COUNTRY LIFE. ITS VARIED PLEASURES.

Nature's Lessons.

Elizabeth Bisland in Home Journal. That a great many people do not enjoy the country is made quite clear by the modern tendency to crowd into the towns and cities, and the strange reluctance of many to exchange a life of suffering and deprivation in the city for a freer and more comfortable existence away from 1t.

It can not be denied that farm life is less cheerful than before the introduction of machinery. Then the hands of all the young people were needed at home for the work of the fields and the household, and their gay young spirits, their fun, jokes and love-making kept the whole countryside alive and alight, Chemical and provided interest and amusement for their elders as for themselves. Now the horse rake, the patent mower, reaper and binder, the improved churn and butter worker, the neighboring cannery and the sewing-machine have superseded the young fingers and scattered the farm broods far and wide to search for work and make new homes. The farming districts are less thickly peopled in consequence, and are duller and quieter for the lack of the cheerful young life and the old-fashioned hearty fun.

It is impossible to put back the hands on Time's clock and restore a phase of life that has vanished, but many a woman whose ties and duties bind her to a lonely country district is fretting

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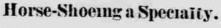
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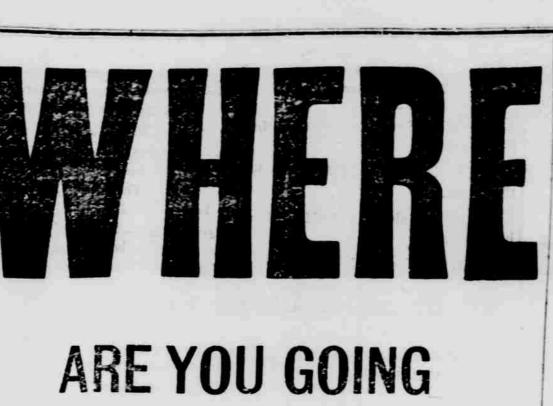
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Nothing will ever be so valuable to human beings as the companionship SILVERWARE!!! of other human beings, but lacking these why not make companions and friends of the lower forms of tife? Most country people live surrounded by chickens, horses, cattle, pigeons, dogs, birds and a thousand wild things and creeping insects, and yet not one in a hundred so surrounded ever opens his eyes to see all the humble tragedies and comedies in play about him, and is too scornful of the minor creatures to care to observe how like they are in character and fate to himself, too indifferent to fiind pleasure in winning the love or entering into the lives of his daily companions.

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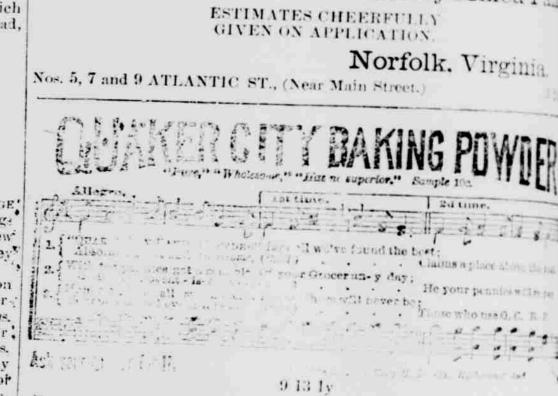
"The shades of night were falling as we drew near our destination. The har vest moon hung in the sky as we rounded Chimney Rock. At our right was Old Boldy, under whose gigantic cliffs we insignificant mortals were creeping along. The river sang a vesper hymn, and it seemed as if nature was offering her evening prayer to the Creator. The view from Chimney Rock is glorious. But it is useless to describe the beauties of this region. Go and see for yourself."

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