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## "IDEALS FOR THE COUNTRY HOME"

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There is a very serious responsibility resting upon the mothers and fathers of our country homes. It seems so hard to keep the boys and girls satisfied on the farm; they often go to the cities seeking opportunities. One of the vital questions of today is, "How can we make our country homes so attractive that the young people will be only too glad to remain." It is certain that there is something in country life that develops strong characters and makes leaders of men. Therefore our national welfare depends upon the sanctity and happiness of country homes. It is not so much our duty to prepare to fight for our country as it is to make these rural districts a fit place to grow the best men and women of tomorrow.

A home should be the home of the heart and mind as well as the body. There must be comfort, light, cheer and beauty considered in the planning. But most of all Christ should reign therein; for Christianity is the crowning blessing of the home.

A home must be surrounded with artistic furnishings. Bare floors with a few rugs are more hygienic and require less work than floors with carpets, for the rugs may be easily cleaned and the wood-work kept free from dust. A few good pictures, good books, vases of artistic design for flowers and plants, simple curtains are decorations enough for a living room. But the furnisher should remember that colors must harmonize so that the effect may be restful. These influences may seem unimportant but the work of months and years prove that they help to mould womanhood and manhood; for beauty has much to do with the happiness of life. That health, too, has much to do with life has been known ever since the first green apple was eaten. To make a healthy animal requires a knowledge of the preparing and serving of wholesome, appetizing food. As this falls upon the mother she should study this and carefully watch her children's diet.

With all work there is necessarily

some drudgery. But the mother should be saved from all this possible so that she may have time to devote to proper training of her children. Careful thought should be given to save her steps. Fuel should be kept convenient and water near at hand. The farmer should avail himself of all the modern conveniences; the kitchen cabinet, for instance, will save many unnecessary steps.

The farmer should not be contented with just successful crops but should keep the ground around his home free from rubbish. There should be grass planted on the lawn with shrubbery in the back-ground. A few flowers should be selected and well arranged.

Rural life is more than eating, sleeping and working for, "man does not live by bread alone." It is my opinion that well planned recreation is as vitally important to the welfare of the country as is scientific farming.

It is that terrible loneliness of the country that drives so many to the cities. Therefore in every country community arrangements should be made to bring the country people together so that they may enjoy themselves. In this day of telephones and automobiles it would be easy for the young people to organize dramatic or literary clubs for their own mental improvement and pleasure of the whole community. Domestic Science Clubs for the girls, corn clubs for the boys and nature study clubs for both should be greatly encouraged and would certainly give happiness to them.

There is no reason why the farmer should not have a good library and it certainly would be instructive. Circulating libraries and magazine clubs would bring the farmer into touch with the outer world. All this would make the country people happier.

Oh, if the members of a country home or district would only do their part, what a happy life it would be! For life in the country should be and can be the most complete life possible to a human being.

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

A Brief Summary of Happenings  
Everywhere for Busy Readers.

A German submarine, said to be bigger and speedier than any submarine previously seen and carrying a crew of 80 men, is reported to have appeared near Utsire, off the southwest coast of Norway.

Howard Vanness, of Centerville, Ia., has a little red hen, Clarice, by name, which he thinks is the world's champion in the matter of laying eggs. On each of 14 consecutive days, says Vanness, Clarice laid two eggs.

Gov. George W. P. Hunt, of Arizona, has asked the War department for 3,000 carbines and 30,000 rounds of ammunition to arm the "home guard" in border settlements and towns which have asked protection. Gov. Hunt guarantees the safe return of the equipment.

When the young wife of a resident of Chicago, Kan., had had luck with a cake recently she threw it to the chickens. The chickens died. A state food inspector was called, and he found that the woman had used salt instead of sugar. The inspector said the chickens ate the cake and died from thirst.

John H. Betts purchased a team of mules in Long Beach, Cal., and, being unable to have them delivered to his farm, hitched the animals in front of the car. At first he ran at low gear, but fearing he might antagonize the animals into kicking, he shut off the power and made the mules pull the car home.

Because he called on his sweetheart at 2 a. m., which Judge Welch deemed a most unbecomable hour, Osborn Riddling, of Kansas City, Mo., was fined \$30. Riddling went to call on Miss Nellie Brown, 14 years old. Mrs. Brown testified that Riddling, who is 46, had been paying attention to her daughter despite the mother's opposition.

Infant curiosity came near causing the death of Carl P. Klomme, Jr., three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Klomme, of Tacoma, Wash., when the little fellow put his mouth over the end of a steaming bottle. The inside of the child's mouth and throat was cooked by the steam and boiling water and he came near choking to death before medical assistance arrived.

Pearl Baird, of Caruthersville, Mo., was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for shooting into a fun-

eral cortege and wounding several persons last August. As a wagon containing the body of a child, with the funeral attendants, was attempting to pass through the young man's cornfield, he remonstrated against what he called a trespass and in the argument fired into the vehicle.

Ishi, last of the Yahi, stone-age tribe of Indians which once flourished in California, east of Sacramento, whose "discovery" in 1911 near Orville, Cal., resulted in his adoption by the savants of the University of California as a valuable anthropologist acquisition, died a few days ago of tuberculosis, possibly brought on by the interruption of his wild, outdoor life. He was about 60 years old.

It cost Grant Noll, a farmer of Centerville, Pa., \$9 to shoot one chicken belonging to a neighbor, Jacob F. Henney. For some time Noll had been annoyed by Henney's chickens roaming over his premises and protests being of no avail he resorted to the gun. Henney brought a civil suit to recover the value of the fowl. To the actual worth of the chicken, 65 cents, was added the costs of prosecution, which Noll paid.

The West Virginia Equal Suffrage association, in its campaign for the suffrage amendment to be voted on in that state this fall, plans to convert the entire commonwealth into a huge yellow flower garden. Seed boxes are being sent from state headquarters at Morgantown to all sections, each of the boxes containing six seed packets. Local suffrage organizations will offer prizes for the most beautiful gardens.

A dinner costing \$150 a plate, was given in the Biltmore, New York city, a few nights ago in honor of Louis C. Wallick by John McK. Bowman and other hotelmen, to mark the close of a successful winter season. Bowman refused to give out a menu or a list of the guests. It is said that when a dinner costs \$150 a plate only a small part of that amount is spent on eatables, decorations, music, service and liquors being the principal items of expense.

Teacher: "You must not come to my school any more, Tommy, until your mother has recovered from the smallpox."

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