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New Year Meditations 7ith the Household Editor

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Book. Before this issue of Farm and
Dairy reaches all of Our Folks, Jan.
And the beginning of a new
year. True, we were begins every
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durknown possibilities lies before us;
386 days of hidden trials and blessings, and how much are we going to
do towards making this coming year
do towards making this coming year
the very best one we have ever lived.

values, etc.—the things that make up real life.

Some one has said that time is the one thing of which we all have an equal amount—"all the time there is"—but of course there is a great difference in the way we use it. If we would apportion the 28 hours of each day so that we would have a certain amount of time to sleep and rest, a certain amount for the actual duties which have to be accomplished and save time for the things that make life pleasant and profitable, would we not stand a much better chance at the end of the year 1916 to feel that our lives had been worth while.

thattee at the end of the year 1916 to feet that our fives had been worth to feet that our fives had been worth when the same at this time, for is not our success in any project measured by the energy and enthusiasm call on which are the same? By carrying our enthusiasm wherever we go, we will unconsciously exert an influence over others in the same direction. And if we "Hitch our wagon to a star" as Emerson says, we will not only aim towards the best things ourselves, but will inspire others to do the towards the best things ourselves, but will inspire others to do the house of the same of the same

Let me be a little braver, when temptation makes me waver. Let me strive a little harder To be all that I should be; Let me be a little meeker be a little meeker with the brother that is weaker; Let me be a little meeker let me think more of me meighbor and a little less of me.

The Sparrows

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PARROWS are not costrusive birds, either in plumage, song or action. There are some 80 species, edition, there are some 80 species, edition, there are some 80 species, and the species of the species are more or less migratory, but so widely are they distributed that there is probably no part of the country where some cannot be found throughout the year.

While sparrows are noted seed eaters, they do not by any means confine themselves to a vegetable diet. During the summer, especially

in the breeding season, they eat many insects and feed their young largely upon the same food. Examination of stomachs of three species—the song sparrow, chipping sparrow, and fix'd sparrow—shows that about one-third of the food consists of insects, comprising many injurious beetles, as anout beetles or weevils, and leaf beetle. Many grasshoppers are eat-en. In the case of the chipping sparrow these insects form one-eighth of the food. Grasshoppers would seem to be rather large morsels, but the bird probably confines itself to

Song Sparrow

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the smaller species; indeed, the greatest amount (over 36 per cent.) is eateat in June, when the larger species
are still young and the smaller most
numerous. Besides the insects already
mentioned, many wasps and bugs
are taken. Predacious and parasitic
hymenopterous insects and predacjous beetles, all useful, are eaten only
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the stomaton examined show only
one kind, oats, and but little of that.
The great bulk of the food is made
up of grass and weed seed, which
form almost the entire diet during
winter, and the amount consumed is
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The snowbird and tree sparrow are perhaps the most numerous of all the sparrows. Examination of many stomachs show that in winter the tree sparrow feeds entirely upon seeds of weeds. Probably each bird seeds of weeds. about one-fourth of an consumes ounce a day.

The Child Problem (Toronto Sunday World)

(Tronto Sunday World)

RS. Duncan, matron of the Children's Shelter on Simcoe street, Toronto is greatly in favor of child adoption for the neglected children. "What could there be better for these little iones?" she said. "Try as we will, no one can really give the longing attention and individual love that each little heart craves for. The claim of the Red Cross, the Belgiams, and many other worthy relief funds are being well met, and we are glad to know, but we sometimes fear for our little children, lest, amid all the long oressing claims, these should be overlooked."

The Farm and Dairy of Peterboro

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The Farm and Dairy of Peterboro has for its editor one whose heart is touched by the needs of the children. Forty-five children were placed inside of three months through pictures printed in this paper, and the editor received between 40 and 80 applications for one child between the age to the strength of the strength of

a church, and noticing that it looked bright and promised a chance of warmth and rest, she slipped inside during the service, leaving her baby in the porch. After the service the beby was discovered simultaneously by two ladies, each of whom had been praying for a child to be sent to her. The service of the superside of the service to the superside of the service of of the

Making Putty and Other Hints

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REQUIRED some putty recently
for the storm windows. There
was abundance, but hard and
dry. I spent considerable time breaking it into pieces, rolling with a bottie and sifting through a fine sieve,
then adding paint oil. But it was

crumbly.

I remembered that an old carpenI remembered that an old carpenI remembered that when he was
an apprentice, he made all the putty
required, using paint oil and whitening. I rolled the whitening to break
any lumps, mixed oil with it in a tin
can, then turned it out on a paper
floured with whitening, mixing as
though it were dough, till it was the



Field Sparrow.

right consistency. In a very few min-utes I had the best of putty ready for use. The process was so easy and quickly done that I prefer to make fresh when I require it, (Concluded on page 14)



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