

Kiss and Make Up.

What married life needs to give it new tone and sweetness is more of the manner as well as the spirit of the old courting days. The beautiful attentions which before marriage were so pleasant, are too often forgotten afterwards. The gifts cease or come only with the asking; the music dies out of the voice; every thing is taken as a matter of course. Then come dull, heavy hard days to the unhappy souls that have solemnly promised to "love, honor and obey," etc., and the consequence is they begin by wishing themselves apart, and are not always content with the mere wishing.

Very much of the pleasure of courtship is derived from the constant attention of the parties to each other. Their affection for each other's voices evinces itself in every possible way. Every sentence is gilded with compliments spoken in tender tones. Every look is a confession of love; every act is a new world in the exhaustless vocabulary of love. Gifts and personal sacrifices are the more emphatic expressions of the spirit no language can fully articulate, no devotion declare. It is a fact that devotion declares itself continually in words and acts. At the touch of Cupid's wand the language grows more rapid, the fingers gentler in their touch, and the voice more musical. Love is very like the silver jet of a fountain that leaps heavenward; if denied its natural outlet it ceases to flow altogether. The love of courtship can be kept bright and beautiful through married life, by giving it utterance or expression in words; and the more it is allowed to flow out in delicate attentions and noble, helpful services the stronger it will become, and the more satisfying. The beautiful attentions of the husband refresh, brighten and make the wife strong-hearted and keen-sighted in everything pertaining to the welfare of her home or her husband's happiness. And the parting words of love from the wife give the husband new courage as he goes forth to meet the trials and difficulties of business. The home is home only when pervaded with this blessed influence of love, and the marriage vow should not be made once for all at the altar, but should be kept by husband and wife "till death do them part."

Husbands, talk to your wives lovingly as in the early days of courtship, when you wished to win their affection. Wives, meet every show of tenderness from your husbands as you did in the beautiful days that linger so pure and sweet in your memory, and your home will be a type of that heavenly home that only is promised to those who love.

Courage in Disease.

Many a life has been saved by the moral courage of a sufferer. It is not alone in bearing the pain of operations or the misery of confinement in a sick room this self-help becomes of vital moment, but in the monotonous tracking of a weary path, and the vigorous discharge of ordinary duty. How many a victim of incurable disease has lived on through years of suffering, patiently and resolutely hoping against hope, or what is better, living down despair until the virulence of a threatening malady has died out, and it has ceased to be destructive, although its physical characteristics remained? This power of "good spirits" is a matter of high moment to sick and weakly. To the former it may mean the ability to survive, to the latter the possibility of outliving, or living in spite of a disease. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance to cultivate the highest and most buoyant frame of mind which the conditions will admit. The same energy which takes the form of mental activity is vital to the work of the organism. Mental influences affect the system, and a joyous spirit not only relieves pain, but increases the momentum of life in the body. The victims of disease do not commonly sufficiently appreciate the value and use of "good spirits." They too often settle down in despair when a professional judgment determines the existence of some latent or chronic malady. The fact that it is probable that they will die of a particular disease casts so deep a gloom over their prospect that through fear of death they are all their life-time subject to bondage. The multitude of healthy persons who wear out their strength by exhausting journeys and perpetual anxieties for health is very great, and the policy in which they indulge is exceedingly short-sighted. Most of the sorrowful and worried cripples who drag out miserable lives in this way would be less wretched and live longer if they were more hopeful. It is useless to expect that any one can be reasoned into a lighter frame of mind, but it is desirable that all should be taught to understand the sustaining, and often even curative power of "good spirits."

A Great Farmer's Maxims.

The successful life of Mr. Jacob Straw, the prince of American farmers, is attributed to the close observation of the following maxims, originated by himself: Make your fences high and strong so they will keep cattle and pigs out. If you have brush make your lots strong and secure and keep

Nebraska.

Two brief articles have been prepared and published, and left standing in the JOURNAL, relative to Nebraska, its advantages and products. One more short article must close the series for this season.

To persons who never saw a prairie country, to look over it is rather an interesting sight; as a general thing the absence of timber gives to it the appearance of waste and barrenness to those who are accustomed to live in a timbered country. Timber of every kind common to this latitude can be cultivated on the prairies of Nebraska. Near the water courses and river bluffs a large quantity of trees are generally found growing in great luxuriance. Among the varieties found in such localities are cottonwood, box-elder, buckeye, maple, locust, ash, hickory, oak, willow, poplar, sycamore, walnut, pine and cedar. The shrubs include common juniper, paw-paw, prickly ash, plum, currants and goose-berry, dogwood, butter bush, buffaloberry, mulberry and hazelnet. Cedars are found on the islands of the Platte, and along the Loup, and on the Niobrara there is a large quantity of pine.

But the interesting point we want to make is the fact that all this variety of trees will grow and flourish on the prairie, and that as much timber as may be needed by each farmer can be raised on his farm. It is not a little surprising to know that the early travelers, and, among others, Gen. Fremont, should have formed the opinion that the prairies of Nebraska were a sandy desert, unsuited for farming purposes, when in these times it has been examined by competent judges and pronounced without any hesitation to be a region which is to be the great grain and stock-producing area of the continent. Men don't make bread of sand, and they don't, as a general thing, settle in such localities. The United States cover 23 degrees of latitude; away to the frozen north, and down to the semi-tropic south. With all this choice, from the beginning of western settlement the great current of movement has been within a central belt five or six degrees in width, and nearly corresponding with the latitudinal length of Illinois, which lies between 36 degrees, 56 minutes and 42 degrees. This is the belt in the United States in which industry obtains the most certain and highest rewards. It is temperate in climate—and a man can work up to his best notch. The land is fruitful, and bears in great abundance those products which are necessities of life, and which therefore have a steady commercial value.

