

Country Home Department

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There's Many a Slip.
 "I cannot see why," said farmer Burke,
 Women should grumble about their work;
 Now my wife would in the morning rouse,
 And build the fire and milk the cows;
 And feed the horses—eleven head—
 By the time that I crawled out of bed;
 She was always at work in house or barn,
 She knit our stockings and spun the yarn;
 She didn't visit, nor write, nor read,
 She planted none of those poesy seed.
 Had children? Oh, yes, some eight in all,
 But they mostly died when they were small,
 The only one living now is Jane
 Who always has an ache or pain;
 She's good for naught but to swallow pills,
 And run up druggists' and doctors' bills,
 She doesn't help like my wife, you bet."
 "Why doesn't your wife" we asked,
 "help yet?"
 "Oh, no," he said, with saddened brow,
 "She's in the insane asylum now."
 —Selected

Insufficient Clothing.

In my other letter I wrote about the boys, now I am going to turn on their sisters. It has been a source of great annoyance to me, how the girls and some of the older women, too, who ought to know better, go so thinly clad in bitter cold weather. They did not dress so in the old times, and I think I can frankly say that the women of those days could boast of better health generally, than the present day women. They seldom heard of one going to the Hospital. It makes me shudder for them, to see a bright and happy girl clad in thin slippers, with perhaps a lingerie waist, and bare headed, out on a cold day. I can't help but think of what is ahead of them in consequence of this imprudence. They are inviting colds, pneumonia, consumption and a train of various ills. Much of the fault of this condition of insufficient clothing, to keep the body warm is due to the mothers for allowing it. Most girls want to dress as their associates do, and do not wish to appear odd. But when the cold days made their appearance this winter, as the saying goes, "I laid the law down" to my three girls. The slippers, summer cloth-

ing, etc., were laid away to await warm days again, and good warm clothing substituted.

As I watched them pass out the gate one morning on their way to school, (they were not bareheaded either) the youngest, laughingly waved at me and said, "Hurrah for the out-of-style girls and their old fashioned mother."

A Mother

For the Lunch Basket.

Cinnamon Rolls: Two cups flour, three teaspoons baking powder, one-third teaspoon salt, one tablespoon butter, two-thirds cup milk, two tablespoons sugar, one-half cup stoned raisins, chopped fine, two tablespoons citron, chopped fine, one-third teaspoon cinnamon. Mix first five ingredients as for biscuits. Roll to one-fourth inch thickness, brush over with melted butter, and sprinkle with the raisins, citron, sugar and cinnamon. Roll like a jelly roll, cut in pieces three-fourths inch thick, place in buttered tins, endwise, and bake ten minutes in a hot oven.

Currant Bread: A good receipt calls for two pints flour, three teaspoons baking powder, one-fourth teaspoon salt, two cups milk, one cup currants, one egg, one tablespoon sugar. Mix dry ingredients, wash and dry currants, dredge with flour. Add egg to milk and combine the mixtures, bake in a deep pan one-half hour.

Four Egg Cake: One cup butter creamed with two cups sugar, four

eggs well beaten, three cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, flavor as you choose.

Revising Home Industries.

The women of Arcadia Mo., says the *Womans' Farm Journal*, have organized a branch of the Missouri Home Development Association and are at work reviving the almost forgotten art of our grandmothers, that of carpet weaving. They intend to locate all the looms of that part of the state, and encourage women to weave their own rugs and carpets and perhaps, curtains and portieres. There are several women in that county who still use the hand loom, and it is an art which should become general again for household as well as economic reasons.

The house may be carpeted and many beautiful and useful things made from cast-off clothing, thoroughly cleaned, and prepared for the loom. Then too, there are many women who desire to earn money but cannot leave home to work. For these home weaving opens an avenue of self-help which many appreciate. These women in Arcadia are also encouraging the young folks of the neighborhood, to learn wood working in its various branches, and in some of the houses are many articles of furniture made of the beautiful oak with which that country abounds. How much better, they think, to make the needed articles from the native material, than to buy cheap imitations.

Trees For School Houses.

Why not start the work of planting trees around the country school-houses which are destitute of

shade? Many school houses stand on a bare hill with no shade trees around them. Why not interest the children in planting trees? It will make the school associations pleasanter, for no one can deny that a bare cheerless-looking school house does not add to the attractiveness of a place, when a child is not over fond of going to school. They would be much interested in a tree planted by their own hands, and awaken in them a love for nature. A kindly spirit of rivalry over their own trees, in the school yard, or on the school grounds, would cause the children to be careful and observing in their play and always looking out for the welfare of their friends' tree, as well as their own. Set out trees children, they will prove treasures in the years to come.

Wayne County.

Mr. Editor: Wayne county Farmers' Union met at the court house in Goldsboro, December 30, 1911, and elected the following officers for 1912: President, J. G. Summerlin; Vice-President, L. W. Stevens; Secretary and Treasurer, C. C. Barnes; Doorkeeper, W. B. Stevens; Conductor, T. W. Best; Chaplain, Rev. F. J. Hood; Organizer, L. B. Dail; Trade Agents, B. F. Barnes and N. S. Wolf; Executive Committee, B. F. Barnes, J. F. Williams and T. J. Sutton. After some short cut pointed talks on the good of the Union, they adjourned to meet again January 12.

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