

Young America.



"NO SOOTHING SYRUP, THANK YOU."

THE TRUANT.

Fred Johnson is a truant;
He ran away from school
To spend the day in skating
Upon the factory pool.



He met u. going homeward
And bragged about his fun,
But when the teacher neared us
I noticed that Fred run.



Next morn into the school room
Fred entered looking blue.
He knew he would be punished—
That no excuse would do.

Our master is a kind one,
And loved by all the school.
But when a boy plays truant
A whipping is the rule.

MARGARET LEE.

Coward—If a girl doesn't like to be kissed and tells you so in plain English, respect her wishes and she will respect you the more for it. If you want to have a big time, get one of Water Lily's. One reason I never got slapped for kissing a girl is because I was too big a coward to try it. All I can say is, boys, respect a lady and keep your place.—[Mud Socks.

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The Struggle.

A WOMAN'S DAILY BREAD.

Please answer this inquiry in your next paper: I cannot go from home to work. Can you or any of the readers of F & H suggest any way a woman can earn money to support her family and be at home with them?—[Mrs P. J. T.

This whole question depends on what you are fitted by nature or experience to do, and your ability to successfully supply the demands of others in your particular line. Some of the cases that have been directly brought to our attention in which women have actually earned a living at home are the following, and while you individually may or may not be able to follow any one of them, they must be suggestive to a thoughtful woman. One of our readers raises sheep and sells mutton and wool. Quite a number earn a modest living from poultry. Others combine poultry, garden stuff and sewing for neighbors. One woman, a particularly neat sewer, gradually worked up a little kindergarten sewing school where a certain time every day the neighbors' children meet to learn. Some of these women have started in other things and made failures until they hit upon the thing they became successful in. Many women have established quite a market for some special line of cooking in which they excel, and combine this work with chicken raising or sewing. One woman left with two or three children and no assets hired a small rent and two garden spots. She sold quite a lot of garden stuff and sewed carpet rags and did mending and plain sewing, and got a little besides for taking care of a little church near her and ringing the bell. Thus she brought up her children and lived at home. Perhaps some of our readers will have other suggestions to offer.

THE PURSE COMMON PROPERTY.

Were it not for its serious features, the letter of Veni Vidi Vici would be amusing indeed, so odd and anomalous does it seem that there ever should be any wrangling over the family purse between husband and wife. Wife begging husband for needed money, husband refusing her the same! Preposterous! My wife and I lived together 20 odd years and in that time the pocket-book was but common property—a mutual fund from which both drew without stint when occasion required. When either went to town he or she drew from the family bank as demands dictated; nor was either cross-questioned when home as to the amount or nature of expenditures. In all that time my wife never asked for money but she got it if I had it, and now that she is gone, how glad I am that such is the case, for were it otherwise, then would guilt be "my midnight chamberlain with fingers bloody red." I do not say this by way of self praise, that we were better than other people; but simply that we regarded such action as but a common bounden duty to each other. Thus we lived and thus we struggled together, teaching in the winter and farming in the summer, for when we were married we both were in the very depths of poverty's vale, so much so that I was forced to buy her winter shoes on credit. When she went away—I can't say died—we owned a good farm, well stocked, with a \$2500 residence. I don't say this boastfully—far be such a thought from me—but simply to show that our common fund family financial system was not a ruinous, disastrous one.

If there be one among the husbands I now address brute enough to deny his wife necessary money from the family fund for her personal comfort or pleasure, then let him put on sackcloth and go hide away in the dog kennel—he is not a man. Let him write in his hat as a motto one sentence from Veni's letter, namely: "No wife can love a husband if he be mean and stingy," words as true as holy writ. O wives that are too delicate to ask your lords for needed money, ye are but wingless angels, strayed from paradisaical realms, too tender for the stern realities of this world. O husbands that deny your patient wives the needed money that justly belongs to them, ye are but bete noirs—black angels from Satan's plutonian shores. You are not man and wife in the true sense of the term. You are but merely suspicious, distrustful

members of a loveless, soulless corporation whose stock in a true matrimonial market would not bring one cent on the dollar, even in Confederate scrip. Reform or disband and go home to your respective parents, asking for forgiveness for your unholy travesty on the sacred institution of marriage.—[Matt Van.

Homely Economies—Our woven wire cot had given way at each end, so that the loose ends of the wire tore the bedding and we successfully "patched" it as follows. A piece of strong burlap (in this case it was part of a gunny sack) as long as the cot was wide was closely tacked to the wooden frame with carpet tacks, the burlap was stretched snugly down over the loose wire and fastened, where the wire was sound, with strong wrapping cord, a large needle being used to go down and up through the wire and burlap. Before this there were thick pieces of carpeting laid on the torn wires, else the burlap would have benefited little. Each end was fixed in the same way. The cane back of a small rocker gave out at one side and was mended with a darning needle and carpet chain in the darn stitch, going entirely across the chair, in and out through the open work of the cane and around the wood at each side and at the top and bottom. Always have the thread doubled. With a full length crochet tidi on the chair one hardly sees the mending.—[Emma Clearwaters.

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