went to see "her." She greeted me with smiles and in due time suggested that we should go for a ride. We started for the town of C—, intending to go to church. We got nearly there and of course something had to happen, so she dropped her handkerchief. I dismounted to recover it and when I got started again she was quite a distance ahead. Just at this point the cause of all my trouble shot by me on another wheel (a fellow of course and homely at that). I saw his game instantly. It was down grade. I soon gained on him. There was a sharp turn just before we reached the church. She was already there. I was coming around the curve slick and safe while the other fellow wasn't so successful. He needed the whole 20-foot road to make it. So he ran into my front wheel, turning me toward the sidewalk.

Well, he reached the pretty girl, while the sidewalk struck my front wheel. I came home on the train with a sprained ankle, and I didn't leave home again for three long weeks. The fellow went home with the pretty girl, and they added insult to injury by sending me their regrets. I have got that handkerchief yet. I have also made a "will," leaving all my blessings to that fellow. And I have lots of faith in girls.—[Teddy.

**Ruling by Love**—I am glad to see so many of our young people interested in literature. No time is wasted that is put in in reading good literature. My favorite prose writer is Mary J. Holmes. Her language is so simple and easy to understand. Longfellow is my favorite poet. I do not enjoy reading Cooper's works very much because he is not at all plain in what he wants to say. I am a teacher and am just finishing my first term of school. I have an excellent school and a good attendance, enough to keep me busy all the time. Let us hear from more of the young teachers and let them give some of their methods of teaching. How many can teach a six months' school without having to "administer justice" to some of the pupils? I never had a rod in the school room the entire term, for I never had occasion for it. A teacher can manage her pupils better by kindness than by force. Telling a child day after day that he is a naughty child will not make him a better one; but we must select some good trait of the child and encourage him in it, and by so doing you can overcome all his naughty habits and in a short time you will have made a good child out of perhaps the most naughty boy in school. Teach the pupils the first rule, "Learn to love your teacher," and if you succeed in doing this you will have no trouble with them. Do not have your pupils overburdened with rules, as some teachers do. Make as few rules as possible and you will readily observe that you will have no trouble in having a good school. The only rule I gave my pupils was this, "Always do right." There isn't anything I enjoy better than to be in the school room with about 30 bright, intelligent pupils. It is so interesting to teach the little tots and to take notice of all the queer ways they have. Teaching is the only way to learn the nature of children.—[Toots.



**Bookkeeping**—I am bookkeeping for a merchant in the city and like my work very much. I have taught one term of school, but like bookkeeping far better. I like living in the city very well, but I don't think there is anything like living on the farm. But where I can do the best and earn the most money, there I am satisfied. Don't think me stingy, for I am free-hearted enough. Papa lives on a farm of 80 acres and it is situated 80 rods from a pretty little lake, which makes it very pleasant.—[Old Maid of Nineteen.

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**Summer Boarders**—Among the many food things in F & H, I see no mention of summer boarders, and as I am thinking of taking a few this summer, would like to hear from those who have had some experience. I do not mean on any special point, only a general plan to help boarders have a pleasant vacation. Such an article would interest and help me, and perhaps others.—[Mrs. C. M. S., New Hampshire.

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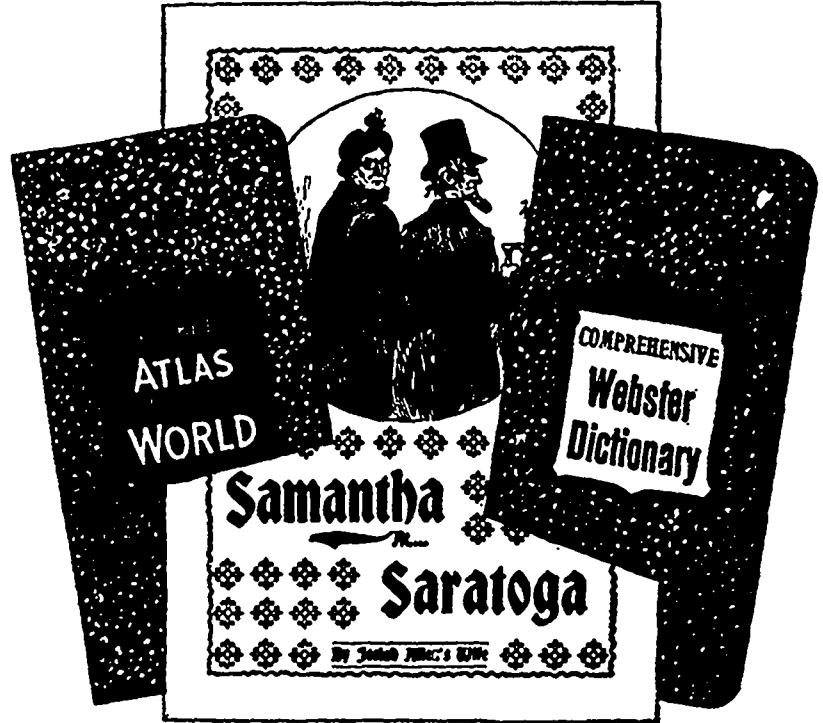
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