

'NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?'



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Home Circle

SAM SMALL'S IDEA OF HOME.

Sam Small is not so small as his name implies when it comes to painting a pen picture of home. He says, and his words contain more truth than poetry, that "home ought to be the brightest, happiest, cheeriest place under the sun, on the face of the earth. Every man shows what he thinks of his wife and children by the kind of home he puts them in. A man whose home is all out of whack, blinds down and doors off the hinges, the steps rotten—that shows character. The husband shows his character by the exterior of his home; the wife by the interior. I don't see how some men keep pious on what they get three times a day. Spurgeon includes all human miseries under 'dirt, devil, debt.' I have seen in houses where they had twenty-five hundred dollars' worth of silverware and fifteen cents worth of grub, I would like to be able to digest silverware, but I can't. I like girls who can play on the stove as well as on the piano. Many a man has been sent to a drunkard's grave by what he had been given to eat by his wife. You give a man a biscuit that would knock down a yearling, and he's got to get drunk or something else before night. If you've got a good wife, a good cow, you are elected, as the Presbyterians say."

The evil that we do, and the misery that we cause others, we must stand responsible for; there is no escaping the all-seeing eye—the Judge that deals out justice to high and low alike. Some think the world is growing better; if so there should be more genuine enjoyment in life than formerly. Is there? Do the countenances of the people indicate more content and peace than they did half a century or less ago? Are the boys and men whistling and singing at their work in the old time light-hearted way? Are girls as jolly and chipper and ready to make the world hum with mirth and gladness as they were in those days when they dutifully worked side by side with their mothers in useful household employment? Look around among the farms in your vicinity. Do you find there as of yore, contented fathers and mothers with large families of promising sons and daughters growing up in simple, thrifty ways to take their places and continue their work without hankering for higher, easier positions and more luxurious ways? Is this, the scramble for wealth and power that is going on, a sure indication of that enduring happiness we all have need of? We leave the question open for your thought and consideration.

THEY DON'T STRIKE.

There is a class of laborers who

never strike and seldom complain. They get up at five o'clock in the morning and never go to bed until ten or eleven at night. They work without ceasing during the whole of the time and get no other pay than food and clothing. They understand something of every branch of economy, from finance to cooking; though harassed by a hundred responsibilities, though driven and worried, though humiliated and looked down upon, they never revolt and they cannot organize for their own protection; not even sickness relieves them their post. No sacrifice is deemed too great for them to make, and no incompetency in any branch of their work is excused. No essays and poems are written in tribute to their steadfastness. They are the housekeeping wives of the majority of the people, who work, live and die for their loved ones.

HOME MAKING AND HOME MAKERS.

To the true man or woman there can be nothing more agreeable on earth than the business of home-making! and all who are not home makers miss the best part of their mission in life. Who ever makes a home, in the best sense of the word, is a real benefactor to the race; for every true home is the abode of joy, peace and happiness to those who share it, and exerts an influence that is incalculable for the amelioration of the whole human family. Many a prodigal has been led by the thoughts of home and the makers of his own particular home, to repent of his sins and to change his course of life; and many an unfortunate one has been saved in the evil hour from suicide, or worse, by the tender recollections of home, of fond mother's prayers, an indulgent father's councils, or a sister's or a brother's tenderness.

Yes, whoever helps to make a true home confers a benefit on mankind, that no man can fully estimate. Indeed the influence of the true home for good is absolutely incalculable, and reaches many even that never enter its inner circle. Simply to get a glimpse of it is to receive an impulse for better things, to obtain a more exalted view of life, and to feel an excess of faith in God and the immortality of the human soul. It is like a vision of the glories of the New Jerusalem, and the everlasting habitations, and no one can be wholly bad who has seen such things.

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Rock Spring Items.

Our farmers are very much behind in their crops, this being due to dry weather.

Messrs. J. B. Strickland and G. C. Harris took a trip to Apex Saturday last.

