

HOME AND HOUSEHOLD.

Corn Bread.

(R. L. Sale in New York Sun.)
 Thar ain't much left fer us old folks
 That's left here in the South.
 A livin's mighty hard to get
 It's sorter hard to mouth.
 Them Yanks took from us all they
 could
 An' tried to spile the rest,
 But one thing they couldn't spile,
 An' that's the very best,
 Wax Corn Bread.

Oh yes I've been up North myself,
 An' had it brougty ter me
 Ez Johnny cake, but land of love,
 Somehow it didn't gee
 With my insides, that yallar stuff,
 Made out of fine groun' meal!
 Why, it can't hol' a candle to
 The gendine and and real
 Ole Corn Bread.

I reckon it ain't all thar fault;
 They never started right!
 For yallar corn is cattle feed,
 The kin' we eat is white.
 Besides, corn meal ain't groun' like
 flour,
 With rollers run by steam;
 You've got to have and old time mill
 Turned by a lazy stream,
 Fer Corn Bread.

An' jes' to think of all the ways
 It's cooked, an' all so fine;
 Thar's batter cakes an' egg
 Bread too,
 But jes' give me fer mine
 The oldest fashioned, plainest kind
 The kind for which I home—
 Thar's nothing better on this earth
 Than that old smokin' pone
 Of Corn Bread.

An' when a man sets down to that
 Thar ain't much else he needs;
 He bids farewell to every care
 When on this truck he feeds.
 I ain't got long to linger here,
 My time is drawin' nigh,
 But while I'm here I only want
 A plentiful supply
 Of Corn Bread.

Showing Common Sense.

The Committee of Agriculture in the House of Representatives have agreed to recommend to Congress a bill repealing the law appropriating \$290,000 for the purchase of garden seed to be scattered by politicians over the United States. That committee must be composed of a class of Representatives who have a higher moral sense than the average Congressman. Congressmen receive their \$5,000 per year, besides having the privilege of sending tons of seed, books and letters by mail free. Repeal the seed humping act and relieve the mails from this useless burden. That law interferes with the farmers in sowing better seed—seed that will be fresh and grown on the farm.

The question now agitating the federal administration is whether to allow the Indians to wear long hair or not. Unless they can be induced to wear a little more clothing they should be allowed to wear hair as long as possible.

Women And Diversions.

Marshville Home.
 Editor Beasley, of the Monroe Journal, has never pulled the bell cord over a mule, but he has formed opinions of farm life. Among other things he has discovered that the contented farmers' wives of this country are in a mighty bad state of slavery, and with sympathetic tears running down his cheeks as big as hulled walnuts he makes the following suggestion which he considers a knock out blow to Our Home. "The Ladies of the Sunshine Society ought to ask Editor Green how he explains the large proportion of the inmates of the insane asylums that come from the rank of farmers' wives." Just for the information of Editor Beasley we will say that the explanation is dead easy. It's because there are more farmers' wives than any other kind of wives. That's mighty simple. Ask us something hard

The Journal man accuses us of being opposed to diversion and recreation for women—a position we have never taken. It is a straw man the Journal has built and then knocked down for his own amusement. The position we have taken is that it is not necessary for women to belong to clubs and societies in order to get diversion and recreation—that societies do not make them any better or brighter folks than those who get 'diversions and recreation' independent of societies. We have also said that a greater store of intellectual information can be obtained by good reading in the home than through societies and clubs.

Getting down more to facts, Our Home makes the statement that socially speaking, there is no more genuine hospitality, free from pretention and deception, than is found among farmers' wives of this country. And in justice to farmers themselves Our home will say further that they do not make slaves of their wives and they generally allow them as much "diversion and recreation" as the wives themselves are willing to take. Because they do not hitch up to a rubber tire buggy and sail out every afternoon is no sign that these farmers' wives are not contented or that they are slaves to house drudgery and to a "home treadmill." They get out in the open air, in the garden and truck patches and in the poultry yard and it makes them feel better and healthier—and it's about as elevating and inspiring as it would be to sit down in a crowd and listen to the idle talk. And by this little outdoor exercise they get the benefit of nature's remedy for weak folks and become strong enough to get along without cooks and servants.

And now we will say further that a woman who has such a restless disposition that she cannot

find a way to get "diversion and recreation" outside of a club or society will not keep her out of the asylum if she's headed that way. But why go further with this discussion? Let the Journal man dry up his tears over what he imagines is wife slavery on the farm.

Dairy Dont's.

