

# Country Home Department

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## Woman's Rights.

A right to be a woman,  
In truest woman's work:  
If life should be a hard one  
No duties ever shirk;  
A right to show to others  
How strong a woman grows,  
When skies are dark and lowering  
And life bears not a rose.

A right to love one truly  
And be loved back again;  
A right to share his fortunes  
Through sunlight and through  
rain,  
A right to be protected  
From life's most cruel lights,  
By manly love and courage—  
Sure these are women's rights.

A right to tread so softly  
Beside the couch of pain;  
To smooth with gentle fingers  
The tangled locks again;  
To watch beside the dying  
In wee small hours of night,  
And breathe a consecrating prayer  
When the spirit takes its flight.

A right to cheer the weary  
On the battlefields of life;  
To give the word of sympathy  
Amid the toil and strife;  
To lift the burden gently  
From the sore and tired hearts,  
And never weary of the task  
Till gloomy care departs.

SELECTED.

## How to Organize and Conduct a Country Literary Society.

I can think of no one thing that will brighten life for our boys and girls in rural districts than a well conducted "Literary Society." Let some book loving man or woman talk the proposed organization until you have the young people interested. Then call a meeting at some central house, or preferably the school house; at the latter you can have "poets corner" and pictures of books studied. Select your best read boy or girl as president; next vice-president, recording secretary. Request your teacher to act as "critic." Appoint committee to draft rules of organization and by-laws of the society. Choose one of the standards as text book—Dickens, David Copperfield is a good one. Assign one chapter and the readers for next meeting. Let all be prepared to discuss the good points both as to construction and as a literary product. Have two or more selections from the poets, add spice to the meetings by giving character sketches and pictures, when possible, of the authors and houses. Vary this part by omitting the poems and give instead choice bits from the lives of Washington,

Lincoln and other great men. An afternoon spent with the Kings or Queens will give you much food for thought. Study What North Carolina has given to literature, etc. Your choice of books for study is optional but let it be from the best, as recognized by men of letters. "Country Woman" gives a fine list. Use singing to brighten your meetings. Study lives of our familiar musicians instead of poets hour. At roll-call respond with quotations, using both prose and poetry. At close of meeting call for "Current Events." "Youth's Companion" and your county papers furnish there. Use "Book Buyer," "Literary Digest" and the better class of magazines as helps. Occasionally have social meetings and have the busy fathers and mothers to enjoy the good times with you.

An Interested Mother

## Lend a Hand.

I want to suggest to the readers of the Home Page that we all cooperate with Mrs. Nall in making it helpful by lending a hand, or I might say a "Pass it on" policy, which I think would give us much valuable information from actual experience—the kind that is worth while. Most of us have some never failing recipes, short cuts of doing things, economy in both strength and time, economical ways of preparing and serving dishes and, numerous things that would be good

news to others, and perhaps, sometimes the very thing that some reader was anxious to know. When we know a good thing, we could pass it on to many by writing as I suggest. In that way we would always be expecting to gain some desired bit of information, from the various letters of the readers of this page. Then again why not ask questions about things we are interested in? Somebody would be glad to answer them. So I say lets make that one of our resolutions for this year—that of "Pass it one."

—READER

I am so glad that "Reader" has made this suggestion. It is a most excellent one. We would be mutually benefited by the pass it on policy, and I trust that the readers, some of them, at least, will take her advice and write about anything they wish—anything concerning the home and its many problems will be sure to interest most of us. In the house there are lots and lots of things for us to talk about. The cooking, sewing, furnishings. The many, very many problems of the children. Their food, clothing, education, training, etc. Around the house the list is almost endless. The garden, poultry, flowers, and the many things that interest the home-maker.

It seems to me that if we should begin discussing these things, we would be so interested we would all want to talk at once—our failing, "they say," you know.

"The more, the merrier" is an old proverb that we can apply in other ways I think. I am sure that any letters will be much appreci-

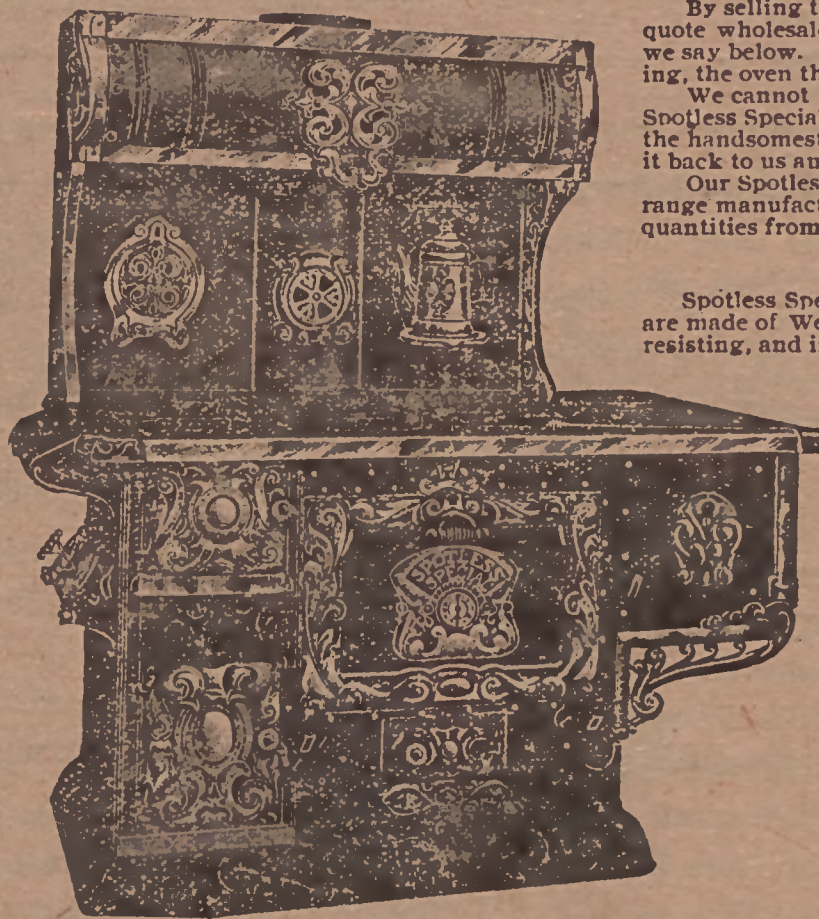
ated by myself and the other readers.

## Some Novel Portieres.

A unique portiere, similar in arrangement to the Japanese or bamboo portieres, and very pretty, is made of kernels of dried corn, red or yellow, or a combination of the two varieties. Have the corn, after shelling it, soaked in warm water until it is soft enough for a needle to penetrate. Take a strong thread a little longer than the height of the doorway, in which it is to hang, and string the corn while it is damp; as it dries it will shrink slightly, bunch the reason for generous measurement. Make eight long strings, or according to width of doorway, then graduate the strings up to center, making each succeeding one a little shorter than the one before. Then lengthen them gradually to correspond with the opposite side, ending with eight long strings. Attach each string to a curtain ring on the pole, or if preferred carry the end of each around the pole and join, dispensing with the usual brass or ivory rings. Extra strings may be hooked across the top. It adds to the pretty effect if each string is commenced with a gilded walnut, pecan or filbert.

Another similar portiere is made of the seeds called "Job's tears," which are very hard, pearl-gray in color and lustrous; these are easily threaded by passing the needle through from end to end, but it is impossible to crush them by any ordinary means. Intermingle these with the long glass beads, called basket-beads, which come in different colors. Such a portiere is easily made and will be greatly admired.

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