## A PSALM OF FARM LIFE.

Tell me not in broken measures
Modern farming does not pay,
For the farm produces chickens,
And the hens—do they not lay?

Eggs are high and going higher,
And the price is soaring fast
Every time we get to market
It is higher than the last.

Not a coop but it produces
Every day an egg or two;
So each farmer gains his millions,
Even though the hens be few.

Every egg is very precious,
And the hens are held in awe;
When the hens begin to cackle,
Then the farmer goes "Haw, haw!"

In the broad and busy farmyard
Struts the rooster now and then,
But the shrewd, bewhiskered farmer
Only notices the hen.

Trust no rooster, howe'er showy
Be the feathers in his tail;
Pay attention to the biddies,
And your wealth will never fail.

Lives of farmers all remind us
We may roll in wealth some day,
If we hustle to the market
With the eggs our pullets lay.

—Chicago Chronicle.

## YOU AND I.

We are forced to ask ourselves many questions to which we are unable to give definite or satisfactory replies. Among these, it cannot be that many of us escape from a puzzled inquiry regarding our inability to talk as unrestrainedly and freely with two or three friends, though they may be almost equally dear, as we do when only one pair of kindly eyes look into ours, one hand rests caressingly upon our shoulders, one voice responds to ours.

It is a baffling investigation which we make in our effort at mental self-inspection. The lover talks of we and us, and it seems fitting and natural, although we may smile a little sympathetically at the emphasis he lays upon the pronouns of unity; the friend draws a chair closer, gives a sigh of satisfaction, and says, with happy appreciation of their blissful solitude a deux: "Now that you and I are by ourselves," and immediately unlocks the door of that chamber of the heart which involuntarily and perhaps even unconsciously is dedicated to one only.

It becomes a delightful source of interest to analyze our reasons for loving our friends after such varying fashions. What is it that makes it easy and spontaneous to eagerly say to one what we cannot say to others? Why do we hasten to bring out, as it were "in a lordly dish," of our best mental store for him or her who claims it, and still not defraud that other dear heart for whom we keep the best flower in our garden, nor yet the quite different nature to whom we are also fondly faithful and for whom we reserve what is in its eyes the best we have to give? Neither would value the bond which binds us to her neighbor.

It is as if we prepared within us separate lodgments for those whom we love and to each of whom our friendship is loyally true, so that when they come together to visit us in some common place of meeting, we talk and clasp hands, and after a certain cordial fashion are glad to see each other; but when at last, one and another having left them, two remain, they say one to the other, "You and I," and perhaps kiss each other with a tenderness which seems to imply affectionate possession. Now they can speak freely.

Talking, very cheerful, entertaining and not unsympathetic talking, is easy enough among congenial people, and it is all very invigorating and stirs the brain with welcome ripples of vitality, but the conversation which draws friends together and forges strong links of adherence, is for "one to one."

Absorbing waves of unanimous thought, which are not individual nor the outcome of personal conviction, will often stir a group of friends to a wholly sympathetic fervor, but this will come from a united feeling of anger or horror, or of admiration concerning things that are of world-wide interest. Then there arises a ready power and inclination to speak freely from the heart, but in our everyday intercourse that comes with the entrance and exits of our visitors, more than two rarely speak with undisguised frankness, rarely comfort one another very much.

"What silence we keep, year after year,
With those who are most near to us and dear;
We live beside each other day by day,
And speak of myriad things, but seldom say
The full sweet word that lies just in our reach
Beneath the commonplace of common speech."

Exactly in proportion to our earnestness of feeling arises a timidity in saying "the full sweet word" which trembles on the lips and longs for utterance. If any one in the familiar family circle should smile at our intensity, or, worse still, should say suddenly. "What an extraordinary idea!" it would make us reticent for all time to come. We must have some sure ground to stand upon before we speak of things we feel—things we aspire to—or fear or grieve about. But when with full assurance of understanding sympathy we can stretch out our hands and, meeting a warm grasp, say: "As you and I believe—as you and I desire"—then friendship drinks deeply from a full cup of satisfaction.

Years may pass on in a silent endurance which never seeks expression or utters a complaint, and suddenly, in a moment, the unlooked-for advent of one long absent, to whom life has revealed the same form of trial and who has carried the same burden, will open the sealed heart and loosen the tongue, and the one friend who comprehends becomes also the one friend who can strengthen and console.

Although many loving ones may have stood ready to aid what they neither understood nor could heal, their inexperience checked confidence. Never could a truly suffering nature reveal its pain where more than one listened to its story. It is sometimes the rescource of light and fickle natures to tell their griefs or vexations into every willing ear, but genuine suffering waits until it sees its own reflection in eyes that see because their vision is clarified by the same experience and the voice so long silent speaks with eager relief: "You and I know what this means that I carry in my heart and that will abide with me while I live."

There are those among us, and often these are men and women to whom the world looks for amusement and good cheer, who for some reason, which may even be unknown to themselves, have no outlet for the emotions or the thoughts which are deep and strong, though never guessed at by those who think they know them best. To these, life is an arid place, and life's journey is lonely in the midst of familiar and pleasant faces.

Sometimes a late marriage brings to such rich and yet undiscovered natures not only the ordinary joys of happy married life, but is a revelation of what solace there is in the accompanying friendship too often lacking in the unions brought about by youthful passion and a common enjoyment of the gayer side of life.

We are not apt to think much or frequently of this side of married life, but it is one of the most lasting and delightful of the ingredients in that complex charm which creates and preserves the higher forms of happiness in the homes where it abides. Blessed are those who are friends as well as lovers!

