

A New Beginning.

"I haven't time, mother," replied Louise, lifting her eyes from the volume she was reading, pencil in hand.

"What are you doing now, dear?" "Reading up for my essay. My title this week is, 'Beginnings of Literary Women.' Isn't that splendid? Mr. Ray told Miss Green that he thought I was one of them myself. He said my story in the Independent showed large promise."

"Want you to make biscuits for supper, and help with the mending?" "But, mother, I really haven't time. I have no taste for housekeeping; literary women do not have, as a rule. You know Harriet Martineau's brother told her to put up her sewing, and write; other women could sew."

The next evening Louise settled herself in the "study corner" of the sitting-room, with her books and papers about her. Charlie had toothache and was nursing his face over the register; Clara was puzzling herself mending a rent in her dress; her mother was washing the supper-dishes in the kitchen.

"Louise," said her father, from the lounge, where he had stretched himself with a headache, "put away your 'Beginnings' and come here awhile. I want to tell you about a few literary women."

"Oh, thank you!" exclaimed Louise, delightedly. "I stayed two hours at the library after school and couldn't find what I wanted."

"I fear I shall not tell you just what you want," he said, with a twinkle in his eye, as she nestled down on the rug before the lounge. "I have been reading up literary women to find out if they ever did like to make biscuits and men stockings."

"I don't believe they ever did, papa; the tastes conflict, you see. It isn't only lack of time," began the literary school-girl, decidedly.

"Well, we will see. You admire Miss Alcott; she did literary work sufficiently well to satisfy any aspiring school-girl; she was so fond of sewing at twelve that she set up for a doll's dressmaker, and put up a beautiful dressed doll for a model in her window. In pinching times at home she was brave enough to go out to service for two months."

Louise exclaimed: "Out to service?" "Harriet Martineau, who was the woman-stewardess in her political economy series and her hundreds of letters in the London Times, states that as she grew up she made all her clothing excepting 'stays and shoes'; she plaited straw bonnets and knitted stockings; she said she was saved from being a literary lady who could not sew, and when in the height of her fame she was admired for not being helpless in regard to house-work. She explained that she could make puddings and iron and mend and, if need be, support herself by her needle, as it was once necessary for several months; and sometimes she felt herself a good housewife spoiled."

"George Eliot was a good house-keeper, and what could not Harriet Beecher Stowe do in a kitchen? In her 'Memoirs' is a comical account of a magazine story written at her dictation while she was teaching an inefficient servant to do the week's baking. Maria Edgeworth's ever-busy fingers accomplished many a piece of fine needle-work; she liked to be idle while conversation was going on."

"As I am this minute," laughed Louise, picking at the fringe with nervous fingers. Her mother must have told her father that she refused to make the beds before school this morning, and had left her last week's mending for her to do. "Oh, dear!" she sighed, with a heated face.

"I will read you something Mary Hewitt writes." He took the book from under the lounge-pillow and sat upright. "No more counting of threads and three hundred and sixty-eight stitches to the inch for me. And here's an extract from a letter: It is very long since I wrote to thee. It is quite astonishing, and yet when I consider the vast quantity of needlework I have had to do, it is not so very astonishing, after all. Helping to do the upholstery-work has quite filled up my time. When I began to look at our several ward-robos, the mending and making had accumulated to such a degree that I was like a hard-working seamstress from morning till night."

Dropping the book, her father fell back on the lounge-pillow. "You love Lucy Larcom's poems. She often did her own washing and ironing while she was teaching at fourteen dollars a month. Mary Lamb wrote to a friend about some cooking she was doing, and she wrote an article on needlework, of which she must have had special knowledge. You would not care for any higher appreciation than to be spoken of by Tenyson as next to Shakespeare—and Jane Austin, the woman rated so high, could do such excellent needle-work that she almost put a sewing-machine to shame."

"Don't, papa," laughed Louise, with eyes brimful of tears, "don't make me feel like that sewing-machine."

"Mama, I've learned about the real 'Beginnings.' I don't want to be a sham literary woman. But," with a sigh, "I don't love housekeeping." "You will, if you keep on," said her mother, comfortingly. "A woman's work is better than any other kind of a woman."

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN IMPROVING HIGHWAYS.

Neglecting Them Causes Most of the Trouble—Duties of Road Commissioners—Best Use For Road Machines—Where Shade is Helpful.

