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Enough Capital for a Comfortable Home

"Susie," Bruce Co., Ont.

O me this subject of "Money and Marriage" is very interesting, and also very serious. I think it is most deplorable that so many girls marry young men who have no homes or capital. A young man should have a home prepared or means wherewith to purchase one, before asking a girl to marry him, and a girl asking a girl to marry him, and a girl has a right to use good, sound judg-ment. If she knows the young man-has no capital, she should plainly tell him that she would rather wait until he has, and if he thinks as much of her ne has, and it he taines as much or her as he should, he will respect her all the more for having grit enough to tell him her views on the matter. I certainly disagree with those who think that a girl should be willing to start with very little capital and work hard to make a home. There are far too many who do this, and while some, too many who do this, and while some, of course, make good, others live in powerty all their lives. And believe me, those who make good have to work harder and economize more after marriage than they ever did before. A girl friend asked me not long ago

if I thought it was right for a girl to put off her marriage day until her intended husband had everything pre-pared for a home. I told her she pared for a home. I told her she should wait till he had a home quite reasonably prepared at any rate, I did so, and we have been married four years, and have to work hard enough to cep things the way we want them, so don't know how some people manage I don't know how some people manage who begin without any capital. There are so many alls for money, such as church, missions, community institu-tions and so forth, as well as home needs.

Of course some girls wait for a ri Of course some girls wait for a rien man to come along so that they won't have to work at all, and sometimes they wait so long that they don't get a husband at all. The girl is wise, in y estimation, however, who waits till the young man has a home for her. husband and I are much happie by having a nice home, than we could have been if we had not the comforts of life which we enjoy.

Something for a Rainy Day

THINK a man should have one thousand dollars at least with which to start a home. Is it a fair thing for a man who cannot accumulate this amount, to ask any sensible late this amount, to ask any sensible girl to be his Mfe partner? Accident shappen, and sickness comes. Is it right, then, for a girl to be burdened with a man who is a cripple or an invalid, because he did not have forehought groups he have be considered. thought enough to lay by something for a rainy day?

It is said that a home cannot be It is said that a home cannot be a hope on unless love is there. We have also heard that when the wolf comes to the door love flies out of the window. John might sing all day, "Oh, Mary, I love you, Mary I, love you," and at the same time Mary might be cold and hungry. Has not Mary the right to ask John to prove his love by supplying the flour and fuel?

How can this be done when misfor How can this be done when mission tane comes, unless there is some capital to draw upon? Some have started at the bottom and made a wonderful success of married life, a wonderrul success of married life, but as a rule have they not been bles-sed with wonderful good health and undaunted spirit?

To remove mildew stains, mix a small quantity of soap with a little powdered starch and salt, and the juice Brush the stain with this mixture, and hang the garment out in the open air for a day. Then wash in of a lemon. the usual manner.



Practical Gift Suggestions "Aunt Fanny," Peterboro Co., Ont.

IME is flying, and it will not be long now before families which have been scattered throughout the year, will be gathering home to enjoy the Christmas season in the family circle. How many readers have their Christmas gifts all made? one have not, and in looking around for some suggestions which I might use myself in making gifts, I thought

use myself in making gifts, I thought I might as well send them along. Crochet work is so popular nowa-days that we naturally think of makdays that we naturally think of making up something along that line. A very pleasing sift would be sitter guest towels, hand or bath towels with a crocheted edge. A pure white towel with a little edging of pink or the property of the state blue is very attractive and does not represent very much work. Em-broidered work is sometimes combined with the crocheting, but this is n unless one particularly necessary wishes to do so.

