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socially we are entirely out of it. I simply never see a woman or girl to speak to, and it seems as if I can't stand it always; yet we hate to sell and leave it all.

I don't think I act proud. I always seemed to make friends before; but here they seem to shun us. Do you think it is always like that in a new place? Hereafter, I will always feel heart-sorry for a newcomer. Sometimes, after being to the store or church (the only two places to go for me), and seeing other women talking and chatting to each other, I go home and weep for the days at home when I was not shunned, or, rather, politely ignored. Seventeen months of such a life has begun to un-nerve me, and I sometimes think I will give it all up, not go to church or any-thing. The time does not drag; I have my baby girl to play with, my house-work to do, and lots of reading. We get the Daily Globe, "The Farmer's Advocate," Ladies' Journal, etc., etc., but it seems I can't get used to not having friends.

Enough about my own troubles. Prob-ably I am better off without friends. At any rate, I enjoy your talks, and the letters. How I wish there was a Rural Club I could join.

We live near the lake, and how grand it is to watch the icebergs piled up on the shore, great chunks of ice, one on top of the other. It is fine to iceboat out to them, and climb as high as we dare. There is splendid skating, too. The snow seems to blow off in just the right spots.

I wonder if any of your letter-writers could plan a house for my mother-in-law? It is to be 25 by 32.

She wants a square reception hall, if possible. The main part will be 25 by 32, and the woodhouse and cellar will be added in a lean-to.

Thanking you for your advice, and tell me that I can get on all right without any neighbors, if you can.

"SWEET TWENTY-FOUR."

My dear, I cannot imagine why your neighbors do not call. There must be some nice, kindly people among them, if you could only meet them. Do you know if it is the fashion in the neighbor-hood to hold a receiving day? If this is the custom, perhaps the enigma is solved,—people are just waiting for you to signify that you are ready to have them come. If this has not been the custom, why just keep on being friendly as occasion offers. They will come round after a while.

As regards the house, we hope to give a number of house-plans in both sections of our paper before long. In the mean-time, suggestions from anyone will be welcome.

#### Beef Fat.

I am writing to know if you can tell me any way to render out beef suet, or fat, to take that beefy flavor away. I do not see why it would not be as good as the fat of the pork, if it could only be seasoned, or a little something put in it to take that beefy flavor away.

Brant Co., Ont. R. R.

Can anyone answer R. R.'s question? Personally, I have never noticed any objectionable flavor in anything made with beef-fat shortening.

#### A Held-over Letter.

Dear Dame Durden,—I saw a request for directions for making vinegar out of maple sap in one of your issues. When I first started to make it, about twenty-two years ago, I was told by old-timers to boil every three pailfuls of sap into one, and I suppose that is about the right proportion, but nowadays I can tell when it is sweet enough by just tast-ing it. It has to be boiled down till it is pretty sweet. If you happen to get it too sweet, add a little more cold sap, then put it in your keg, and, for a start, you can either use old vinegar, or mother from the bottom of your old sup-ply. It can also be made without a start, but takes longer. I made twenty-five gallons last year, and fifteen this. I have only missed boiling in the bush two years out of twenty-two, and there is nothing so nice after the long, dreary winter, than to get out, and I never en-joyed a meal better than the ones I had taken out to see there. Dear Dame, I saw you once, but, under the circum-stances, I could not enjoy your company.

I may explain some time, but at present lack the time. I enjoy your page, but am always very busy, and very seldom write. Tell all your readers to join the Women's Institute; it is a grand institu-tion. GRAY BIRD.

I wish you had spoken to me, Gray Bird.

#### THE KINGDOM SAVED.

When Barry Sullivan, the Irish trage-dian, was playing Richard III. one night, and the actor came to the lines, "A horse, a horse! My kingdom for a horse!" some merry wag in the pit called out:

"And wouldn't a jackass do as well for you?"

"Sure," answered Sullivan, turning like a flash at the sound of the voice. "Come around to the stage door at once!"—Rochester Herald.

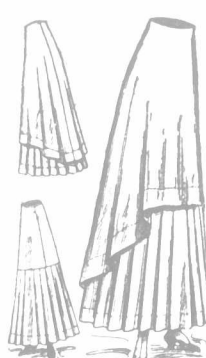
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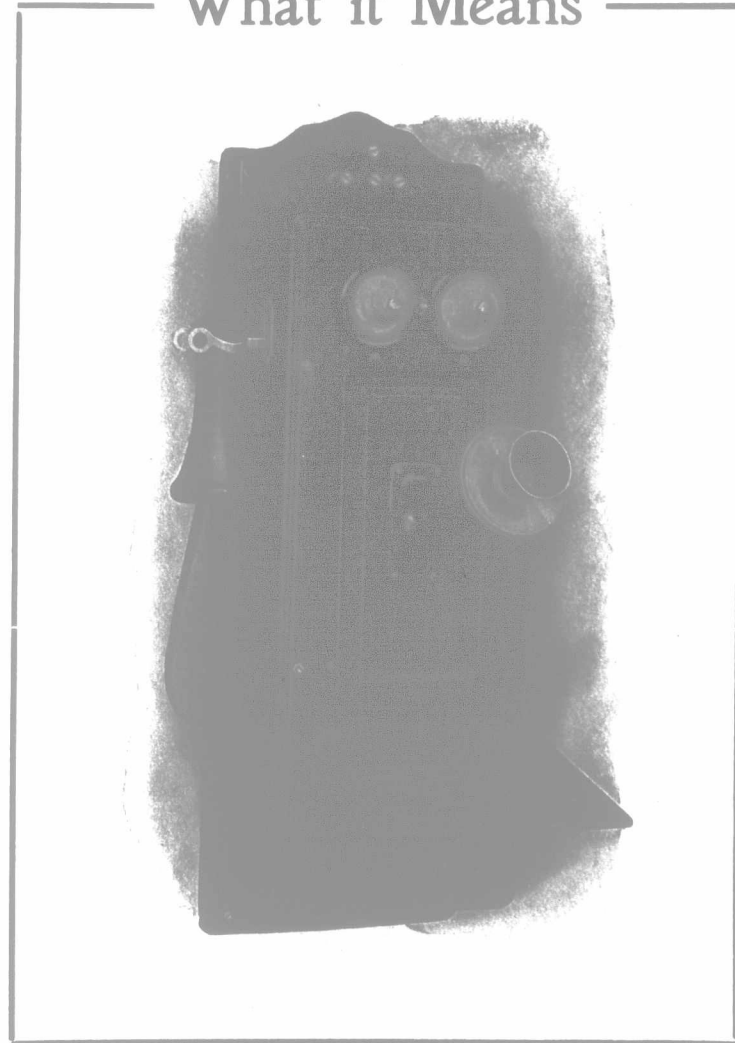
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