The late J. Q. Sanford, state highway commissioner of Vermont, was insistent on the maintenance of the roads, says Good Roads Magazine, and in one of his last circulars to the local commissioners he said: "The great roadmaster John L. Macadam said, 'A good road is an artificial floor, forming a strong, smooth, solid surface, capable of carrying great weight and over which carriages may pass without impediment.' In building roads we strive to approximate this ideal."

A high authority on road matters recently said, "The time to begin road repairs is the day the road is finished." If good roads are maintained there must be eternal vigilance. Keeping everlastingly at it is the only way. Roads deteriorate constantly and sometimes rapidly when left alone. It is neglecting the roads that causes most of the trouble. How seldom do we see any one upon the roads doing small work to prevent greater!

We should get away from the old notion, rather habit, of working the roads once a year. We have repeatedly recommended that road commissioners appoint men in various parts of the town, each to care for a section of road and doing the slight work which, if done at the right time, saves the road and keeps it good. The proposition has been misunderstood, some taking it to mean that each appointed man was to maintain and work his section of road in his own way. Not so. The road commissioner is the man of authority throughout the town, and he should direct road affairs in every part of the town at all times. As he cannot be everywhere present, he should exercise his will through others who will do his bidding for the pay and encouragement they receive.

Too much dependence is placed upon the road machine in maintaining the old worn-out roads. Often there is more injury than benefit resulting from its use, and there is increasing complaint from the public over the poor returns for the expense. Roads are becoming narrow, the shoulders destroyed, depressions made where water stands to fester and destroy. A good deal is done with the machine that is harmful. Its best use is on the good roads to keep them good. They should frequently be lightly dressed over, always when the road is wet. It saves a lot of good material that is working down into the ditches; it fills the ruts and depressions and keeps the road in good form. The best time for shaping earth roads with a machine is in the spring, while the ground is plastic and easily worked. As a rule, when the earth has become settled, hard and firm the roads should not be broken up. It requires great force to do this in mid-summer, and when broken up they will not be so well settled again that year, the broken surface being dust or mud, according to the weather.

The law requiring road commissioners to remove loose stones from the road once a month is wrong. No road should be neglected for a month. The loose stones are a nuisance and should be removed as often as they appear. Tight stones that project above the road surface should be broken down to the even surface with heavy hammers. Mudholes are too common, and there is no excuse for their being. They come by growth, which should be prevented. Sand roads are benefited by shade to conserve moisture and keep the road from drying out. Roads of other material need sunlight and air to dry the surface quickly. The borders of a road should be kept well trimmed, and in doing this cleanliness and roadside beauty should be regarded. There is value in our roadside attractions, and beauty costs nothing. A little care and arrangement in what we do will give pleasure to all who pass that way.

Since the rural people are cultivating more of the aesthetic side of life and others of culture, refinement and wealth are establishing their homes in Vermont, road officials should at least preserve the natural attractions and beauty of the roadsides.

Keeping Roads Good.
A special telegram from Trenton, N. J., to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "The plan announced by State Road Commissioner Hutchinson when he took office—that no further state aid in road building would be extended to those counties which neglected to keep their roads in repair—has been productive of gratifying results. The commissioner says the plan works like a charm. More money is now being appropriated by the counties for road repairing than for building new ones. Monmouth has appropriated \$42,000 for the year, Burlington about the same amount, Essex \$60,000, Passaic \$50,000, and so on. Commissioner Hutchinson regards this as the complete solution of a problem which has for years disturbed the minds of all interested in road improvement."

Bad Road Tax in Iowa.
Iowa has 100,000 miles of country roads built on a soil of exceptional fertility and exceptionally deficient in material for hard roads. Iowa raises \$235,000,000 in farm products, each dollar's worth of which must be transported on an average of several miles to the railroad. If it now costs one-half cent on a dollar to do this hauling, and that cost can be reduced to one-fourth cent by improved roads, the farmers of Iowa are paying an annual bad road tax of \$682,500. They are coming to appreciate that this is a poor investment.

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After the performance Sir Henry returned to his hotel, reaching his rooms at 11:30 o'clock, when it was observed that he was in great pain. Physicians were immediately summoned, but before they could arrive Sir Henry was seized with an attack of syncope and expired within a few minutes, without having uttered a word, in the presence of Bram Stoker, who had been his immediate manager for many years, and a few other intimate friends. The event caused the greatest pain and consternation among the members of the company.

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