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All letters intended for this Department should be addressed to "Aunt Mary," care of The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Debby.

Miss Debby's progress down the street
Is interrupted here and there;
She has a neighbor's child to greet,
A friend to speak to everywhere;
A babe to kiss, a horse to pat,
A friendless dog to interview,
A sick man's door to linger at,
And call a cheery "how d'ye do?"

Miss Debby's plain, old-fashioned gown
Hangs straight and silken to her feet.
A brooch, with hair of youthful brown,
Lies where her bonnet ribbons meet.

Her mits half hide a well-worn ring,
And children coming home from school
Know that she seldom fails to bring
Them comfits in her reticule.

The parted bands of snowy hair
Frame fittingly her placid face.
Only a smile can harbor where
Is written God's own gift of grace.
To cheer, to cherish, to caress,
In gentle ways, as gentles should—
These are the loving deeds that bless
Miss Debby's sweet old maidenhood.

—S. Decatur Smith, Jr., in American Magazine.

Aunt Mary's Letter.

I wonder what most of us are reading this summer. I hope nothing that is causing much thought or very many wrinkles, for summertime, good old summer-time is for enjoyment, and I do not believe any of us really enjoys strenuously puzzling and lashing our brains to understand the intricate, not but that some of us do it, but then I rather suspect that is duty. Let's have a nice rest every afternoon with a bright pleasant book to cheer us.

The books that I mentioned in my article of June 13, may be purchased at many of the large book-sellers in the cities, and the department stores carry particularly inexpensive books. Those doing a mail order business will gladly send you a catalogue and from it you can order a book anytime you feel so disposed. Do not forget though to add a proper amount for postage: this amount is usually from eight cents up according to the weight of the books ordered; amount to postage is generally mentioned in the catalogue sent. The latest works usually retail at one dollar and fifty cents each at the book stores, but they may be purchased generally at department stores at one dollar and eight cents each; then as the novelty of the book wears off the price drops and oftentimes the most popular books of two or three seasons previous may be purchased for as small a sum as forty-nine cents. But in selecting these books be careful what you chose.

A very popular novel of last season—I suppose it was the most popular one of the season—was an exceedingly strong book, containing lessons of great import, but I'll venture to say that not one young girl who read it saw the lessons. She saw only the glamour and attractiveness of the loose, luxuriant life pictured. Many of the novelists of to-day do not hesitate to say that they do not write for immature minds, and a perusal of one of their books immediately causes the reader to acknowledge such a statement. Much is written now also that is sweet and lovely, bright and witty, tender and pathetic; search for that, read it, and I'll vouch for your enjoyment of it.

President Roosevelt in a recent speech says: "There is some light reading quite as useful as heavy reading, provided, of course, that you do not read in a spirit of mere vacuity. Aside from the great clas-

sics, and thinking only of the many healthy and stimulating books of the day, it is easy to pick out many which can really serve as tracts, because they possess what many avowed tracts and treatises do not, the prime quality of being interesting. You will learn the root principles of self-help and helpfulness toward others from "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," just as much as from any formal treatise on charity; you will learn as much sound social and industrial doctrine from Octave Thant's stories of farmers and wage-workers as from avowed sociological and economic studies; and I cordially recommend the first chapter of "Aunt Jane of Kentucky" for use as a tract in all families where the men folks tend to selfish or thoughtless or overbearing disregard of the rights of their womenkind."

The following list of books may be had from the Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind., for forty-nine cents each, postage eleven cents each. These are books of recent date, though not the latest publications, all delightful reading for every member of the family: "Alice of Old Vincennes," "Bob, Son of Battle," "Cape Cod Folks," "Caleb West," "The Call of the Wild," "The Choir Invisible," "The Crisis," "Dri and I," "David Harum," "Eben Holden," "Gentleman from Indiana," "Honorable Peter Sterling," "Letters from Self-Made Merchant to His Son," "Lazarre," "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," "Story of Untold Love," "Soldiers of Fortune," "To Have and to Hold," "Tales of Sherlock Holmes," "The Virginian," "Richard Carvel," "The Return of Sherlock Holmes."

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AUNT MARY.

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