

WHAT IS IT TO LOVE?

BY CHARLES SEVANS.
Love? I will tell thee what it is to love!
It is to build with human thought a shrine...

A Woman on Agricultural Employment for Women.

The most of our race must expect to remain in the ordinary avocations of life, and it would be very much better were the majority of our people content with their pursuits.

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Boys of ten or twelve, seen on the street, appear heartless and without sympathy, and yet you wrong them. Among the houses on Clinton street is like everything else, it requires knowledge, tact, and common sense...

And one of the best features of all these industries is, that when she wishes to dispose of her products, nobody pays her less for them because she is a woman. The proceeds of her labor amount to precisely the same sum that would be obtained by the labor of creation.

A "Duplicate" of Boorishness.

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He pursued his fat red mouth, pecked vigorously at the yellow beard that fringed it lavishly, and sticking his nose up at an acute angle, spoke aloud: "I should think you'd be ashamed for not to know what duplicate means; better go to the dictionary with your little questions!"

Not one of us even noticed him at all, the ugly, unkempt fellow, to try to hold his bride up to ridicule! Lily saw the flash of shame smiting the cheek of the abashed young wife, and long before I could have said "Jack Robinson," she had drawn Theresa's attention to a little button of solid gold that was all our brother got in payment for six months' hard work in California, because his employer broke up.

Theresa held it in her palm and looked at it, but there was a pitiful quiver about her mouth, and we could see that she was hurt, the poor dear! So, while Diar talked school and boasted how he had thrashed young men larger than himself, and how he had made the grown girls stand out on the floor for punishment, we just talked away to his wife and paid no attention to him.

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Although it will hardly comport with the idea of propriety common even among the wives and daughters of Western New York farmers and Grangers, yet I will venture to call your attention to certain branches of industry in connection with agriculture, horticulture, and kindred vocations, which are now followed with pleasure and profit by some ladies in different sections of our great country.

I have lately read of a widow in Colorado who, about seven years ago, had only a tent to live in, with a young daughter. Her sole earthly possessions consisted of a very little furniture, together with two cows and two calves.

As is usual in that region, the cost of keeping her stock was almost nothing. She sold milk at the town close by, and whenever she could spare a few dollars, she would buy an extra calf or yearling. By patient continuance in this manner she has prospered, and now owns cattle by the hundreds, rides in her carriage, has educated her daughter, and is worth many thousands of dollars, all the product of her own exertions.

Many others in various sections have started with two or three swarms of bees, and by patient study, inquiry, and observation coupled with industry, they are now among the most successful producers of honey the country affords. Could the two kinds of work just mentioned be combined together with the same good fortune, a land flowing with milk and honey might be found in the Western Hemisphere.

The raising of poultry and eggs for market purposes, if properly conducted, is often very profitable. Now, why is this not also a branch of business peculiarly adapted to women? Of course, like everything else, it requires knowledge, tact, and common sense, and is well conducted by many, and can be done again by others, though the teachings of the old story are true, that it is not safe to count chickens before they are hatched.

There are also the small fruits. Surely if a woman wishes an avocation that will bring her health and wealth, both of these desirable objects are often found in this employment. The same may be said of gardening and various other kinds of work connected with the cultivation of the soil.

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Brother Jones' son Diar had been out to the "Hilroy" as his mother calls it, and while there he married the pretty daughter of a good old Baptist deacon. Diar came home during the holidays, and has been visiting about ever since. Our turn came, we being Baptist folks, so they visited us and stayed two days and two nights. She is a dear little body, Diar's wife is, and we all liked her very much.

But Diar! it does beat all how little it takes to lift up some people; now, he taught school while he was gone, and since then he can't talk much else but "school, school." The deacon and the girls and I were so amused at him. We were looking at the bookshelves, and the specimens of gold and silver quartz that our brother brought home from Nevada, two years ago, and among other things was a curious little Indian hatchet, very rare, of which Ida said Dr. Henderson had a duplicate.

"Oh, has he?" said Diar's wife, Theresa; and then, as soon as she thought none of us saw her, she leaned over and whispered: "Say, Diar, boy, tell me what 'duplicate' means." He pursed up his fat red mouth, pecked vigorously at the yellow beard that fringed it lavishly, and sticking his nose up at an acute angle, spoke aloud: "I should think you'd be ashamed for not to know what duplicate means; better go to the dictionary with your little questions!"

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