

## Our Women and Children

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### BRIGHTEN YOUR CORNER.

Are you doing all you can to brighten, to beautify "the corner where you are?" If "he is a public benefactor who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before," what a vista of possibilities opens up in our front and back yards.

Any one may grow a flower. It is not a privilege granted to the rich only, but to those who will. We may not have immense masses of flowers or large parks of green sod, but we can sow grass on the parking in front of our door or plant flowers in a box on a tenement roof.

If you possess good taste, make kind suggestions to those in need of them, and thus bring light and beauty into the lives of others.

Every woman may contribute something to the beauty of her world. However limited may seem her sphere, however narrowed and confined her activities, she has a realm as significant as any that ever existed, replete with opportunities for service and awaiting the touches of beauty which she may give to it.

While the practical things of life are more imperative, we may well pause now and then for a consideration of the aesthetical. Each life reflects the things for which it struggles. As we "brighten the corner where we are," more and more in our surroundings, in the lives of our associates will be reflected this brightness, this beauty radiating from the deep recesses of our souls. L. S. E.

### THE GUILTY PARTY.

We mortals have to swat and shoo  
The flies from dawn till dark,  
'Cause Noah didn't swat the two  
That roosted in the Ark.

### IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN, IT'S YOU.

If you want to live in the kind of a town

Like the kind of a town you like,  
You nedn't slip your clothes in a grip  
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you've left behind,

For there's nothing that's really new.

It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town,

It isn't the town, it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid

Lest somebody else gets ahead.

When every one works and nobody shirks,

You can raise a town from the dead.

And if while you make your personal stake

Your neighbors can make one, too;  
Your town will be what you want to see.

It isn't the town, it's you.

### ON THE OTHER HAND.

The Lord also loveth a cheerful loser.

All things wait for those who go after them.

Where there's a will, there's a way out of it.

None are so blind as those who see our faults.

Marriage generally proves that one can live quite as cheaply as two.

There is plenty of room at the top without pushing anyone else off.

Some men are born great, some shrink and others never realize how small they really are.

Those who never try are at least spared the mortification of surely knowing what they can't do.

The acceptance of a story, in spite of some of the cheap magazines, doesn't necessarily imply a lack of merit. Why should a man permit a woman to make a fool of him when he can do it almost as successfully himself?  
SAM S. STINSON.

### MOTHER NATURE'S RISING BELL By Nellie Robertson Cannon.

When old Mother Nature rings the rising bell,

And all the little flowers,  
No matter where they dwell,

Raise their pretty heads.  
And blink their sleepy eyes.

When the sun comes apeeking  
From out the blue skies.

Under downy covers she tucked their little toes,

Patted them and petted them  
As everybody knows.

Mocking bird is singing in the tree top high

Hush-a-bye my flowerkins  
Hush-a-bye!

When old Mother Nature rings the rising bell

All the world will know it.

When the buds begin to swell;  
The little brooks will laugh and gurgle,

Onward to the sea—  
The brown earth will awaken  
With the old sweet melody.

Aurora from her chariot,  
Will fling kisses to the sun;

She will shake her glistening tresses,  
For the spring days have begun.

She will wake the frisky squirrel,  
In his oak tree citadel;

They will know that spring has come  
When they hear the rising bell.

### THRIFT.

Neglect of small matters frequently makes a big matter that cannot be neglected. The thrifty woman is a wonderful blessing to the average

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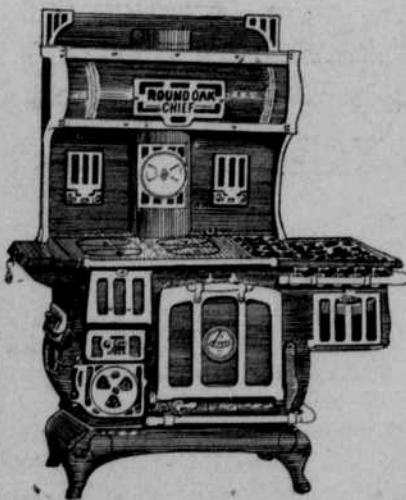
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