

## AUTUMN LEAVES.

When the harvest work is over  
And the barns are full of sheaves,  
Children in the autumn twilight  
Gather up the autumn leaves.

Through the forest rays of glory  
From the sunset's purple fold,  
Flood with splendour field and upland  
Wave on wave in lines of gold.

Bathing all the woods in sunlight,  
Lake and stream are burnished o'er,  
Glories of the dying autumn  
Resting upon sea and shore.

Emblem of life declining,  
Drawing near its earthly goal,  
Life reflected from the future  
Sunlight on the passing soul.

Sombre thoughts the autumn bringeth  
Of the autumn days gone by,  
Of the dusky heat of noonday,  
Memories of the morning sky.

Leaves of gold and russet falling  
In the twilight's solemn hours,  
Tell of hopes and joys departing,  
Fading as the fading flowers.

Though our barns are filled with plenty,  
Wine and oil and golden sheaves,  
Every heart hath its own burden,  
Every life its autumn leaves.

Hopes that withered in the morning,  
Brightened ere they reached their prime,  
Youth that left us on the journey  
Friendships dead before their time.

Then while sunset's gold and purple  
O'er the earth its glory weaves,  
Let us with the happy children  
Gather up the autumn leaves.  
(Southern Churchman).

## A Place in the World for Every Woman.

The woman who complains that she has no place in the world has only to open her eyes, and in most instances she will readily see what is waiting for her. The fact that she does not like that particular field is no argument against its usefulness for her. Patience Strong, detained at home by an untoward accident when the long wished for European tour was about to come a reality, found opportunities by the score for useful service. If no home duties call, the sign is plain that in some broader field there is, in a happy sense of the word, a career to be sought. The cultivation of some talent may be destined to bring pleasure and profit. The student has a boundless field before him. To many a secluded one the Chautauqua reading courses have proved sources of untold, almost unending delight. If the necessity of self-support exists, there is a large place for the single woman. Good nurses, teachers, artists, musicians, writers, dressmakers, and workers in a dozen more lines of industry are always in demand. None but the inefficient or the unfaithful ordinarily need complain of lack of employment.

With some there is great unwillingness to accept the place for which they have special fitness. The adept in the womanly art of needlework who, despising her talent, aspires to the rewards of an artist's skill, while lacking fitness for such a position, has reason to find herself without a position. Success is to be expected in the line of one's abilities, not always in the line of one's desires. Discontent because genius or great

power has been denied is simply an impious fault-finding with the Creator's plan. If all women were great musicians, where were the needleworkers? If all excelled in ministering to the sick, where should we seek our works of art and tasteful decorations? Willing to be placed where one can accomplish most always means happiness and contentment. The oft quoted apothegm, "There is always room at the top," is worthy of the author of Proverbs. "Place aux dames" is the watch word of the century. The single woman, better than her married sister—because, ordinarily, she has greater freedom—is in a position to reap the advantages of the hour. Let her exult in her heritage, and not allow a complaint to pass her lips, in this closing decade of the nineteenth century, that there is no place for her.—*Harper's Bazar*.

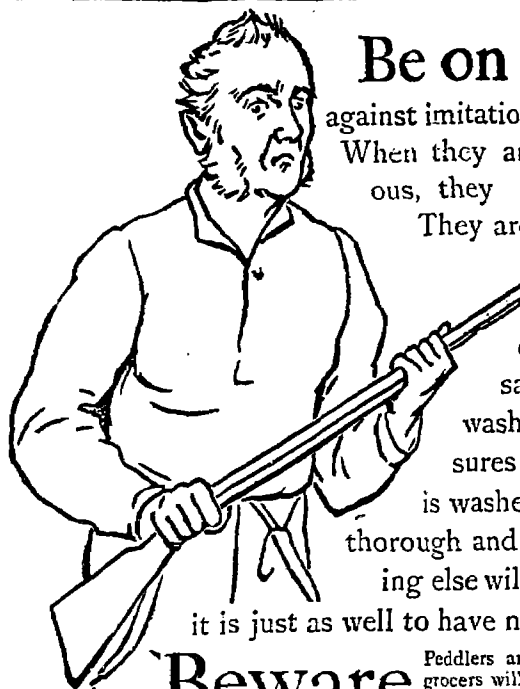
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