

The Single Woman in the Country

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"Either have one little enough so that you can handle it yourself, with no great outlay of capital and no vexatious labor problem, or have it big enough so that things may be done wholesale, your function being managerial. I know some unmarried women who have inherited farms and their fathers' traditions. They have also their fathers' talents and so they are carrying on the business successfully, but such cases are very few.

"The farm just big enough to need a full line of machinery and to involve one with the hired-man problem but not big enough to be organized by departments on a business basis, has been proved by the Farm Management Department of the United States Government to be an unprofitable unit. A widow with a big family of children growing up round her to help indoors and out in the fields has an advantage, but a spinster on a middle-sized farm is in trouble at the very start.

The Small Farm is Safe

"A small place that will leave you a little capital to operate on and that you can personally oversee, at the same time finding a place for your own hand labor, is the safest thing. Fruit, flowers, truck, poultry, bees, or some other specialty well managed will give you a living and not work you to death running an establishment where you must feed and shelter your hired help. Then there is the constant vexation and worry incident to dealing with farm help. If it is acute for men and is driving them into the cities, how much harder for a woman!

"If you must have a hired man get a foreigner who was man grown before he ever came to this country. He has learned obedience as an American never learns it, and he has respect for one of the employing class. He is a hand worker. The American feels humiliated if given a job where he cannot use a team or some machine.

"The ideal arrangement is to have a cozy little tenant house on the place, where the man and his family may take root. You will be very considerate about calling such a man out of hours, but have it distinctly understood in advance that he is on call, for emergencies are always rising even on a farmlet. A vigorous woman who plans her work well and has a good, strong, willing man for the heavy and dirty tasks can get a surprising amount of farming done in a year. There are health and even better, self-respect and economic independence."

As a result of my observations I see no reason why the unmarried woman in the country should not have a home of her own, be independent and happy, and in addition, be an asset to the country community in which she lives. She has not the same home ties as her married sister and hence can devote herself more wholeheartedly to community problems for the community's good. Our country districts will be better and richer when they afford more opportunities for women who, for one reason or another, have not married, to stay in the country and do their part towards building up a well rounded country society.

Formation of Clubs

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in the magnificent words of Charles Sangster to Wolfe and Montcalm. "The St. Lawrence and the Saguenay" was another subject, the historic and the romantic being strangely blended. "Canadian Dog Stories" brought to light selections from Marshall Saunders' "Beautiful Joe" and Edgerton Young's "Hector," and the history—simple and pathetic—"Rab," by Dr. Brown.

This club met fortnightly in the homes of the members, and refreshments were served each evening and a social hour spent.

Canadian Indians

The study of the early nations and tribes of Canada is well worth a winter's study. The origin and traditions of these peoples are fully treated in MacLean's "Native Tribes of the Dominion." Butler's "Wild Northland" contains a picturesque narrative of travels in the forests in the days of the fur trade. "The New North," by Cameron, describes a journey to the North by water to the mouth of the MacKenzie River. The paradise of the mountain climber pictured in Wilcox's "Canadian Rockies." Prover's "History of Newfoundland" is a thoroughly accurate history of the early inhabitants of that island dominion. Dr. Grenfell treats the coast peoples in his own unique manner.

How we Built our Home Piece-Meal

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additional expense. Likewise I would have made provision for a bathroom between the two bedrooms; we intend

to have this yet. However, we are well pleased with our little home, and in spite of its piece-meal construction it is more convenient than many of the homes in the locality that were built at one operation and with a far greater expenditure.

Now for the advantages of our system. We have lived in a comfortable home from the first. We have always kept well within our means and did not have the burbear of frequently recurring interest charges. By sticking to a simple style of architecture we were enabled to do most of the work ourselves; and what a satisfaction it is to live in a home constructed by your own hands only those who have had the experience know. There may have been lots of expensive turns we would like to have given our little house, but we did not lose sight of the fact that the beauty of a country home consists more in its surroundings than the house itself, and I believe that simple lines are to be preferred. The drawing herewith does not give an idea of the beauty of our home. Our porch is covered with vines. The foundations are buried in shrubbery, and the trees planted when we first came on to the farm add the finishing touch. We are frequently told by visitors that our home is one of the most attractive in our neighborhood, and I really believe that it is.

Does mother have to halloo herself hoarse to let us know that dinner is ready or that she wants the horse hitched to go to town? A ten cent horn would enable her to get us much more quickly and easily.—Geo. A. Semour, Antigonish Co., N. S.

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7	40	22	5-6-6-7-7-8-8	23	26
7	48	22	5-6-7-8-10-11	23	26
8	40	16 1/2	3-4-5-6-7-7-5	28	31
8	48	16 1/2	4-5-6-7-8-7-9	29	32

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9	48	16 1/2	3-4-5-6-8-8-9	31	35
9	48	22	Even 6 inch spacing	28	32
9	52	22	4-4-5-5-7-7-8-9-9	30	33
10	50	16 1/2	3-3 1/2-3 1/2-4 1/2-5 1/2-8-8-8-8	33	37
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