To a fond wife who is also a good friend the husband can speak freely of the affairs that worry him; no such comfort awaits him whose wife finds her chief delight in the adulation and the caresses of the man she loves. And when the summer of life is past, the old people sit by their winter's fire and prove themselves unceasingly entertaining and delightful companions, sharing their interests with an eagerness that never flags. To these most fortunate of men and women no attestation is necessary of the comfort and joy of their conversation, which are indeed "the consummation" of their married friendship. Even the interruption made by their own children requires patient courtesy, when, side by side in the twilight of declining day, they discuss all of life and its mysteries, all of nature and its inspiring moods. No intimacy is like this.

The dreams of their earlier days—those that are fulfilled and made beautiful in dear realities, and those which, fading and vanished, yet have the charm of what might have been; the joys and trials they have shared; the revelations the years have brought, the new splendor of the world's progress. To whom could they speak as they do to each other of what they have learned and experienced by the way? How large and varying is the store of things known and felt about which they can say: "As you and I know dear heart!"

How enriched would home life be if this friendship of the married were universal! How many hours of discontent and petulance would be eliminated from the quieter hours of fathers and mothers if to the natural demand for loving attention of the wife and the desire for sympathy of the husband, this elememt of unselfish friendship supplemented the more selfseeking claims of love!

The extraordinary quality of unselfishness which distinguishes a friendship which is in any way worthy of its name makes yet more beautiful the absorbing ardor of a love which though it gives—nay, lavishes—all yet looks for its full return. Old hearts tremble when they see young married folk building castles on the rainbow-hued base of absorption in each other's personal qualities and letting all interests outside of themselves pass by them as extraneous to their happiness. If one could but beseech them to grasp and hold fast of everything which shall tend to bring all the world's best to their aid and garner it for the long hours of these later days when their mutual acquisition shall prove a firm foundation for the delightful friendship, tender as it is true!

If ever a friend, once trusted as those trust who find their chief joy in that close companionship which is so significantly phrased as "one to one," mistakes or misuses the exclusiveness which it requires, and gives of "the food from the king's table" to alien listeners, the hurt is not for a time; always there will be left a sense of caution and restraint which makes all other friendships poorer and less comforting.

Sometimes we make sore mistakes in regard to the depth and truth of natures that have a potent fascination over us. If ever there can be found that thing which most requires a deliberate and cautious care, it will not be far away from the place and way in which we take to ourselves a friend to whom we speak our unfettered thoughts. One of the surest tests of a man in whom we can trust lies in the way he treats the affairs of others. To him who entertains you with the incidents of life in the homes of his kinsfolk and friends—who tells you, however charmingly, the little domestic happenings under the roof where he has been a guest, and uses the intimate lives of his acquaintances as his fund of amusement, is one before whom to lay your finger on your lips.

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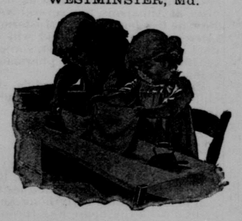
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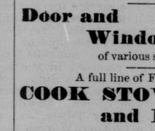
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### Wiped Out An Insult.

A wandering salesman who has just come in from a successful campaign with a little economic device "needed in every household" tells of a sweet revenge he had while in the northern part of the State.

He took his device to a bank, in a little country town, and gaining access to the office of the president of that institution, offered it to that official. He had no chance to make an argument, for the president declined to listen; showed the agent the door, in fact, so pointedly that he went away insulted and smarting for revenge. By a chance he found an old chum at the hotel that evening who happened to be in funds. He told his troubles to the friend, and, after explaining his plan, borrowed $500. Next morning he went back to the bank, and asking boldly for the president again said he wanted to deposit $500.

The chilly manner of the president disappeared at once and when the transaction was completed he not only took one of the agents articles, but led him through the bank and introduced him to everybody else.

"I got an order from everyone of 'em," says the agent, "and took the goods around that same afternoon and got the money. Next morning I presented myself at the paying teller's window with a check for the $500 and it was the president himself who forked the money out. His affability was somewhat faded, but he was still too smart to let it be seen that I had done him."—Philadelphia Record.

### The Deacon's Blunder.

In a village in Maryland an old deacon, in shaving himself on Sunday prior to church time, made a slight cut with the razor on the extreme end of his nose. Quickly calling his wife he asked her if she had any courtplaster in the house.

"You will find some in my sewing basket," she said.

Finding it he soon had the cut covered, and at church, in assisting with the collection, he noticed every one smile as he passed the plate, and some of the younger people laughed outright. Very much annoyed, he asked one of his assistants if there was anything wrong with his appearance.

"Why, I should say there was," answered the assistant. "What is that upon your nose?"

"Courtplaster, of course."

"Why, no," said the friend; "that is the label from a spool of cotton reading: "'Warranted 200 yards long.'"

### Could Have His Place.

Representative John Lamb of Richmond stopped in the house document room yesterday, where he was reminded of a story he heard on his last trip, says the Washington Post. It related to a negro church, whose pastor preaches long sermons.

"The sermon on the particular Sunday in question," said Captain Lamb, "was with reference to the prophets. The preacher had gone through a long list, and finally came to the minor prophets.

"'There was Malachi,' said he. 'What place shall we give Malachi?'

"An irreverent colored worshipper, restless under the long-winded sermon, at this rose up.

"'Give Malachi my place, Brother Jones,' said he, 'I am tired, and going home.'


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