Mr. W. S. Strickland returned from Raleigh one day last week where he had spent some time.

Our new school building is almost completed.

A large number of our people attended the closing exercises of Pearee school last Thursday, all report a pleasant trip.

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Bunn Items.

A large crowd attended "Mother's Day" exercises last Sunday which were held in the old school building now used as a Baptist church and all who attended enjoyed the program.

The Montgomery Lumber Co., has already begun work on cutting out the right-away for the main line of their new railroad, which we learn is to be extended on to the "old Jackson place" about three miles from here, as they have a lot of timber in that section. The main line will not be extended any farther for a long while.

The Pine Ridge Junior ball team came over last Saturday afternoon and crossed bats with the local Junior team here and were walked away with. Our boys defeating them by a score of 14 to 2. Each team was allowed to have a large boy as pitcher. Come for Pine Ridge was batted all over the field while Alford for the locals held the visitors to a few scattered hits. The batting of Dickerson for the locals and the catching of Due for the visitors were features.

Bunn hasn't a senior base ball team, and everybody who enjoys the game and wishes us to have one is earnestly requested to be at North Bunn next Saturday afternoon by 3 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a team.

Much work has been done lately on the new school building and it is already framed.

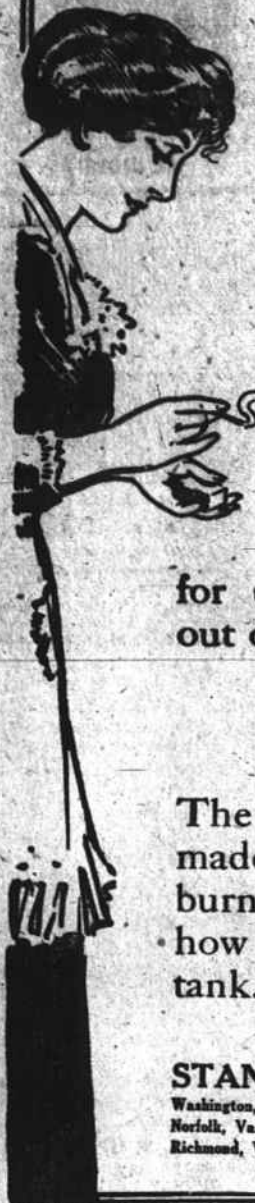
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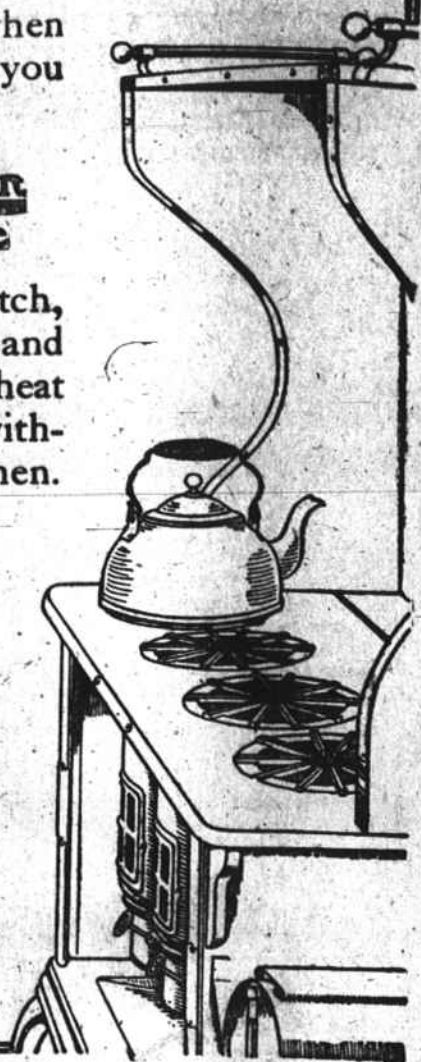
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