THE HOUSEHOLD.

For New Farm

Our Homes and Families.

Are we not apt to think too little of our homes? Is it not for the comforts of our homes as well as for the happiness of our families, that we are all so willing to labor? What else will bring us so much pleasure?

The home should be to us one of the greatest sources to which we can look for the most elevating and refining influences upon our children.

What a power books, papers, pictures and music have upon the minds of the young!

We cannot as parents neglect these things and expect our children to be happy and contented. Don't begrudge a few dollars spent for their improvement and pleasure.

Do not send the children to bed as soon as they have had their suppers; but rather let them hear a good story read aloud by some older one of the family; something adapted to their years.

You will very soon see what an influence it will have upon them for good. As they grow to young men and women, they will not be found among those who go away from home to spend their evenings.

Don't think that by giving the money for these things you have performed your whole duty to your wife and children, for you have just commenced. Enter into the spirit of the thing yourself. Read with them, and then talk over what you have read to bring out their ideas.

We should remember that the mind needs food as well as the body clothes, and now is the time to improve yourselves, not in the far future.

Who will be benefitted by your money so much as yourself and your children while they are young? So I say, do not hoard up, so that you may die rich of money; but rather spend freely for the benefit of your loved ones: You will never regret it.

AZILE.

Successful Fruit Canning.

The experiment at the Kansas Agricultural College, of canning fruit, without closing the jars with air tight tops and rubber bands, has proved a success. The fruit was heated to boiling, the jars filled, and cotton batting was tied tightly over the top. Mrs. Kedzie, the experimenter, says:

"In the college kitchen laboratory, experiments were tried with five kinds of fruit, including tomatoes, and the results were perfectly satisfactory in every case, not even a particle of mold forming in the can. In most cases the cotton was simply tied over the canful of hot fruit; in some cases there was a piece of white paper put on first, to prevent the cotton from becoming juicesoaked. This seems to be the preferable way. The cotton is taken just as it comes from the roll, the thickness being about as it unwinds, and it is tied down with strong twine."

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Longings.

Happy is the Farmer who has a good farm and a contented mind. The farm home is very seldom appreciated by its fortunate possessors as it should be.

They long for something, they know not what; but something which seems more refined in the way of a profession.

The young man is continually looking and longing for that imaginary something, not knowing that to him has fallen the most enjoyable and happy lot that anyone can have. He, it is, all others above, who in every true sense of the word has a home.

Where do you find such independence? Independence, did I say? Yes; for has he not secured a sure foothold, and become as it were the back bone, the sustaining strength of this great country?

Let the professions and trades go to the winds. Young man, throw your whole heart and brain into your home farm, so that in after years you may look back and rejoice to think of the peace and comfort you have had, while your less favored brothers have been forced to struggle and contend with the "ups and downs" of this forever changing world.

Don't give up the home farm for a vision.

W.

Sociability.

We endorse the following which seems to be floating on the surface of the journalistic literature, and has to us a very familiar sound.

"Let there be no lack of sociability among our friends in the rural districts, for success in farming may be greatly promoted by friendly intercourse. Visit together as often as time will permit, and talk over matters connected with your pursuits. There will also be a gain of intellectual, moral and social worth, which cannot be computed in dollars and cents."

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