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how to make the best of what is called solitude? How many women there are who stay in the home day after day, evening after evening for practically the year round, yet who manage to keep busy, and, I believe quite as happy if not happier than the woman of the town who, with no especial duties on her hands, is in constant need of exterior diversion.

At the same time, while I believe that every woman should have time for quiet reflection, and that she should see to it that she gains some time for reading "serious literature." I do not believe that too much solitariness is good for anyone, either man or woman. We need to rub 'up against people occasionally, that we may keep ourselves at a proper estimate. Besides, too much solitude is likely to breed crochets, narrowness in some particulars, and in some natures fretfulness.

These lives of ours are queer things. We need to handle them with great commonsense; to know, or to find out—for we are not likely to know intuitively—just what is needed to keep our best selves on top; how much we should "go out," how much we should stay in with our books and our own thoughts; how much physical exercise we should take, and the precise point at which we should let the work involving that exercise drop lest it threaten to overdo these bodies of ours, things too precious to be injured in the accomplishment of any ordinary routine of labor.

But I must stop. Other things are suggesting themselves, but you can follow them out for yourselves, can you not? JUNIA.

Dear Junia:—With kind remembrances of "Auld Lang Syne," we again enter the Ingle Nook, for its motto is truly "This hearth glow shines for you." And here we may meet and discuss freely the problems which confront us on the farm. How many of the Chatterers have joined the great army of women who have adopted for their motto "Home and Country." And how many of the number are endeavoring to interpret intelligently this slogan, in their daily lives. As summer looms on the horizon we members of the W. I. might well turn our thoughts toward the great problem of "Fresh Air Missions." For how can we hope to better serve our Country and its homes than by removing the little ones from the poverty-stricken quarters of our city slums for a time at least, to the healthful environment of rural life. For otherwise the grim reaper will be a frequent guest in the crowded tenement districts when the intense heat is upon us. We have had the sad privilege of observing and studying at close range this picture from life's other side, and are firmly convinced that too great a value cannot be placed upon the work of our "Fresh Air Missions." The delights of the wild raspberry field and the broad meadows are the heritage of the country-born, therefore let it be considered our duty as well as a privilege to share these gifts with the less fortunate inhabitants of the congested slums. And through Nature's beauties uplift to Nature's God.

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Loosen and halt and regather their dreams."

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"There are forests that kneel forever
Robbed in the dreamiest haze,
That God sends down in the summer,
To mantle the gold of its days;
Kneeling and leaning forever,
In wending and sinuous bays.
There are birds that like smoke drift over,
With a strange and hodeful cry,
Into the dream and the distance
Of the marshes that southward lie;
With their lonely lagoons and rivers
Far under the reeling sky."

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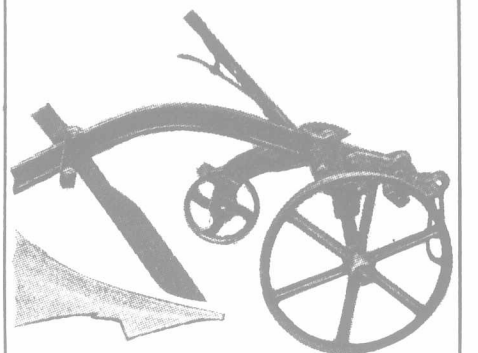
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