Another attractive gift in crochet Another attractive sift in crochet where is an edge on handkerchiefs. Purchase some fine linen handker-chiefs, select a dainty little edging and whenever you have a spare mo-ment pick up one and before long several of these will be all ready to

I like to make gifts that are both useful and ornamental, and here is one that appeals to me as very practical, and I have made two or three of them for gifts this year. We know from experience how difficult it is to keep the best table napkins from beconing mussed if we put them in a sideboard drawer after they have been To make a case for them, laundered. To make a case for them, cut two pieces of cretonne just the width of the napkins folded square, about 24 inches long. Bind the edges with narrow bias strips of ribbon or tape, first shaping the ends of each strip into a point. Sew a dome fast-ener on the point of each strip. Lay the two strips across each other, the two strips across each clark actly in the middle. Stitch around three sides and slip in a square of cardboard to give a stiff bottom.

An idea which I picked up the other day, appealed to me as quite unique, and it should prove a valuable suggestion to the girls at least. Homegestion to the first at least. Home-made candy makes nice sitts for friends, if put up in pretty boxes. Some girls have the knack of making a certain kind of candy particularly well, and they know that it will be appreciated by any of their acqui ances. To add a personal touch, pretty white cap and apron and have snap taken as though in the act of making the candy, and paste a print of

this on each box of candy sent off.

Another gift which is both attractand useful is a wash rag holder. Cut cretonne or silk in the shape of an ope and line with white olicloth Stitch up, attach a dome fastener and finish with a bow of ribbon to match the cretonne or silk. rag inside, and the gift is complete.

I am trying out a scheme this year which I hone will prove satisfactory, and the outlook at present is bright. Farly in October I planted a number of bulbs in pots, with the object in view of giving some of them to my friends who are especially fond of flowers, as Christmas gifts. The bulbs are doing nicely, and I expect

mas time.

It is probably more difficult in some folks ways to select gifts for the home folks than for our friends. I find that a good plan is to study their tastes and wants, and when I locate something that my means will enable me to fill, make a note of it and make the purchase if possible.

Winning the Wilderness (Continued from Page 12.)
The Crossing hopes to become county seat." become the

"Why do they call that place Carey's Crossing?" Mrs. Aydelot asked. "It was a trading post once where the north and south trail crossed the Later it was a rallying valry. Now it's our postmain trail. place for cavalry. Now office," Asher explained.

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"I mean, why call it Carey? I knew Careys back in Virginia."
"It is named for a young doctor, the only one in ten thousand miles, se far as I know." "And his family?" Virginia asked.

"He's a bachelor, I believe. By way, we aren't going down hill. are on level ground." By the

Mrs. Aldelot leaned out beyond the wagon bows to take in the traff behind

"Why, we are right in a big scatter. All the land slopes to the center down there before us. Can't you see it?"

"No, I've seen it too often. It is just a trick of the plains—one of the many tricks for the eye out here. Look at the sunflowers, Virgle. Don't you love

Virginia Aydelot nestled close to her husband's side and put one hand in his.
It was a little hand, white and soft,
the hand of a lady born of generations The hand it rested on of gentility. The hand it rested on was big and hard and brown and very strong looking.

Tve always loved them since the day you sent me the little one in a letter," she said in a low voice, as if "I thought some one might overhear. you had forgotten me and the old war days. I wasn't very happy then."
There was a quiver of the lip that hintdays. I wasn't ed at the memory of intense sor ow. cool little glen in the mountain behind our home, you know, when a neigh-bor's servant boy, Bo Peep, Boanerges Peeperville, he named himself, came grinning round a big rock ledge with your letter. Just a crushed little sunyour letter. Just a crushed little sun-flower and a sticky old card, the deuce of hearts. I knew it was from you, and I loved the sunflower for telling me so. Were you near here then? me so. Were you near neer their This land looks so peaceful and beauti-ful to me, and homelike somehow, as if we should find some neighbors just over the hill that you say isn't there."
"Neither the hill nor the neighbors,

yet, although settlers will be coming soon. We won't be lonesome very

How in a show ing lara cont with of the

long, I'm sure."

Asher shifted the reins to his other hand and held the little white fingers

(Continued Next Week.)

Wash the soles of your new shoes; wash the soles of your new shoes; dry perfectly in the sun, and then treat to a coat of dark oak variash. Dry acain and give a second coat. They will outlast the uppers, and the only cost is 10 cents for a small can of varyin.