



EARNING MONEY AT HOME.

FROM THE GARDEN.

How to provide for the future of her two little fatherless ones and not leave home, was the problem that Mrs. Brown had to deal with.

The few acres left after the debts were paid were mostly in berries and fruit trees, and she could not easily market them, as the city was eight miles distant. Her husband had never made much headway in laying up money for the inevitable rainy day, excepting to have his life insured, but one busy week he neglected going to town to pay his dues, and a runaway team made it too late forever. Friends advised her to live with relatives and sell the little house, but she was attached to it and preferred being independent.

In the spring before the strawberries were ripe she went to the city to solicit orders for canned strawberries, jams and jellies. The members of the lodge responded liberally and furnished the cans, paying so much per can for plain canned berries, and furnishing the sugar for the preserves and jellies. She hired a stout girl to help her, and dozens of boxes of carefully labeled berries left the farm that summer. Blackberries were made into jams and jellies. Peaches were preserved, spiced and some simply cooked and canned. Apples were made into jellies and butters, also plum and pear butter found a ready market. Occasionally orders for vegetables came with the fruit, and her increasing trade made it necessary to hire a man each week to deliver orders. Her cows and poultry occasionally added a few dollars to the bank account outside of their living. Her customers are more than satisfied and the account book showed \$175 to her credit for her summer's work, clear of expenses.

Orders for the next year proved her venture was a success. She is happy at having kept the wolf from the door by her own efforts, and not having to depend on friends and relatives for maintenance. In the near future more small fruit will be set out, and the preserving business will be carried out on a larger scale, which proves the demand for clean, wholesome, unadulterated canned goods, as the labels are all dated and signed by the maker. [Marion McConkey.]

PUT FALSE PRIDE ASIDE.

If one really wants to or must earn money at home, there is no doubt in my mind but there are ways, plenty of them, if one is well and has tact and energy to just take right hold of the work and do it. Have as a motto, "No work is beneath my dignity if it is respectable, honest and will not hurt my health." False pride must be put aside and one must go into the work believing she will be successful. If you expect to fail, and work in a half-hearted way, whatever you do will not help you much. I know of several women who are able and ought to be at work, but they cannot do what they want to and they will not do what people want them to do. I have no patience with such people. In this vicinity if a woman cannot leave home, taking in washing and ironing pays as well or better than any other work, unless it is going from home to do such work by the hour, also housecleaning. Some call this working at home, because one is only gone from home part of the time and is always at home nights. Women here get 15 or 20 an hour and some that cook get 25c. If you go from home to do the work, if you work past noon you get your dinner, and often something besides is given to you.

I know of a woman who has in 16 years saved \$1600 besides taking care of herself and family. She was a widow with three children, one an infant. That child was graduated from a high school in June, 1896. She earned her money washing, ironing, scrubbing and doing any other respectable work she was asked to do. She is trusted and

respected. I admire that woman for her good sense. How many men in a hundred who work out by the day and lose more or less time can save \$1600 in 16 years? If Mrs. P. J. T. will write, telling her circumstances, I think I can suggest to her many ways of earning money at home, yet success or failure rests mostly with herself. The best work is often close at hand, so do not look too far off and miss it.—[Allie L. Nay.]

AS WE THINK.

A Cold World—I am a farmer boy, I am proud to say, although it sometimes seems that there is no place in the cold world for me, yet I remember that some of the greatest men on earth were farmer boys, and I am encouraged to press on. I am not going to back down, because I believe everybody has a calling to perform, or they would never have been created.—[Jack Slister.]



Ideal's Ideal—Do you not think the Lord created one sex as good as the other? Certainly he did, and if there is any difference, I would like to know how it was brought about. Of course there are exceptions of good and bad in both. So instead of looking across at the opposite sex and complaining of their faults, let us all strive to improve our own, and this can only be accomplished by "looking to home" and mending our own faults and failures. By so doing we may prove to be our ideal's ideal. Well, I do not want Bishop to think I am one of those preachers he talks about, but just a list-ner.—[Gordon.]

Dismally—Cowboy, I wish you the best of luck in your second adventure, but let me warn you not to rush headlong and marry at your first meeting. We had such a case in our neighborhood and it turned out, oh, so dismally. One was sold as much as the other, and after two years of junking, agreed to disagree, she returning to her old home, hundreds of miles away, richer—in experience. Nevertheless, Cowboy, let us know how you succeed. [Lola.]

Suggestions—Though not a farmer, I like to read your paper, containing as it does useful information for the home also.—[G. F. Haab, Jr.]

In regard to stepmothers, girls, treat them well, for we may all be stepmothers some day.—[Sisters.]

Miss Minnesota, are you going to be a writer of the Dickens order, or only of the village poetess type?—[Centennial State.]

I am glad to see so many standing up for the stepmother. I am one myself, and although we are all the best of friends, it hasn't always been pleasant. [Sadie.]

Queer Lover—Cowboy If the girl had wanted her freedom she would have asked for it, and unless she did you should not have offered to free her. She felt hurt and insulted and thought you were seeking freedom for yourself when you were so willing to set her free. Any self-respecting girl would be glad to free her lover under such circumstances; and any girl who would marry a man she thought was anxious to set her free could not think much of herself; neither would you think much of her if she had married you. You cannot blame the girl for declining your "olive branch" after such treatment. If both of you are free and you still love her and you think she loves you, why don't you find out? I think you are a queer lover. What is the matter with you? Are you backward or are you conceited? I can't make out which. Do you expect a girl who feels that you have alighted her to "kiss and make up" without an apology from you? Do you expect the girl to make the first advances? A good girl will never do that. Your sweetheart took the only course open to her when she accepted your offer of freedom. Pocket your pride if you love her and write to her, be candid and explain that you still love her and always loved her, and that you



released her because you thought she wished it, not because you wished it; ask her again to marry you, and if she loves you and is convinced that you are speaking the truth, she will let bygones be forgotten, and you both may be happy. The lonely life you live has made you morbid, suspicious and jealous. A manly man will not hesitate to acknowledge his faults. If your sweetheart refuses you again, you may be sure she never loved you and you may be sure that you would not forget her while you thought she loved you. Marriage with love is heaven on earth, without love marriage is a living hell. "Respect, admiration and confidence" will not do for a happy marriage while you love someone not your wife. Love may come after marriage, but only when one is fancy free. It is unfair to ask any girl to undertake the responsibilities and burdens of a wife and mother while you love another woman. [New York City.]

Address Wanted—Cowboy's address is wanted by a number of readers. Will he kindly send the same to the Editor?

Poor Old Judge Sewall's corpse has been buried up these many years by stones cast at him by people who have no sin. It is simply waste of strength to hurl any more slurs at his memory. Perhaps he was way behind his time (?). But when I consider how he judged to the best of his knowledge, how he decided as he supposed for the public welfare and safety, and when I recall the fact that he carefully reconsidered the matter and was convinced that he had condemned the innocent, when I see the despair of his soul as he realized that he could not bring back to life the dead, when I see him enter into his closet and close the door, when I hear him in anguish plead with God to forgive his sin, when I see him again and again on each sad anniversary of his sentence-giving, refuse all food and go apart, alone, till setting of the sun, when I see him close his life in this deep contrition—then I cry, "Spare his grave! pity the dead!" Nay, rather almost worship him who could judge himself so more than justly!—[Good Faith.]

Pocket Money—So much has been said about what the wife should have to get spending money from, that it is good to read what Au Revoir says (Feb 15) about having but one pocketbook for him and his wife, though perhaps one for each and free to both (as it has been with my wife and me) would be

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