

The great aim of the farmer's daughter should be to have a knowledge of how to make a home. She does not necessarily have to marry to do this. But at any time she may be called upon to manage the house. This is a woman's true sphere, where she is specially intended to excel, and the one in which she should take pride in making herself capable. There is a great deal in being a good housekeeper. Educate a girl to the best of her ability, and it will be very incomplete if she has not a thorough knowledge of how to cook a meal and manage every other branch of the housekeeping as well. There would be less unhappy homes if daughters were given a thorough domestic education and training. Bad cooking makes dyspeptics and cranks, and much misery is brought into a home which would otherwise be happy.

Many girls find farm life dull, and do not take the interest they should in the work. Now, they should have an interest on the farm. Let them have a share of the income from the dairy produce for their own use and disposal. This will give them something to work for, and will stimulate them to fresh endeavors. Many farmers take pride in having the very best stock and crops, and try to beautify their farms. Now, in the house the girls should take just as great a pride in reaching that height of excellence, and the dairy especially is where they will find scope for their energies. How delightful it is to go into a well-appointed dairy and see the cream being changed, by the process of churning, into butter, and then worked into rolls or packed ready for the market or home consumption. This is a part of farm work which any farmer's daughter may be proud of being able to do, and it is certainly a part of her education. Thus we see that while an intellectual education is good for the farmer's daughter, the domestic education is just as necessary.

Apart from this education, there are accomplishments which a girl can cultivate if she has time, inclination and talent. A great amount of pleasure and profit can be derived from music in the home. It lifts the mind above the small worries and frictions of everyday life. It is not the one who has the gift who alone has the pleasure, but the whole family is cheered and brightened by the melody of sound. Farmers' daughters have talents and tastes like other girls, and they should have every advantage to develop them to the best of their ability.

The great majority of these girls will in time have homes of their own, and they will need all the knowledge and perfection of mind to train up the next generation. If the parents would take an interest in their daughters' welfare and progress how much help it would be. In the meantime the farmers' daughters should fit themselves for the life which is before them, doing whatever their hands find to do, and doing it the very best they can.