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ROMANCE AND YOUR GIRL.

Guard your girl against entangling alliances. Keep out of impossible engagements. Seek diligently to avoid a love tragedy.

It is a mistake to believe that parents cannot assist their daughters with her love affairs. It is not interference or positive restraint, but constructive management, which we commend. To come into the case after it has become seriously involved, and with a display of stern authority—that is the usual and more or less futile way.

We recently heard the story of a beautiful girl whose confidence and affections were misplaced. She guessed wrong, because no older head gave her sympathetic counsel—was engaged to a fickle man, who monopolized her affections for some years, and then suddenly married another.

It is the eternal nature of a worthy young woman to be constant, so, a year after the blow was dealt, this broken-hearted girl is still secretly in love with the runaway. Such was her recent confession. The girl here designated is slowly working out an alternative policy for a business career. She may become a sort of cold and hardened neutral, not desiring to trust another young man's promises or to permit a further toying with her affections. She contends—and wrongly, however—that a young woman can never really be in love a second time.

Now we desire to outline a method whereby parents may assist their young daughters with their love affairs:

During her high school age try to keep your girl from being engaged to any youth. The match is likely to prove merely a bad guess.

Assist her to continue happy social relations with many worthy youths until she learns how to detect beneath the surface those qualities which constitute substantial manhood in the making.

Ask her to inquire carefully into the biography of any prospective suitor. Not emotional promises, but past performances are by far the better test.

Counteract any developing near serious and wrongly placed heart affairs on the part of your girl by bringing new and attractive young men acquaintances into her social company, and be sure to eliminate or prevent the one man idea. Numbers of jolly young people will keep your daughter girlish when she is beginning to ape mannerisms, and beyond all else enter into the group yourself so that there may be no paring off in quiet, or secluded, corners.

Teach your girl how to look for the substantial human qualities beneath mere polish and the possible veneer of good manners.

Finally, parents and big sisters, there are many thousands of good women crushed and wounded in spirit because of ignorant trifling and guessing as to the early love impulse. Nothing in all her course of education calls for more thoughtful care-taking than this early heart flame.

Let us intelligently conserve its beauty.

THE FARMER, HIS INTEREST AND RIGHTS.

If the United States is to maintain itself and make a people and develop a country that will be recorded in history as one of the great countries of the world and time, the agricultural interest must have a fair and square show. The man born and bred in the country is closest to nature, and that which is closest to nature being best, he is best. The question "Why does labor leave the farm?" is ever current. The fact that labor is leaving the farm is unfortunately true. Then what is the cause? There are several operating causes, some arising out of conditions, others from psychological reactions, but as the "Latin" would express it, the causa causans, the effective cause, is higher wages. If other industries can pay so much higher wages than the farm, and thereby entice away its labor, what is the trouble? It is not far to seek or difficult to find. In providing the necessities of life, the farmer is the foundation of all effort, no food, no life, no work, nothing. Being the bottom, all things, directly or indirectly, are piled on him. He is encouraged to produce more, even admonished that it is his duty to do so; having done so, what condition does he run against, low, non-paying prices, the middle men, handlers, distributors and manufacturers of the products, pinch the ultimate consumer and say with unctuous satisfaction the great law of supply and demand is in the saddle, too much, have to sell cheap to sell at all; many have grown enormously rich, who never did a day's work on a farm; but millionaires among farmers are as scarce as icebergs in hell. What can be done toward real betterment for the farmers? There is an old saying, God helps those who help themselves, much truth in it; the farmer must all the while bear in mind that when he wants help he must, like true charity, begin at home, and not only begin but keep at it everlastingly. Do not let an unusual opportunity to better yourself pass. First of all it is absolutely necessary, if the farmer is to help himself, he must get the living for his family and animals, from the land, and then the surplus, high or

low price, will be profit. In these times of marvelous prices and plentiful money, so much the greater, the necessity; out of the bounty of these times lay by something, so you can independently build up for yourself. Again it is contended that the loneliness and weariness of farm life cause much of the drift to the cities; doubtlessly so, to some extent, but the remedy lies well within the grasp of the farmer; the government provides him the daily mail carrying the current news; in the earlier days, across the unknown land, came first a post-road, then a road, and then a highway. We have the mail route established, and next the highway has got to be made. Think of it, study about it: if there is any one thing on which all the people of Edgemont can and should agree, it is to have standard highways. When the farmers receive their working and living, independence and standard highways, already having a daily mail and autos; who will be the fool to arise and proclaim the weariness and loneliness of the country? In these days God's sun will cast the light of a blessing over the land. John L. Bridgers.

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