

(From the Central New-York Farmer.)

SONG.

TUNE—"Auld Lang Syne."

Ye farmers, raise your standard high,
With one united force;
Let Onward! Onward! be your cry,
Though toilsome be your course.

Your wealth shall spring from hill and dale—
From mountain side and plain,
From bleating flocks, and lowing herds,
From fields of waving grain.

Continue then to plough the soil,
Rich treasures you shall find;
Each day shall bring content and peace,
Health, and a cheerful mind.

To you belong the boon, the power,
To guard our liberty;
To strengthen, in a trying hour,
The bulwarks of the free.

Bright science on your path shall shine—
Truth shed her mildest ray;
And joy and hope, and love divine,
Lead on to endless day. IDA.

Rivulet Valley.

To the Editors of the Central N. Y. Farmer.

HOME EDUCATION OF DAUGHTERS.

Gentlemen.—There is a subject which might, perhaps, with propriety, find a place in your Journal, if some able pen could take it up, and treat it according to its importance. The subject to which I allude, is the HOME EDUCATION OF DAUGHTERS.

Where, but at home, are nurtured and expanded all the finer feelings of our nature, all the sympathies of the heart. The daughter in relieving the mother of passing and indispensable cares, of administering to the wants of father, brother, or sister, enjoys infinitely more heartfelt satisfaction, than she could in displaying her attainments, (be they ever so numerous,) in what are styled the more polite accomplishments.

The aim of education seems to be, to fit each of us to fill with ability and propriety, our individual station in life. A correct home education, must therefore, be regarded as the corner-stone of all that is truly desirable, excellent, or beautiful, in female accomplishments. What though the superstructure be ever so beautiful and elegant, even so symmetrical and tasty, yet if the foundation be deficient, where is the worth of the edifice? Who would repose in it with trust and security.

The American mother should, above all others, feel the importance of training her daughters to habits of domestic industry, to the cares and duties of real life, which tend to call forth the enterprise and energies of their natures, which qualify for usefulness, rather than to shine and dazzle. Let the useful, the agreeable, and ornamental, be made to harmonize. Our daughters should be taught to feel, that a practical acquaintance with domestic labor, is as indispensable to their thorough education, as the knowledge of music, drawing, or the languages, and that to understand plain needle-work, is much more requisite, than skill in embroidery. There is time enough, if introduced advantageously from infancy to maturity, to learn all these things. While a practical knowledge of every branch of household economy detracts nothing from her accomplishments, it adds a pleasing lustre to her character.

If, now, I have said enough to provoke some competent person to take up this subject, you will again be troubled with communications from

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FINDING A WIFE.

To the man of sense and reflection, the choice of a matrimonial partner is no easy matter. Ball-room matches he considers dangerous; if he be a metropolitan he hardly dare take to himself a city wife, for he thinks with Knowles, that "if you would have a maid live in town, breed her out in the country." He will not marry one above his station, lest his wife look down upon him, nor below it, because he cannot afford to do so. It is too often the case that the family of a poor girl look to her getting "well married" as a desideratum not only for herself, but for them. In such a case the union is a marriage to a whole family.

If he desires a spouse who can work, he will not take one who has not been used to it, and, again, he will avoid choosing one who has toiled all her days, lest she should follow the example of others, who, to the confusion of their husbands, make married life one long "resting spell."

Innumerable are the methods used in wife-hunting, and not a few timid riders spend a whole lifetime in availing the ditches and dangers, while others more bold dash on, regardless of consequences, and are repaid with success or ruin, whichever blind fortune wills.

We know an honest and respectable grocer who is married to a thrifty and good woman. He first saw the girl (now his wife) at a Savings Bank, which he had attended some days under the impression that any female so prudent as to save up some money in such an institution, must also have neatness and common sense enough to become a good wife.

He found a girl that suited him, though she was neither handsome nor accomplished, and he married her. Yet he never consulted her bank book, he was not mercenary: the mere fact that she did not spend for dress all her wages, but saved something, was to him sufficient recommendation. He has not been disappointed in his choice, and he confidently advises those in want of wives to go occasionally into the Savings Bank.

