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### My Daughter

by Mrs. John D. Hubbell

MY CHILD, I stand repentant at your bed

And lay a tender hand upon your brow,  
Asleep! And yet so short a time ago  
Your temper clashed with mine  
And I was harsh.

Because my will was strong,  
I chose to bend your weaker one.  
And though I kissed away your tears  
And put you lovingly to bed,  
Still I stand with aching throat  
And wonder why so often I forget  
That you are only four.

### You'll be Interested in This!

IN OUR September magazine cover the artist has caught a lovely bit of Indian Summer which now comes to you in its beauty through the skilled craftsmanship of engraver and printer. The original painting is by a distinguished landscape artist, Hubert-Robert, whose work is widely in demand.

YOU will get a most interesting view of things in Europe when you read the two articles by Mrs. Chester C. Davis telling of what she saw and heard on her recent tour abroad with her distinguished husband, for three years one of the outstanding men of the AAA. The first of the articles will appear in an early issue of THE FARMER'S WIFE Magazine.

ON PAGE seven are two cartoon illustrations by "DING," known wherever cartoons are published as one of the most capable artists in his field. Jay Norwood Darling, which is the name his parents gave him, has one life chapter that is a farming chapter, and deals with a fall and early winter spent as a corn husker on an Iowa farm in much below freezing weather. And how it sticks in his memory!

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### Give the Children a Square Deal

YOUR children will soon start down the road to begin another year of public school. Many other questions about their welfare will arise in your mind as you see them go, but we suggest that you make room for this one also:

Are your boys and girls getting a square deal in education?

Most farm parents would have to answer "No", for most rural children attend one-room schools, and one-room schools are unable to give children a square deal in education as compared with the training that is given to pupils in urban and consolidated schools.

Two things especially could be done about rural schools for their good: They could be organized into more efficient and more economical units or districts, and they could be given a larger measure of state support. In the long run that would give children better schooling and at a lower cost per pupil. Besides, the cost of schools would be more fairly distributed among taxpayers.

Rural folks can do something about the whole matter if they will organize to make themselves heard and their power felt in the state legislatures this winter when school business comes up for consideration.

### What Can She Do?

WHAT can a mother who hates war and its terrible consequences do to hasten the day of world peace? That question comes to the editor about as often as any other that arrives through the mail.

Fru Michelet of Norway (known to our readers through Miss Rowe's personality story about her in THE FARMER'S WIFE Magazine) offers an answer. She gave it in a talk before the Master Farm Homemaker's National Guild in Washington recently. Said this wise and distinguished woman:

"World peace is not likely to come through the meetings and discussions of diplomats and politicians around international council tables, but through the gathering of families around their firesides and their discussions of war and peace, under the leadership of homemakers devoted to the cause of peace."

Every mother may rear her sons and daughters to love peace more than war and educate them to make the necessary sacrifices to secure peace in the years ahead.

### A Refreshing Life

IT'S GOOD for one's soul to know Aunt Mary. She is like "a rock in a weary land and a shelter in the time of storm," because she has a way of drawing on inner sources for hope and courage and comfort from values around her fail. And when she draws on those values she always brings forth sustaining strength for family and friends.

Recently someone asked her about her flower garden, usually a source of great joy to her and her neighbors. "Oh that dried up, but I have lovely window boxes around my porch," she answered. "Come and see them."

She manages the talk around the table at meal time so that it deals with everything else but the dry weather. It's refreshing to be a guest there. She has been busy finding ways and means to make reduced garden and fruit crops go as far as possible in filling up her stock of empty jars. Her schemes for doing it are encouraging to folks who are less resourceful. When she attends an Aid

Society meeting, she tones it up much as a good rain clears the air on a dusty day. But at the same time there is nothing of a Pollyanna about her. She merely maintains courage and a hopefulness that are contagious.

How does she do it? She never talks about that.

But she doesn't worry. Instead, when she faces difficulties she seeks for ways to do something about them. If one thing fails her, she turns to something else. She doesn't concern herself as much about the why of this and that as she does about how to deal with them. But her friends also suspect that she has found a secret way to renew her strength from time to time, to keep a fresh courageous, hopeful spirit within her, and to hold fast to her love of life. Busy as she is, she regularly takes some time each day to be alone. She probably uses that time to get a new grip upon herself. Perhaps she prays.

### Start Something, Young Folks!

YOUNG people who blame their elders because there is a lack of wholesome fun in their community are probably right about the matter to some extent.

But there is another way of looking at the situation: Perhaps the young people themselves have a responsibility in the matter and are not living up to it. They usually benefit most in a program of community wide recreation, so why shouldn't they be prime movers in providing it?

If the value of play is being overlooked, the lack of it falls hardest upon the young men and women. Therefore it is altogether reasonable and logical for them to get together to talk the situation over, secure the cooperation of a few wide awake older men and women, and lay plans for a program of good fun through the fall and winter seasons. A get-together meeting should be thoroughly representative of the young people of the community and their organizations if the movement is to succeed.

Young folks generally need to realize that they are citizens of their communities, and that it is as much their duty to make them good places to live in as it is the duty of their elders. Let them step out and start something; they will get plenty of adult help in finishing the job.

### Make Up Your Mind!

IF YOU are still waiting for the installation of a water system in your home, read the article on page seven, "Mother Gets a Lift." And when you have read it, put this issue of THE FARMER'S WIFE Magazine on top of Father's daily newspaper, with this article in plain view, where he won't fail to see it. The story ought to make it perfectly clear to him that running water in the house need not be expensive and that it is worth many, many times its cost in convenience and downright happiness.

It is evident from Mr. Streeter's article that the most important step in installing a water system in the farm home is to make up your mind that you are going to have it. The way to get it almost always develops after that.

The homemaker is asking nothing that is in the least unreasonable when she asks to be relieved of toting water from well to house many, many times a day. It is just as good business to provide Mother with labor-saving conveniences in the home as it is to provide them for Father in barnyard and field.

But Mother must make up her own mind to have them, and Father's too. Father is quite likely to see the fairness of Mother's case if he stops to consider it.



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