

We cannot evade a responsibility or an opportunity without undermining our characters in exact proportion to the extent of our evasion. It does not matter how small or how great the responsibility may be. The child that tries to evade the expressed desires of its parents; the mother, sister or daughter who seeks to perform the simple household duties to the best of their ability, the husband and father who fails to utilize his opportunities to form or conduct his business as successfully as he is able; the workman who shrinks his public responsibilities for fear of criticism or of making mistakes, all come under the operation of this great law.

Gradually our leading scientists and thinkers are beginning to discover that underlying God's great promises and commands are working laws of cause and effect so far-reaching that they touch our lives at every part. The success we make of our lives depends upon how clearly we recognize these laws and endeavor to work in harmony with them. This principle is so wide in its application that only one little part of it, and yet a most important one, can be touched on this week.

Of late years the question has been asked, with increasing insistence, why does the church not do more to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people? There are many reasons. One of the principal ones is that too many of us lack faith in simple little matters which yet are vital in their importance. Our individual lives and the life of our churches is being stunted and impaired in consequence compared with the fullness and power that might be ours.

In every church there are many sincere Christians who are shirking their responsibilities. When asked to take part in some church service they beg to be excused or refuse point blank, claiming in excuse their inability and unfitness. There are Christian men and women who often feel that they should step forward and greet with a hearty handshake and a few words of welcome the strangers and others whom they see taking part in the church services, and yet their tongues are tied and the words are left unspoken. There often are dear ones around them; it may be their own girls and boys; it may be their husbands and wives; it may be close friends, who they know are not professing Christians, and yet they recoil from the thought of seeking and taking advantage of opportunities to speak to them quietly and lovingly about Christ.

The reason for it all is that we allow ourselves to listen to the voice of the Evil One—for it is Satan who does it—when he whispers to us that we are not fit to perform the duty that confronts us. We fail, also, to realize that while it is true that we are unfit in ourselves to do these things, all things are possible with Christ and

that Christ will give us this power if we but ask Him. The result is that through our lack of faith we give others reason to scoff at a religion that is so lacking in good works and common love. The result is that for every opportunity we thus let slip we will some day be held accountable.

When, therefore, opportunity presents itself to each of us to perform some service for the Master, we should accept it and look to Him for the strength that we need for its performance. Just in proportion as we do this will we find that we are working in harmony with God's great laws and that our lives are expanding and growing in love and power and influence.—I. H. N.

Pictures of King Edward

Farm and Dairy is pleased to announce to its readers that arrangements have been made whereby we can furnish a fine lithograph of the late King Edward VII. to the readers of Farm and Dairy for the very low price of 25 cents. A similar picture may be secured of Queen Alexandra, now to be known as the Queen Mother. This picture of King Edward shows His Majesty in full uniform and is one of the most pleasing likenesses of the King that has yet been reproduced.

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For our new yearly subscription to Farm and Dairy at \$1 we can send both of the above pictures free to any address. Should our readers desire a similar illustration of the new King Edward they can be furnished at the same rates, and the list of sending orders which one of the four pictures is desired. Write name and address plainly. Send orders to our Circulation Manager, Peterboro, Ont.

OUR HOME CLUB

SUMMER BOARDERS

To make a success of any undertaking, the financial side of the question must be studied very carefully; that is, if one undertakes any particular occupation, with a view to making money.

In keeping boarders, the outlay in the kitchen should never exceed over half the amount received, as there are always expenses in other ways to be met from time to time, such as the everyday wash and tear of table linen, bedding, towels, etc. These should all be considered. Having worked a number of years in a boarding house, I know whereof I speak.

I have oftentimes noticed that the people who are always complaining are not the ones who leave. If you meet with people who are dissatisfied with their meals served, demanding extras, etc., better let them go than try to cater to their fancies. They not only create a great strain on you, but soon create a spirit of unrest among all the other boarders, which otherwise never would have been thought of. Then, as a rule, these people are never willing to pay for any extras. They simply say, "Oh, well! I'm paying my board and see they go, every time, on me." Let them go, every time.

One very important matter is the way in which meals are served. It is not so much the great variety that is served as the dainty little dishes, well seasoned and well cooked. Be sure that they are hot when so intended to be, and when cold, see that they are cold. Be careful about the "left-overs," as they do nothing is wasted. They can be made up into several tasty little dishes, which are both nourishing and appetizing. A good deal of the profit is thrown, many

times, into the garbage pail.

Start right, buy for cash, and boarders are profitable.

There is certainly one great lesson to learn from keeping boarders, "the study of human nature." How often we have had people apply for board and we would think, "Oh! I wouldn't like them at all in the house." They oftentimes prove to be the nicest people we ever had as boarders, and vice versa.

