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Editor's Talk

MR. R. S. NEVILLE'S third article on the "Wherefore of Good Roads" has been crowded out of this issue, which we much regret, as the good roads question is a very important phase of country and suburban life. Moreover, spring is absolutely here, after a most exasperating delay, at least two weeks beyond her schedule time. The spirit of spring we have pretty well reflected in the features to be found in this instalment of country life articles and pictures. Spring poetry we have quite decided not to tolerate. Most of it is intolerable.

Much more practical is "The Case of the Working Girl," beginning in this issue a series of three able articles by Miss Marjory MacMurchy. Rarely is it possible to find more illuminative and conscientiously sympathetic detail than Miss MacMurchy has crowded into the terse delineations of the downtown women whom she has studied for this series of articles. It is a good many years now since the character of downtown began to be changed in America by the invasion of the women. The change has been so gradual that if suddenly women were to decide not to come down town except to shop, the world that lives in cities would find itself confronted by a peculiarly unromantic day's work. Where romance leaves off and practical problems begin is the especial province of Miss MacMurchy's articles so ably illustrated by W. Smithson Broadhead.

But it is also the time for gathering wild flowers. Hepaticas are out. Soon the violets and the trilliums will be in bloom. It is time to resurrect the rake. Thrifty husband decides with frugal wife that both together are equal to one good job of painting woodwork or alabastining. Perhaps you have a hankering for more winter. Hush! The voice of baseball will soon be loud and long in the land.

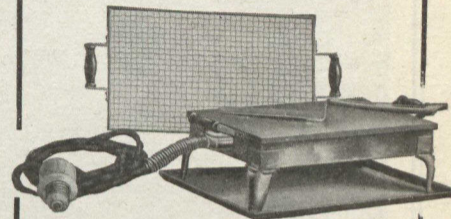


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