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Farm and Home Council.

me of the shoemaker who, wishing to cut the tail off his dog, began by clipping an inch each day so as not to hurt so much. Why not eliminate tobacco at once and be done with it? I know it can be done, as I have "been there" myself. All it requires is a little backbone.—[L. Ranchman.

Good Stepmothers—In one family near me there are two children and they get along better with their stepmother than they did with their own mother. Another woman (widow) married a man with five girls, and they get along nicely. Children, if they are let alone as they are with their own parents, would not find so many bad stepmothers. I have seen some bad own mothers and have heard them say, "I will whip you to death," or "I will skin you alive." If a stepmother would say such things as that, the whole kins people would be up in arms. As it is, it is thought nothing of. I think if we look the ground all over, we will find more good than bad stepmothers.—[Mrs J. H. L.

Not Deceitful—O ye deceitful girls! Have mercy on the poor men. Think of the furrows caused by the tears running down the cheeks of the Bachelor and others! Their letters made me stop breathing? No, only long enough to think whether I am deceitful, and I came to the conclusion that I'm not. Now, I'll admit (providing they do the same regarding their own sex) that there are girls who will win the love of a man for amusement. I believe "that which gives pain to others deserves not the name of pleasure." Very often though, men, by mistaking friendship for a warmer feeling, cause their own sorrows. There are men conceited enough to believe that every girl is in love with them. Supposing a girl has several admirers and she does not care particularly for any certain one, but divides her attention among them, yet each one fancies himself the favored one and—well, is she deceitful? Plow Boy, I think we ought to join you, for your plans for improvement would be of benefit to us all. However, I will remark that I thought of this same thing long ago and have had some experience and shall be glad to hear of yours. [Coddle's Sister.

An Opinion—M. R. Rouse, how to be divinely great is too deep for me to discuss, but I have an opinion and it is this: One way to be divinely great is simply to do our duty day by day regardless of what we ourselves would rather do; but what we know to be our duty to others. I think this requires more true moral courage than to go out in the world and perform some grand deed.—[Nellie Bly.

One Stepmother—Two Stepdaughters' letter made me very anxious to tell them what I know of one stepmother. She married a man with three little girls who had been woefully neglected in early life as to the training that would make women of them. They had never received any educational advantages, living so far from school it was impossible for them to attend. She began a regular home instruction course with them until she had helped their father to win a position where they could send the girls to a good school. They are now all in a good seminary, one of them almost ready to graduate, the stepmother doing all the work on a ranch in order to give those girls a chance in life, which no one doubts they never would have had without her help.—[Nellie.

Harmless Pleasure—I consider it a pleasure to once in a while hug and kiss a young lady that I have been keeping company with, and do not see any harm in it. Now, my F & H friends who write for the public in general to read through the Council, I ask you to be honest and candidly think the question over before you commit yourselves. I am a member of the church, belong to the young people's society of a membership of 50, and think it an honor to profess to be a Christian and hold the friendship of any good honest men or women, young or old. I like to see young people enjoy themselves.—[Coddle.

THE WIFE'S WELCOME.

The hearth is swept, the fire is bright.
The kettle sings for thee,
The cloth is spread, the lamps are light,
And hot cakes smoke in napkins white,
The boy sits on my knee.

Ah, ha, along the crisp walk fast
His well-known step doth come!
The bolt is drawn, the gate is passed,
The babe is wild with joy at last.
A thousand welcomes home!

Mrs F.

Tongue Work—Amateur, if your pictures are really good, all you have to do is to use a little more "tongue work" and in the long run all will be well, for your friends will find out that the cheap picture fades very soon, as it is mostly all print and but little crayon. Now my dear Two Stepdaughters, don't speak so harsh about stepmothers, because I'm one, and I try to better things instead of making them worse. My stepdaughter played the lady and I was the "hired girl" for her. See how good I was?—[Mrs D. R. Clarke.

Inquiring Friends—Bessie P., the best way to learn sewing and dressmaking is to "apprentice" yourself to a dressmaker. The cities and large towns have sewing courses in school. We are now publishing simple sewing lessons for beginners. A good way to become a "good conversationalist and to get over being bashful" is to go out walking with a little child and try to interest it and "explain things."——Mrs D. J. McDougall, Sandon, B C, has an old church of England prayerbook dated 1738, but we think it has no value.——Mrs M. E. M., any of the large histories give quite detailed accounts of the landing of the Pilgrims, their hardships, etc. Since you live in a large city, your city library would seem to be an ideal place for finding what you want.——The Rose of Sharon quilt pattern is asked for by an Ontario reader.——"Will someone who has had experience tell how silk worms are raised and care required?" asked M. S. H.——Mrs W. A. M., the "crochet alphabet" and lessons for beginners were given in our issues of Oct 15 and Nov 1.——O. R., the Morning Call is a Harrisburg (Pa) daily, also the Evening Telegraph.——J. O. W., Bohemia is a division of Austria-Hungary. It produces linens, glass, woolens, paper, porcelain, beer, iron, lead, silver, alum and graphite, cereals, coal and other manufacturing and natural productions. The language of the majority is Czech, but about 35 per cent speak German.

In reply to Miss Allie Hines, Senator William P. Frye of Maine was chosen president of the senate after the death of Vice-President Hobart. There is no vice-president. In the event of the president's death, the secretary of state, in the capacity of vice-president, would act as the chief executive.

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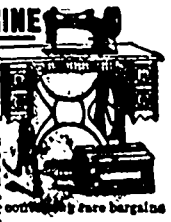

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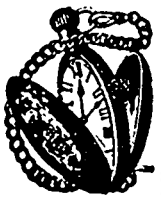

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