

Farm and Home Council.

wouldn't follow their own advice. Member of Letter Circle 106 advises Cowboy to give up all the girls. He will forget that when the right girl comes along. You must not judge all girls by the actions of one no more than we girls should so judge all boys. If that girl had really cared for you she would never have given you up if you had lost all your money, so you see it is better as it is. I had rather marry for love and work for riches, than marry for riches and work for love. Where is Mrs. Westchester and how is her hubby? She knows that this is—[Graham Gem.

Distance Enchants—My advice to Webfoot is to absent himself from the neighbor-girl a few months and he will soon discover what course to pursue; it may be that he will find that she is more to him than he supposed. Perhaps her feelings will not be hurt as badly as he supposed. He may be the one who will first desire a renewal of the courtship. Meanwhile, let him make the acquaintance of several city girls, and study their characters and lives as closely as possible; perhaps he will change his mind in regard to them too. He may not find them one whit superior to the country girl after all, but be sure you know your mind.—[One Who Has Been There.

Pride—Member of Circle 106, why not say we are all heartless and be done with it? That is what amounts to, taking both sides of the question I have no use for the men collectively or individually and it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to change my opinion. Webfoot, don't make matters worse. She will find out inside of a month after marriage, if not before, what your feelings are. If you must inflict pain, let it be short and sharp and leave her with pride for a tonic. However, don't be too sure she loves you to that extent. Let us have more about music, books and work. They are what make life whether one is married or single. Would like to know what some of you think of Francis Lynde's stories. Wonder who Colorado Cousin is.—[Columbine Cload.

That Tired Feeling—Marriage is like a lottery. If you draw the lucky number you are happy, if not life is not worth living. Girls do not keep company with a young man that drinks, smokes or chews for if you marry such a man you will be sorry. Some girls are deceitful, I know from experience, but I do not think they all are. Some are not very good housekeepers, for they have that tired feeling. I am a farmer and I like farm work. I am my own boss and independent. Some day I expect to find a housekeeper that is neat and clean, kind and loving, but until I do I will remain—[A Buckeye Bach.

True, Womanly Girls—Webfoot, as for your theory, "love begets love," it may be true in some cases, but I think they are very rare. You have, as you said, made a mistake; but if you did it unconsciously you are excusable to a great extent. Do you think if this young lady could look into your heart and see only admiration and respect she would marry you? Certainly not if she is a true, sensible woman, for what true woman would have respect in return for the



best love of her life? And why, pray, do "city-bred girls" attract you? They are no better than country girls. They may have acquired a more polished and self-conscious manner, but I wouldn't think of my ideal as simply "a city-bred girl," rather as a true, womanly girl. We are all prone to expect perfection of our ideals, yet when we find the "one person in the world" for us, how far they come from it! And we, out of the love we have for them, entirely overlook it. None are perfect. God commands perfection, but he forgives us

when we are not perfect. Nor does he count us failures because we have to be forgiven. I do not refer to mistakes made intentionally, but to those which we do not realize are mistakes until nearly too late. Perhaps Webfoot may scorn this advice when he learns I am only a young schoolmarm.—[Miss Muffet.

Just Out—Hello, Councilors, you may think quite a fresh chicken, well, I am. I just came into the coop. What is the matter with Cowboy? I agree with Four Eyes. The old maids are always poking their noses into other people's business. Nobody's Darling, it is too bad your parents won't let you go when you are invited. Perhaps they don't remember when they were young once themselves. I like to have a good time myself; both with the boys and the girls if they are decent.—[Hunter.

Just a Word—I like some of the letters very well. I believe there is such a thing as love, but I think some of the writers of F & H have it too bad for their health.—[Weary Waggle.

F & H is such a good farm paper. I enjoy reading the Councilors' letters. Cowboy has had some good advice given him. Polly Pepper's letter is all right.—[L. D.

I have been a reader of the dear old F & H quite a while and like it very much. I live on a cow ranch in west Texas. How many of the cousins ever lived on a ranch? I have been living on one eight years and would not change it for any home in the city.—[Prairie Flower.

In reply to Mr. Superintendent of Public Instruction, I will say what was written in regard to our need of school teachers was and is perfectly true in every sense of the word, for which I can furnish evidence. I do not refer to any of the town schools.—[M. E. G.

Buck Strap, don your garb of bravery and tell the young lady that you love her; if she truly loves you she will make it known, pride or timidity will not keep her secret. True love cannot be hidden. To Webfoot I would say somewhere, somehow you will meet you affinity, and if you never do you had better remain "a confirmed old bachelor" than to be bound to a loveless life.—[Dorothy.

Inquiring Friends—To prevent mold on fruit jelly melt spermaceti, pour over a thin coating when the jelly is cool, before setting away. If not obtainable in bulk use candles. For cockroaches the French use plaster of paris and flour in a dry state.—L. M., a blue dye for straw is a decoction of a sufficient quantity of potash lye, 1 lb of litmus, ground; put in the straw and boil it. To bleach straw, make a thick paste with a few cents' worth of sulphur and water, spread it over the hat, rub lightly with a cloth and dry in the sun.—W. J. P., St. Swithin's day is July 15. A common saying is that if it rains on that day it will rain 40 days.

White House Paint—J. B., the government whitewash is made as follows: Slake with boiling water ½ bu unslaked lime, cover during process to keep in steam, strain liquid through a fine sieve, add 1 pk salt previously dissolved in warm water, 3 lbs ground rice boiled to a thin paste and stirred in while hot, ½ lb Spanish whiting, 1 lb clean glue dissolved by soaking in cold water and then hang over a slow fire in a small pot enclosed in a larger one filled with water. Add 5 gallons hot water to the mixture, stir well, let stand a few days, covered. It should be applied hot. A pint properly applied will cover a square yard.

Roasted Beets—After washing well, lay the beets in a pan in the oven, turn often, not breaking the skin. When done skin, chop up and season with salt, pepper and vinegar in which a little flour has been mixed, smoothed and cooked. Add a lump of butter and serve.—[A. R. A.

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