

Sunday Reading.

If.

If all who hate would love us,
And all our loves were true,
The stars that swing above us
Would brighten up the blue.
If cruel words were kisses,
And every scowl a smile,
A better world than this is
Would hardly be worth while;
If purses would untighten
To meet a brother's need,
The load we bear would lighten
Above the grave of greed.
If those who whine would whistle,
And those who languish laugh,
The rose would route the thistle,
The grain outrun the chaff;
If hearts were only jolly,
If grieving were forgot
And tears and melancholy
Were things that now are not—
Then Love would kneel to Duty,
And all the world would seem
A bridal bower of beauty,
A dream within a dream.
If men would cease to worry,
And women cease to sigh,
And all be glad to bury
Whatever has to die—
If neighbor spake to neighbor,
As love demands of all,
The rust would eat the sabre,
The spear stay on the wall;
Then every day would glisten,
And every eye would shine,
And God would pause to listen,
And life would be divine.
—Washington Times.

"I try to keep my life simple. Long ago, I learned that what women possess beyond the real necessities soon grow to be a weariness to the nerves. The more of the unessentials we acquire the more we want. Our most coveted treasure soon grows insignificant in the thought of something still to be achieved. I make my rule of life less change and more repose."

That is a good rule for any harassed mother or business woman who has come to think life too much for her.

Ever Notice?

Oh, laugh, ye merry punsters because woman cannot nail,
But there are always two sides to every little tale.

It may be woman cannot nail or tack to hold things tight,
But what man in creation can pin anything just right

Work that Pays.

The question, "Will it pay?" influences more or less the choice of any undertaking or vocation. As too commonly understood, the meaning is, "Will it pay me?" But there are unselfish persons who prefer a life-work that will pay others.

An athletic young minister had a strong temptation to face. He was a lover of "the national game," and had been an excellent player in many contests in the Eastern state where he was educated. At length he went to Iowa.



Stooking on the farm of John P. Marcellus, ex. M.L.A., Fishburn, Alta.

Craving for Novelty.

It is easy to talk about the simple life, and so hard to live it, for life is not simple any more. Its complications seem unavoidable.

The trouble lies in ourselves; the entire trend of womanly sentiment is away from the centuries held dear.

It was not so hard to keep life simple when one's black silk did duty for a decade. Nowadays if the silk don't cut into ribbons the cut of the garment would mean the patch box in at least two seasons.

It is the craze for something new that is the undoing of simplicity. Novelty is the keynote of most of our lives. Even friendships and matrimony are getting injected with this microbe of restlessness. A mother said not long ago, "Baby Louise is so finicky she will only play with her toys two or three times before she is tired of them; and I have to send them off to the hospital." And the mother seemed to think that it showed a progressive spirit in her child. Such a craving for novelty can mean nothing but unhappiness, no matter what one's ability to gratify it.

If we are ever to become simple again without some dire calamity forcing it upon our country, we must change our views of that which we now think progressive.

We will have to learn to draw a sharp distinction between our necessities and our frills. A woman who is noted for her restfulness and her placidity in the midst of a hard life was asked how she managed to keep unfretted.

He had accepted a position as a county superintendent of schools there. In a little while he received an offer of five thousand dollars from a big Eastern club to play ball from April to November, and at the same time a call to the pastorate of a small country parish at a salary of six hundred dollars a year. He chose the little church and the small salary. He is serving God as a successful minister, and he sees no reason why the newspapers should praise him as an example of remarkable self-sacrifice.

The Rev. T. M. Hurst has told, in the Cumberland Presbyterian, of a wealthy politician who met by appointment, in Washington, a city missionary, who twenty years before had been his intimate friend. The politician found to his dismay that he was advertised to make an evening address at a mission meeting. Both men in the days of their young Christian zeal had been active workers in the same Sunday-school, one as superintendent and the other as musical director; but in lapse of years the superintendent had drifted into politics and lost his interest in religious work, although he retained his church-membership. To his friend, evidently, he was the same earnest and spiritual Christian that he used to be, and he did not have the courage to confess the change. He was caught, and felt obliged to make the best of it.

He went to the meeting with the missionary, and floundered through his speech. By an effort he could recall and repeat some of the good things he used to say to his Sunday-school, but this "sermon" was a sadly perfunctory per-

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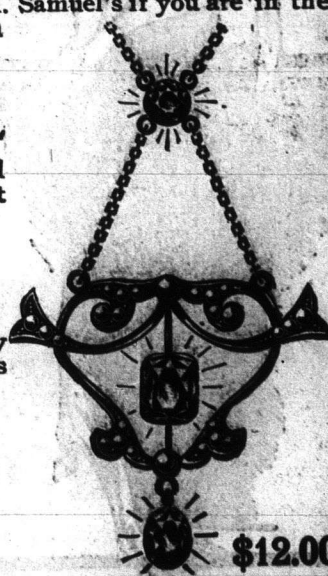
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