

Farm and Household

Weeds

Weeds eat up the farmer's substance. The truth of this ought to be apparent to every one who would figure up the cost of eradicating them from the crops.

The Straw on the Farm

In mixed farming there is nothing grown that should be wasted. Every thing should conduce to the fertility of the farm and the profit of the entire system.

USEFUL HINTS.—Never use sheaves, as they cause the most juices to escape. To keep lemons fresh, place them in a jar filled with water, to be renewed every day or two.

Never touch lettuce with a knife, as it impairs the flavor and destroys the crispness of the leaf; always tear it apart with the fingers.

ABOUT BEES.—A correspondent of the New York Evening Post, in speaking of bees, says that they are divided, as is well known, in three distinct classes—the queen, the worker and the drone.

YOUNG CHICKENS.—Early chickens which can be reared easily if proper care is given, may be kept in a glass covered coop protected at night by covering with straw.

A DEATHED repentance is a good thing as a last resort, but for solid comfort it is a little too uncertain.

Around the Fireside

On Anger

It is no good if a house-keeper ever thought of the necessity of anger? May not our discontent as certainly or disapprove as decidedly without anger? Cannot house, home, or domestic be managed as well by quiet resolves? And yet how it moves about like coin among the masses, and steals into the family circle, from mamma with that wrinkled brow, to the little miss who gets her seat at the table with a positive flirt of disgust!

Once, when a very young girl, I was impressed by the manner and words of a good woman. She sat swaying back and forth with a puzzled look on her sweet face. She was thinking how to get rid of a petty annoyance. Arising, she rang the bell. A servant entered in a noisy way.

"Sarah, you may sit down." The girl threw herself sullenly on a chair averting her face.

"I'm sorry to have to find fault in you Sarah," "Oh, yer need n't be, for I'm quite used to hearin' yer scold."

"I don't think I have ever scolded you. I try to watch myself against that sin. Have I ever scolded you?"

"Well, ma'am, not to say ravin' scoldin' as some do, but yer tells me things and makes me ashamed of meself."

"I want to be kind to you, poor girl, for you are a stranger in a strange land. I was going to ask you to try and be more pleasant to the children. It is now a whole week since a smile has been seen on your face. Now, must I lose my good girl or keep her?"

Sarah looked down, and said: "I think, ma'am, if I do my work well, I might look grave like if it suits me."

"Don't you see my little girl will catch your sullen ways. No, Sarah, you must be a cheerful, pleasant girl if you are to stay; and now I want you to decide for me."

"I'll stay, ma'am" And as the tears filled her eyes she added: "Ye're the best mistress in the wide world."

Years passed, and Sarah remained a cheerful servant till a fine fellow took her for a wife, and many tears fell for the loss of a faithful servant. Who shall count the value of words fitly spoken?—Exchange.

"What Hath God Wrought?" The remark is not uncommonly made that the money contributed to the cause of Foreign Missions, one-half to three-fourths is used in salaries and commissions and office expenses, while in truth these expenses, we believe, are less than five per cent.

In the Woman's Work for Women for February we find the following paragraph, which shows what has been done towards christianizing China. It is a cheering picture:

Forty years ago there were only three native Christians in all China. To-day there are 14,000 communicants in 318 churches, in which 18 are wholly self-supporting, and 264 partially so. The native Christians, in the year 1876, had given an aggregate of \$10,000 for Christian purposes. In 1877 missionaries were residing in 92 different cities, from which 532 out stations were reached. In the stations referred to are 246 church buildings for Christian worship, and 457 chapels and other preaching places. In connection with the various stations there are 31 boarding schools for boys, 39 for girls, together with 177 day schools for boys, and 82 for girls, in all enrolling 5739 pupils. There are also 31 theological schools, with 236 students, and 115 Sunday schools, with 2605 scholars. The various missions employ 73 native ordained preachers, 79 colporteurs, and 92 Bible women, in addition to a total of 926 missionaries, male and female, of 478 There are, besides, 18 hospitals and 24 medical dispensaries, supported by the different boards.

A HOLY life is made up of a number of small things. Little words, not eloquent speeches or sermons; little deeds, not miracles, nor battles, nor one great heroic act or mighty martyrdom, make up the true Christian life. The little constant sublimity, not the lightning; and the waters of Shiloh "that go softly" in their meek mission of refreshment, not the waters of "the river, great and many," rushing down in torrent, noise, and force, are the true symbols of a holy life. The avoidance of little evils, little sins, little inconsistencies, little weaknesses, little follies, little indiscretions and imprudences, little foibles, little indulgences of self and the flesh, the avoidance of such little things as these goes far to make up, at least, the negative beauty of a holy life.

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