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OUR HOME CLUB

I was pleased with the "Son's" selection of an article by Mr. Peter McArthur for the Home Club. As a brilliant exponent of country life and philosophy Mr. McArthur has few equals and therefore his utterances and writings are to be valued. In the article mentioned he advocates advertising the disadvantages of city life. His idea is honest and truly "McArthurian," yet compared with the blatant advertising of city magazines and journals, seems puny and weak. I read in a magazine recently an account of a farm boy who had by dint of industry and ability risen to a lofty position as president of a 70,000 member labor union. In strong dramatic sentences, the writer told how this humble farm boy had forsaken the farm for the glistening track of steel; how he had succeeded in his vocation; and his power and influence at the present day.

The article is very readable, yet one cannot help but think of the fascination such a story must have for farm boys. It is really an unconscious but powerful incentive to boys to emulate so fine an example. Yet it always is the successful few whose names and careers of triumph are made so much of. The hundreds of fine young fellows pursuing the deadly, monotonous routine in blind-alley offices or engaged in some touch and go job for a meagre living, when they might be independent, substantial men of importance in healthy young farm communities, are not held up to the awe struck gaze of plastic minded farm boys. No sirree, nothing is said of them except by friendly leader writers in the great newspapers. Those same learned writers are true friends of the farmer just as Mr. McArthur is.—Nephew Frank.

ANENT "AUNT JANE'S" DISCUSSION

Aunt Jane is right or partly right, in suggesting her question for discussion in Farm and Dairy, May 25th. But she takes up only one phase of the question, and of course we all agree with her in regard to those card games that figure in so-called society—mostly to be found in the cities. They should be tabooed. But in debating that subject, "Resolved, that the life of the masses to-day tends more to amusement than to edification," there is a danger of getting the subject whittled down too narrow.

We must remember that we are "travelling this way but once," and we had better take some amusement. I would say, get amusement out of edification or while becoming edified. Too many of us, especially in the country, take life altogether too seriously, and we build too much for the future to-morrow, rather than live the best we know how to-day.

The present day only is ours. To-morrow may not be for us. Because of this great truth I should much prefer that we have a discussion in the columns of the Home Club on "How to get the most out of to-day," the contributors to deal specifically with amusement or interest to be gotten out of work and play, both of which may lead to edification.—"The Son."

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The Will

There is no chance, no destiny, no fate,
Can circumvent, can hinder or control
The firm resolve of a determined soul.
Gifts count for nothing; will alone is great,
All things give way before it soon or late.
What obstacle can stay the mighty force
Of the sea-seeking river in its course,
Or cause the ascending orb of day to wait?
Each well born soul must win what it deserves;
Let the fool prate of luck. The fortunate
Is he whose purpose never swerves
Whose slightest action or inaction serves
The one great aim. Why, even death stands still
And waits an hour sometimes for such a will.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE COOK'S CORNER

Recipes for publication are requested. Inquiries regarding cooking, recipes, etc., gladly answered upon request, to the Household Editor, Farm and Dairy, Peterboro, Ont.

PINEAPPLE-TAPIOCA

Soak four tablespoonfuls of tapioca overnight. Add one half cupful of water and cook till clear. Then add one pint of canned pineapple, and sugar to taste; cook until thick enough. Serve with whipped cream.

PUMPKIN OR SQUASH PIE

One cupful of stewed pumpkin, one fourth of a cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of New Orleans molasses, one tablespoonful of flour, a little cinnamon and cloves, one cupful of milk. Beat together, add a little baking powder; beat again. Pour in rich crust and bake.

SALAD DRESSING

One tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of good vinegar, one half teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of flour, one cupful of good thick cream. Beat until smooth and cook until it thickens. If too thick, add more cream. A salad dressed with this and with a few preserved cherries or English walnuts used to decorate it is splendid.

VANILLA WAFERS

Cream together one third cupful of butter and lard in equal proportions, add one cupful of sugar, one well-beaten egg, one fourth cupful of milk, and two teaspoonfuls of vanilla. To this mixture add two cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and one half teaspoonful of salt (all sifted together). Roll thin on a floured board; shape with small round cutter, dipped in flour. Place the wafers close together on a buttered sheet and bake in a moderate oven.

Never forget to dust over the door and window frames when giving a room its thorough weekly cleaning.

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BLOUSE OR SHIRT WAIST. 6846

This blouse pattern can be made with three-quarter full, or plain long sleeves. Medium size requires 3 3-8 yds. of material 27 in. wide, 2 yds. 36, 1 3-44 yds. 44. This pattern is cut in sizes 34 to 44 bust measure.

BLOUSE OR OVER WAIST. 6842

This pattern can be made with tucks or guimpe lining, or without lining. It can also be made with either a round or V-shaped neck.

Medium size requires 2 1-4 yds. of material 27 in. wide, 1 1-4 yds. 36 or 44 and 1 3-4 yds. 36 for lining, 1 yd. of allover lace for yoke and under sleeves and ½ yd. of silk for trimming.

This pattern is cut in sizes 34 to 44 bust measure.

Household Hints

Save your tired feet on ironing day by standing on a cushion.

The colors in the carpet can be revived by a weak solution of alum and soda.

A timepiece and a pin-cushion in the kitchen will save many useless steps.

Nails first driven into a bar of soap will not split delicate woodwork or furniture.

Children's clothes that are dipped in alum water and then dried will not catch fire so easily.