SUGGESTIONS TO PARENTS.

Children should never be allowed to dictate to their parents, nor contradict them, but they may inquire whether it is not so and so, or whether such a way would not be preferable? As to their reading, such books as combine entertainment and instruction are to be chosen rather than those which are merely fictitious and romantic. Books of immoral tendency they ought not to peruse. Whatever other good books they peruse, the Bible should be their daily companion. They should be brought up to pay strict regard to the Sabbath, and to attend to the worship with seriousness and close attention to what they hear. They should be frequently reminded of their dependence on God, and of his all-surrounding presence,—of their accountability to him, and of the uncertainty of life, as also the importance of being ready to meet death. They should be taught the way to a throne of grace, and the duty and privilege of coming to it day by day, with an humble and believing heart. The value of time should be deeply impressed upon their minds, and they should learn to improve it all to some good purpose. I would only add that parents should pray with and for their children, that God would sanctify them, keep them from evil, and guide them in the paths of truth and peace, for His name's sake.

FATHER.—It is said that the last words of the venerable Dr. Noah Webster were as follows: "I know in whom I have believed—and I have believed—and I depart without one fear or one wavering doubt."

HOW TO CHOOSE A WIFE.

The *Patriarch*, a magazine just published, offers the following receipt for the selection of a wife:

"A place for every thing, and every thing in its place," said a patriarch to his daughter. "Select a wife, my son, who will never step over a broomstick." The son was obedient to the lesson. "Now," said he, pleasantly, one gay May day, to one of his companions, "I appoint this broomstick to choose me a wife. The young lady who will not step over it shall have the offer of my hand." They passed from a splendid saloon to the grove; some stumpled over the broomstick, and others jumped it. At length a young lady stooped and put it in its place. The promise was fulfilled. She became the wife of an educated and wealthy man, and he the husband of a prudent, industrious, and lovely wife. He brought a fortune to her, and she knew how to save one. It is not easy to decide which was under the greatest obligations.

THE ALPHABET OF REQUISITES FOR A WIFE.

A wife should be amiable, affectionate, affable, accomplished; beautiful, benign, benevolent; charming, candid, cheerful, complaisant, civil, constant; dutiful, dignified; elegant, easy, entertaining; faithful, fond, faultless, free, good, graceful, governable; handsome, harmless, healthy; intelligent, industrious, ingenious, just, kind; lively, lovely; modest, merciful, neat, obedient; pretty; righteous; submissive; temperate; virtuous; well-formed; and young. When I meet with a woman possessed of all these requisites, said an elderly bachelor, I will marry.

If I can, the "elderly bachelor" should have added.

YOUNG MEN.

One of the most favorable "signs of the times" is to be found in the desire which is beginning to be manifested by many young men of education and wealth to engage in agricultural pursuits instead of pressing into the already overfilled ranks of the mercantile and "learned" professions. The following extract is from a letter of a New York merchant, who had applied to us to aid him in finding a place for his two sons with an intelligent practical farmer, where they could qualify themselves to manage a farm to advantage. He says, and truly, that "it is desirable for the public good and for the progress of agricultural science, that young men of education and respectability should, in place of crowding into large cities to live under constant excitement, and to waste their lives in dreams of affluence, devote themselves to agriculture, the noblest of all occupations—in pursuing which they may live in tranquil enjoyment—cultivating the intellectual and immortal spirit. This would raise up a class of well-informed farmers—the true nobility of the country."—*Albany Cultivator*.

RULES OF CONDUCT.

Adhere most scrupulously to truth, and labor to preserve the strictest integrity, simplicity, and sincerity.

Strive to be as kind, forbearing, and forgiving, as you can, both to friends and foes.

Never speak evil of any one, on any pretence whatever.

Strive to recommend religion by the courtesy, civility, and condescending character of your conduct.

Mortify lusts, sensuality, and sloth.

Shut out evil imaginations and angry thoughts.