



**For More Bread
and Better Bread
The Whole Family
Says—**

PURITY FLOUR

it his business to prevent, to rid, to disband the trash, to be outright, to take at the feet of Mammon and to sell his country and his life for his daily bread."

What can we say of a man with a respectable occupation who will engage in a work of this kind? I will say this much—That any business in which a reward is offered for dishonesty and where honest men are condemned as thieves should be swept out of existence and with little regard for compensation.

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Good Management

Editor, Friend:—I did not read the letter written by "Slaves," but have read the reply written by Contentment No. 1, and as I am on a larger ranch my experience with thrashing crews may help some poor overworked woman. There is a great difference in the way the thrashing is done. About the number of men, it takes from eight to twenty-two. Three "bosses" are needed if the job is done successfully and all must be of one mind. The first thing necessary is for the man, the husband, to keep his eyes and ears open and mouth closed from the very beginning of the thrashing season until he is sure which machine he wants to do his work. We employ the same one each year and although there are six or eight in our neighborhood, this is the only one we would have on the place.

"Slaves'" experience may have been something like a neighbor's last year. The dean, slender, white haired woman tried so hard to please the "outfit" she had to deal with, that not only loaves of bread and hot buns went to the field, but she also, borrowed them so far as to provide her best dishes, table linen and napkins as they still found fault she came in despair and asked me what I would do in a case like that.

The statement is quite correct. Female help is very hard to procure. We began last January to advertise for help, have spent much time and postage, also hundreds of miles of travel, and up to date

are without help. Plenty of men, but no women to be had at any price.

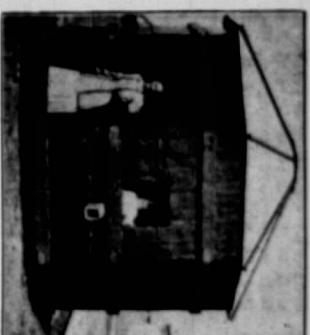
Now a few words about handling men. Give them three good, well cooked, hearty meals, on time, each day, all they can eat, never under any conditions send a luncheon to the field. The world is full of women like "Contentment," and as long as it is the women will be "Slaves." I have been cooking for farm help for years and have yet to send the first lunch, neither has there ever been one desired. My husband asked the boss last year if any one wanted a lunch, and he replied, "No, we do not want to sit by a straw pile in our dirt and grease to eat one of your wife's lunches and then make it up after hours." If a lunch is asked for it is a pretty sure sign that the meals at the table were not all they should be. Provide plenty of soap, water, brushes, comfortable beds, hot, light, reading matter, games, then demand order and cleanliness. They will respect you for it. "Contentment's" letter fairly made my blood boil. Women, demand your rights, do it kindly and sweetly, but firmly. Our men never work over time. Ten hours in the field is enough for man or horse. Our flag goes up promptly at 11.45 and 5.45. If a woman is to send hot coffee, sandwiches, etc., to the field every day, it is impossible to keep a neat kitchen. Spend the afternoon with fresh toilet, sewing or reading, away from heat and flies. We do not receive pay for boarding thrashers on any day, not on Sunday. They go home if possible; we are not expected to keep any except the engineer and fireman.

I never saw as many long-faced patients, hard working women and thoughtless men as in this new western country. It means something for women to leave all the heart holds day, in the way of church, social, school privileges, and family ties, to come here, that husband and sons may have a start, and though, as I believe, some men are driven to the saloon and pool room because of their wife's poor cooking and inability to make a home, there are plenty of men who would be more kind to the women in their homes, if they realized the need of it. Don't make door mats of yourselves.

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