In taking summer boarders one comes in contact with people who are both interesting and instructive. They are generally people who are well travelled extensively, and to hear them relate their travels, one may be able to learn much.

Do not expect anything from them; they may expect everything from you. If you are going to make money you must accept the position as it is; not an easy one; not an attractive position to accept for many reasons, but to make it pay financially you must study your guests' peculiarities and cater to them from a reasonable standpoint only.—Our City Cousin."

FARM TRAGEDIES IN OTHER EYES

In the April 21st issue of Farm and Dairy "The Country Philosopher" gives his views on why so many farmers' wives go to help nil up our insane asylums. We will admit that there are cases like those spoken of by our author, but let us hope that there are few and far between. I think in reading of one stepmother case, that in the first place too many girls make the great mistake of marrying a man who she knows very little of; and second place, a man who has a family.

God gives us but one mother, and if the stepmother does not intend to do her duty, why not have a girl in the love of the first wife's children, can she reasonably expect them to have that love for her that is God-given, and placed by Him on that one mother that He has given and also taken from them?

I knew of one case where the stepmother claimed to be rather delicate (not able to do much work), but she managed to keep her stepdaughters busy from morning till night. While she was not well, she could go visiting on about four days in every week. There was an organ in this house, and these girls were very fond of music, but the stepmother was afraid they would scratch the instrument if they tried to play on it; they pleaded to be given music lessons and to be allowed to go to the organ as she did. But all in vain. The youngest girl was about 13 years old when the father married and it can be readily understood they were not babies. Now it is not always the fault of the family.

This woman was generous enough to give one of the girls 15 cents for her whole summer's work of caring for all the chickens that were raised.

The family never knew when they were going to get anything new until it was brought home and given to them in this way, "Here is a present for you." This they did not like, for girls of 14 and 16 years old have tastes of their own and enjoy being talked to about what would be nice and suitable for their own use. They justly felt that they had earned all and more than they received, and they did not consider that others should try and make them believe that it was simply a present when it had been paid for twice over in hard work.—"The Doctor's Wife."

I have read with much pleasure the article by our new club member, "The Country Philosopher." It is splendid and only too true. You see, under conditions as "The Country Philosopher" portrays, in the country everywhere, Life is not all green fields, and a peaceful serenity does not pervade every atmosphere by any means. I intend writing a letter in reply to the "Philosopher" at an early date.—"Aunt Eva."

The Sewing Room

Patterns 10 each. Order by number and size. If for bust measure for waists, and waist measure for dresses. Address all orders to the Pattern Department.

DRESSING SACQUE 578.

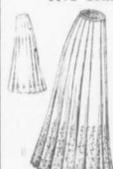


The dressing sacque that serves its first purpose while yet it is sufficiently becoming and attractive to be worn to breakfast is doubly useful. The full fills the requirements and is pretty and becoming at the same time that it is simple in the extreme.

Material required for medium size is 4 1/2 yds. 27, 3 yds. 32, or 2 1/2 yds. 44 in. wide.

The pattern is cut for a 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inch bust and will be mailed on receipt of 10 cts.

FIVE GORED SKIRT 631.



The skirt made with pleated flounce at sides and back is graceful and satisfactory, is exceedingly smart and can be relied upon as being correct for the coming season.

Material required for medium size is 8 yds. 34 or 27, 4 1/2 yds. 44, 4 yds. 52, 1 yd. 27 in. wide for 18.

The pattern is cut for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist and will be mailed on receipt of 10 cts.

BOY'S BASE BALL SUIT 639



Every really normal boy who has a baseball suit. Flannel is the best material. The suit consists of shirt, trousers and cap. The short sleeves are worn in one piece. If the long sleeves are used they also are cut in one piece each. The trousers are simple, full ones, supplied with patch pockets on the hips and gathered at the knees.

Material required for medium size (12 yrs.) is 5 1/2 yds. 27, or 4 1/2 yds. 36 in. wide, with 1/2 yd. 27 in. wide for the cap.

The pattern is cut for boys of 8, 10, 12 and 14 yrs. of age, and will be mailed for 10 cts.

YOKE HOUSE 641.



The yoke blouse is always a becoming one and can be made just as illusive as a yoke. A yoke cut from all-over material and with medallions in place of the embroidery or braided with the spaces left plain. It could be made of the material throughout and the yoke embroidered or braided with some pretty design.

Material required for medium size is 4 yds. 27, 3 1/2 yds. 32, or 2 1/2 yds. 44 in. wide for the yoke, 3 yds. of narrow banding.

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