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FOOD AND THE FARM.

There is a somewhat backneyed story about a firm-mouthed woman giving advice at a club meeting where the topic under discussion was the management of men folk.

A governmental commission is now engaged in studying the problem of why boys leave the farm and why the hired hand, once to be plucked at every crossroads, cannot be obtained longer without negotiations resembling those attending the Spanish evacuation of the Philippines.

Kansas is an agricultural state, with ambitions to be always agricultural and to avoid the growing pains with which industrial centers, such as our lake ports, are afflicted. And here, after a rambling that any rhetorician would pronounce inexcusable, we get back to the point made by the experienced matron, "feed the brutes."

At the beginning of the school season the Kansas Agricultural college opened a new hall to which is given the name Domestic Science and Art building. It is declared to be the largest building devoted to such a purpose in the country and has, in the few months of its existence, proved the most popular department in the institution.

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SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD.

A young St. Louis woman, it is reported, has solved a problem which has been worrying brides for many years. She has found a substitute for the word "obey" in the marriage service that is actually "something just as good" and will satisfy the average level-headed bridegroom just as well as the little word that has caused so much acrimonious discussion in the past.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING! The man is blest Who does his best And leaves the rest! Then do not worry. —Charles F. Deems.

OUR DUST.

The winds of God took up the sand And swept and harried it through the land. Grinding it in their whirling mills, Flushing it on the granite hills. And when it dropped upon the beach, Raising its grains there each with each. Dragging it whither it would not go. The tides of God rolled to and fro. His breakers upon their heavy tread Stamped ever upon its restless bed. And then his blasts began once more To scourge it up and down the shore. Yet still the sand with hardihood Cried upward to the throne of God: Thou art thyself, Creator, and We are ourselves, these grains of sand. —Lydia Schuyler.

Deceived. "Your feet are small," the shoe clerk said. As he her instep pressed; The lady sighed and bowed her head. And gladness filled her breast. But little time with her he spent. A busy clerk was he; He sold her sixes ere she went— But they were numbered three.

A man who is always full of fun, is as great a nuisance as the man who is always full of whisky.

So far as is known, the presence of a few worms in the apples does not affect the taste of the cider.

"What's the proper thing at a wedding?" "Wish the pair happiness, and tell everybody else there's no earthly chance for it."

Nearly all women make the same mistake. When men find fault with them, or make suggestions, they say the men do not know anything about it and pay no attention.

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world looking radiant and feeling victorious. And, after all, why should Mr. Pickert feel that he has been deprived anything that was rightfully his? The Average Benedict learns all too soon that when his wife obeys him she merely does so to humor him, and not because she promised to pay particular heed to his commands, and vice is the man who early ceases to expect too much in the obedience line.

If more women would earnestly strive to humor their husbands and stop worrying over the bondage implied by that little word "obey" there would be more happiness on this earth and a decided falling off in the number of divorce suits.

NORTH BEND FAVORS PLAN

(Continued from page 1.) Searly, that Marshfield would not give North Bend a "square deal."

Week Hand in Hand. Judge Guerry, in a few well chosen words, disclosed the fallacy of seeming to antagonize Marshfield in this matter, and urged that we extend to the people of that city the courtesy of believing that they would grant North Bend fair treatment in everything wherein the interests of the entire Bay are concerned.

Judge Guerry's words brought G. W. Carleton of Marshfield, to his feet with the emphatic statement that Marshfield would most certainly meet North Bend more than halfway in any section looking to the improvement of the entire Bay, irrespective of locality.

Colonel Brigham's motion was then voted on and defeated by about the same vote as on the previous question and Mr. Derbyshire's motion carried by a similar vote.

A motion was then carried calling for the appointment of a committee of three members, consisting of W. P. Evans, J. R. Smith and H. C. Diers to report on best plans and probable cost of a municipally controlled water system, said committee to submit its report at the next regular meeting.

Fixed Bayonets in London. The privilege of marching through London with fixed bayonets is enjoyed by but very few regiments, such as the Royal Fusiliers, who trace their origin to Cromwell's trained bands, which in later years produced so famous a captain as John Giffen.

After the Royal Fusiliers, or perhaps even before them in point of regimental seniority, come the East Kent "Buffa," now the third of the line, who claim a similar city ancestry, while the Royal Marines for some reason or other also enjoy the same fixed bayonet rights in the city. A battalion of the grenadier guards was once impressed to serve as marines, and hence they share the privilege of the men who are "soldiers and sailors too." This also explains why that grenadier battalion has for its tattoo "Rule Britannia"—as a souvenir of the time when its combative existence was of the amphibious kind.—London Standard.

The Mental Jog. "There is a certain type of person," said the business man, "especially in New York, who seems unable to understand what is said to him—or, perhaps the statement or remark is prefaced by some catchword, usually the word 'listen.'"

"For instance, I have a stenographer who simply stares at me in dumb amazement if I say anything to her without first saying 'Now, listen.' If I begin to dictate a letter to her she will not write a word if I forget to give that mental jog. When I snap that at her she will scratch like mad. She is not the only one. The telephone girl cannot take a message unless it has that prefix. When I am out of the office and try to talk over the wire with her I must always begin, 'Now, listen,' or else she is hopelessly at sea and seems not to understand a word I say."—New York Press.

Different in Books. In the books this is the way they say it: "Outside the wind moaned unceasingly, its voice now that of a child which sobe with itself in the night, now that of a woman who suffers her great pain alone, as women have suffered since life began, as women must suffer till life wears to its weary end. And mingled with the wailing of wind rain fell—fell heavily, intermittently, like tears wrung from souls of strong men."

Outside the books we say: "It's raining."—Atchison Globe.

The Brakeman's Joke. "Ran over a cow this morning up above Coffeyville," said the brakeman to a reporter. "How did it happen?" asked the reporter. "She was drinking out of a creek under a bridge," shouted the brakeman as he swung on to the last car and went grinning out of town.—Kansas City Times.

Brute! Jimson—Where's your wife? Haven't seen her often lately. Weed—Oh, I sent her away on a little vacation. Jimson—So? Where'd she go? Weed—To the Thousand Isles. Jimson—Stay long? Weed—Yes, I told her to take a week to each island.—Judge.

A Saving Grace. Florence—I can't understand why Ethel married Mr. Gussano. He is old enough to be her father. Lawrence—Yes, but he is rich enough to be her husband.—Exchange.

The great trouble is, people expect to be happy, and are mad because they are not. People have no reason to expect to be happy.

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