Selected.
 Copy these dont's stick them up in your dairy barn and observe them next to the ten commandments. The latter will make you a better man and the former a richer one:

1. Don't mix water with your customer's milk.
2. Don't mix warm milk with that which has been cooled.
3. Don't mix dirt with milk. Keep the cow's udder clean.
4. Don't expose the milk to bad odors. It is astonishing how quickly it will assimilate them.
5. Don't keep the milk in the barn longer than possible. As soon as it is drawn it should be strained into clean vessels and put into a cool place.
6. Don't add anything to the milk to keep it from souring. Cooling it quickly and thoroughly is the only thing necessary.
7. Don't milk the cows until you have thoroughly cleansed their udders. No strainer can remove the foreign matter or odor of it after it is once dissolved in the milk.
8. Don't be irregular about the milking. Have a certain hour at night and in the morning, and always milk at that time.
9. Don't be loud or rough when handling the cows. If you have good milkers they are necessarily very nervous. For this reason it is advisable to excite them as little as possible. Many a good cow has been ruined by harsh treatment or abuse.
10. Don't fail to observe these rules and you will be richer at the end of the year and have a better paying herd.

Anti-Loafing Law.

Asheville Citizen.
 It is learned upon good authority that an ordinance prohibiting loafing will be introduced at the next meeting of the board of aldermen. Such action, if taken, will be intended to alleviate conditions which are apparent to all who observe the number of unemployed who frequent Park square and impede travel and traffic. An ordinance which strikes at all who have no visible means of support has worked well, it is said, in Atlanta and other cities of note, and the necessity for one here has led the city fathers to consider the advisability of trying legislation of like character. Consequently it is expected that the next meeting will result in a decree against the loafer and his unwholesome effect.

Peach Tree Borer and Coal Tar.

The borer—*sannina exitiosa*—is the most dreaded of all the insects that destroy popular fruit. The grown female is a slender, bluish, wasp-like insect which flies in early spring, which is the most favorable time for preventing her from depositing her eggs on the trees near the surface of the earth. This article is written with the view of persuading the patrons of the Agriculturist to us preventatives, in place of waiting until the larvae are under the bark of the tree. During the month of April scrape the soil from around the roots of the trees about eight inches deep and apply with a swab or brush coal tar, covering the trunk of the tree twelve inches. After the coating of the roots and trunk with the coal tar, return the soil, hilling it up at least twelve inches. Do this work before the female borer is out on the errand of depositing eggs, and when she comes she will be thwarted or will put her eggs above the tar, where they can be seen and destroyed.

Plant Vines

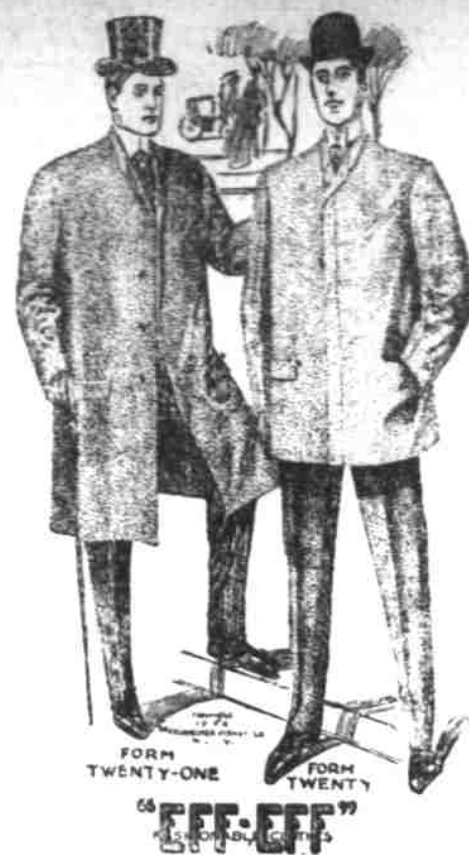
McCall's.
 It is said of the late Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, that he always besought every man he met to "plant trees"; that was because he felt the barrenness of the treeless West. I would add "and vines," because I would cover the naked walls and drape the trees, writes Hamlin Garland in Good Housekeeping. Trees and vines will cover a great deal of bad architecture.

There is almost no expense for barren walls. We do not need to import vines from England, shrubs from Japan, nor flowers from Mexico. Our own native wild plants and vines are at our doors, ready to weave their enchanting veil of beauty over our blunders, our mistakes, our poverty of resource. Go to the meadows, the swamps, the roadside, and invite them in to help you make life better worth living. Study their needs, their habits, and apply their courage and their grace to your walls, pour porticoes, your decayed and dilapidated outhouses, and your porches will become bowers of fragrance and shade, your lawns a delight. And you will further more preserve to your children a few of the exquisite wild flowers now swiftly bowing to the sickle and the plow.

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