The population of Nebraska in the beginning of 1856 was 10,716, and at the close of 1875, 259,912, which was a twenty-five-fold increase in twenty years.

Corn in Nebraska is most bountiful in production; with fair cultivation the yield is from 50 to 60 bushels per acre. Wheat from 15 to 25 bushels per acre. Barley from 30 to 40 bushels. Rye 25 to 30 bushels. Oats 40 to 50 bushels. A country which is adapted to the raising of corn; small grains; good for grass and hay, and has at all times a favorable climate, must be a good location for stock-raising. Live-stock is in great demand in the civilized over, and it is in live stock the farmer finds a great deal of his wealth. It has been demonstrated among the Nebraska farmers that mixed farming is the most profitable, therefore every farmer should combine grain and stock raising. In fact every farmer that has carried cattle upon his farm and handled them with judgment for any length of time is now enjoying the rich profits of his investment and labor. Look around among your neighbors and in every case where money has been invested in stock and handled with care it has brought the largest increase in dollars and cents to those who have invested. And there is room in Nebraska for hundreds of thousands more farmers.

Drink Lemonade.

Lemonade is one of the best and safest drinks for any person, whether in health or not. It is suitable to all stomach diseases, is excellent in sickness, in cases of jaundice, gravel, liver complaints, inflammation of the bowels, and fevers. It is a specific against worms and skin complaints. The pipins, crushed, may also be mixed with water and sugar and be used as a drink. Lemon juice is the best anti-scorbutic remedy known. It not only cures this disease, but prevents it. Sailors make a daily use of it for this purpose. The hands and nails are also kept clean, white, soft and supple by the daily use of lemon instead of soap. It also prevents chilblains. Lemon is used in intermittent fever, mixed with strong, hot, black coffee, without sugar. Neuralgia may be cured by rubbing the part affected with a cut lemon. It is valuable also to warts and to destroy dandruff on the head by rubbing the roots of the hair with it. In fact, its uses are manifold, and the more we employ it externally the better we shall find ourselves. Rub your hands, head and gums with lemon, and drink lemonade in preference to all other liquids. This is an old doctor's advice. Follow it.

Farm Life.

It is a common complaint that the farm and farm life are not appreciated by our people. We long for the more elegant pursuits, or the ways and fashions of the town. But the farmer has the most sane and natural occupation, and ought to find life sweeter, if less highly seasoned, than any other. He alone, strictly speaking, has a home. How can a man take root and thrive without land? He writes his history upon his field. How many ties, how many resources he has; his friendships with his cattle, his team, his dog, his trees, the satisfaction in his growing crops, in his improved fields; his intimacy with Nature, with bird and beast, and with the quickening elemental forces; his co-operations with the cloud, the sun, the seasons, heat, wind, rain, frost. Nothing will take the various social distempers which the city and artificial life breed out of a man like farming, like direct and loving contact with the soil. It draws out the poison. It humbles him, teaches him patience and reverence, and restores the proper tone to his system. Cling to the farm, make much of it, put yourself into it, bestow your heart and your brain upon it, so that it shall savor of you and radiate your virtue after your day's work is done!—*Scribner.*

At the Beginning.

Nothing is learned without a certain amount of drudgery, and boys who undertake to learn a trade must be prepared for work of all kinds. A boy from a wealthy family was received into a large establishment, but found no royal road to business advancement. He had to begin at the bottom of the ladder just as the poorest in the store did. He often wondered why his employers kept him two long years assorting shoes and handling great sides of leather. But when he became a salesman all was plain, for he was able at a glance to tell almost the exact worth of a pair of shoes, or the quality of a side of leather. Thorough knowledge only comes by practice. Repetition makes the most difficult matters easy and seems almost to add a sixth sense. The old tellers in banks can count off with the greatest rapidity vast piles of coin, casting aside, as if by intuition, all the light pieces. Their fingers have learned to weigh like the nicest balance. Hard and constant work is needed before perfection can be reached.

The Doctor's Advice.

T. G. met an old friend, who was formerly a prosperous lumberman up North, but whose bad habits of drinking resulted as they often do, though he has since reformed and is trying to do better. "How are you?" said T. G. "Pretty well, thank you, but I have just been to a doctor to have him look at my throat." "What's the matter?" "Well, the doctor couldn't give me any encouragement. At least, he couldn't find what I wanted him to find." "What did you expect him to find?" "I asked him to look down my throat for a saw mill and farm that had gone down there." "And did he see anything of it?" "No, but he advised me, if ever I had another mill, to run it by water."

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A lady writes: "I think girls do quite as much toward supporting themselves and others as boys do, if they are not paid for it equally. I have seen them display even more courage than their brothers when wealth was swept away, and they found employment from home, and I am tired of hearing girls (as a class) advised to do more. How many lazy, worthless boys can you count who are ready to borrow money for dissipation, and what kind of husbands do they make? But do not mention it! If women could fill positions that divided their attentions less they might hope to win more, for this is true of all."

A sentimental poetess asks:

"Is there nothing for me to do?" Oh, you bet there is. Return the floor you borrowed from the woman next door, patch up your husband's old clothes, let poetry severely alone and turn up that old lady's bonnet. There's plenty of work for you to do in this world. When you want for advice, inclose a stamp.

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