



BENEATH THE PIPPIN TREE.

[Written for Farm and Home.]
There's just one time in all the year
When I most long to be
Out on the old home farm again,
Beneath the pippin tree—
And that is fruit time, don't you know.
Ah, that's the time for me!

Just fruit time when the limbs all sag
And bend beneath the weight
Of luscious golden pippins that
Are heavy with the fate
That tempted Mother Eve to fall.
Her appetite to sate.

Ah me! Methinks I had fallen too,
And counting up the cost,
Had thought it but a fair exchange
For all that I had lost.
To sit beneath the pippin tree
Before the early frost.

In fruit time, when the sunshine gleams
In every yellow skin.
'Tis vain, no more may I deny
The longing from within
To see the old farm home once more
And seek the old pippin.

A. W. H.

AMONG OURSELVES.

A Farmer's Daughter—To Bad Boy
I want to give a bit of advice if he is



not like myself,
good at giving but
not very good at
taking it. Don't
cancel the engage-
ment without com-
ing to some kind of
an understanding
with the young lady.
I would ask her to
decide one way or
the other and simply
tell her that it must
be now or never.

That is a sure way of finding out whether she is trifling with you. Webfoot, let me tell you this: If you want a good, true and indulgent wife, never marry any but a farmer's daughter if you intend staying on the farm. City girls are not capable of filling the place of a farmer's wife. As a general rule they know very little about housekeeping, to say nothing about the extra work a farmer's wife has to do. If you love that girl in your neighborhood, and I know from the tone of your letter that you do, marry her. I am not certain that after all she will become dearer to you every day and you will never think of paying any attentions to other girls, for you will think you have the only treasure to be found. Widower expresses my views exactly on the subject of stepmothers. I have had experience as a stepdaughter and if all were like mine they would be very thankful.—[Toots.]

Write If You Must—One dear little sister wishes to be a lecturer on woman suffrage. Of course that implies woman's rights. My dear girl, just make up your mind to stay at home and exercise the rights woman already has, the right to love and be loved, to be first in the love of a true husband and tender hearted boys and girls, to tell for those who loves dearer than life itself, the right to rest when work is done and above all to keep a face that is pleasant and fair to look upon. Another girl wants to be an authoress. We may write without experience, but the successful author is a person of wide experience, who is acquainted with various industries in a practical way, who knows how to sweep and cook and dust and sew. Every sort of knowledge is gist in the author's hopper, and the work is hard work. First copy is turned off as I am turning off this letter, but if it is to be accepted, and of more importance, paid for, it must be revised and pruned and copied maybe two or three times and it may even then come back to you as some of mine have to me. You might make a hit with your first story and open the way to a successful career, but the chances are in favor of a long and poorly paid apprenticeship. Write if you must but don't neglect the homely duties of life; they after all make up the great harmony in the song

of life. If love and duty should call you to be a wife and mother be it to the very best of your ability. You cannot find a nobler calling. I myself have lived single for various reasons. With teaching as a profession I have been busy through the passing years and possibly I should hear the term old maid were I to disclose my age. I hope the future years will see fewer old maids, though I have no thought of leaving the ranks, for I was probably intended to be what I probably shall be.—[Old Maid Teacher.]

Toilsome Path—I, too, Professor, am a teacher; have had a year's experience. I agree in your theory regarding hypnotism, but think it is nicer to mingle it with love. It makes the work easier from the beginning, and pleasanter, too. Woman Hater, you are unnatural, or have had a hard experience. I can't tell which. Any way your belief is a dangerous one. Dr Zantipy Kaloric, you neglected to state that the "house of Understanding next to Reason, on Prudent street, in the village of Contentment," is reached only by a long and toilsome path, which leads across the mountains of Difficulties, over the river of Tears, and through the vale of Anguish.—[Annie Rooney.]

Unattainable—Webfoot, do make an effort to meet some city girls, call on them, and associate long enough with them to really know them. Then should they not compare favorably in womanly grace with the country young lady, you might be able to love her. Sometimes we think we know a thing, but we don't. I have had a number of years' experience with city girls and unless one is capable of mingling in their society and has means to please them it would be folly for the majority of country young men to aspire to win them. I know whereof I speak.—[A City Experienced Girl.]

Nonentities—Buck Strap "faint heart never won fair lady." You don't expect her to do the proposing, do you? You and Webfoot ought to change places for a while. Slice off a piece of his bump of self esteem and splice it on yours. Webfoot, don't get hysterical. Be calm, little boy, and don't worry; she won't die. Miss D. M. Scott, glad to hear you love us. Many thanks. Cowboy, profit by Wallflower's experience. Member of Letter Circle 106, you deceived her and got your pay. Good! Filla, some men regard women as intellectual nonentities, simply as machines to perform work for their comfort. If we ever have any wives we shall not expect them to work while we rest. Jack Silster, you're all right.—[Kid and Dude]

Superior Belings—That article of such few words Books vs Matrimony is so



blood curdling and repulsive to all human nature that I cannot withhold my condemnation of only of the sentiments expressed, but of Woman Hater himself. I don't know anything about the raising of either Woman Hater, or Henrietta, but the whole world would take it that they were either raised up by the hair, or by hand, or jerked up. Mark my words for it Woman Hater will marry Henrietta yet, when they both come to their senses, and they'll love each other, too. Man cannot be alone, he is the only exception that I know of peddling such sentiments and he cannot live satisfied in this awful minority much longer. When God created the firmament, the sun, moon and stars, water and water animals, land and land animals, then man, how did he do it? By the word of his power. He brought all out of nothing except man, whom he made out of material already created—dirt. Then he seemed not to be satisfied and he said: "Not let us make woman, for it is not good for man to be alone." And how did he make that woman? Couldn't he have made her upon the same principle that he made man, out of some of the same mud? You answer yes, but he didn't choose to do it that way. He was about to put the finishing touch on his creation and he gave to the world the best of the

wine at the end of the feast. "He caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam," and while in that hypnotic state, he took out a rib and formed woman, so you see she was created out of material that had already been twice created, therefore, she is a superior being to all others, more beautifully formed, as high to perfection as God could make her and filling all his requirements.—[A. M. S.]

Many Strings—Mac, judging from your letter, and your free use of copy-book quotations, I suppose you to be a teacher. Your quotations are true, but how often are we tired and discouraged before catching those fish. And is it not human nature to sigh and regret, though we know it can't be helped? It is well you spoke of young men being deceitful, as well as girls. More fellows have two or three girls than vice versa.

My name in figures I will write
So plainly you may see.
Can any reader guess aright
Or find what it may be?
[10, 15, 25.]

A Jolly Chat—I believe in the protection of birds, but I don't believe in shooting cats because they catch them. It is a cat's nature to catch birds just the same as to catch mice. I am "orful" glad I don't live near you, as I have four fine cats and the first time I ever caught you taking aim at any of them you and I would either have a fight or a foot race. Aren't you also glad you don't live near me? Now, Woman Hater, I don't think you are really as bad as you pretend. I know you don't hate one woman, your mother. But, say, if you were only here what a jolly chat we would have, for I am quite a chatterbox. What did you say that you never saw a woman yet that didn't have a tongue? I will tell you why. The women have been trying to equal the men in talking, but having failed they talk as much as they can, so they won't be left entirely in the dark. Bad Boy, do as you think best in breaking the engagement, for many advisers placed in the same "predicament" I dare say

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