



COMMON SENSE in the HOME EDITED by MARION HARLAND



THE WIFE WITH A TALENT.

AM writing to you about a matter on which I sorely need advice. I am a woman with a talent and it is giving me great trouble.

does not yearn to know how she has progressed with the story she is writing, what difficulties she has met in finishing the portrait she is painting...

If Places Were Reversed.

I do not forget your statement that you do not neglect your home, but you say also that you feel your talent should come first.

What, then, are you or other women like you to do with a talent they are sure they possess? Are you to hide it in a napkin or bury it out of sight?

Man Needs a Poultice.

More than this, he has a conviction, founded on centuries of tradition and experience, that he and his home and his comfort are the first business of the woman he has married.

Do you who believe yourself possessed of a talent think it comes under one of these heads? You see that leaves a pretty wide field for opinion.

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follows her talent I can say that she is of those who will have trouble in the flesh. For no talent can be fulfilled in the best way among countless interruptions and calls upon the time and energies—and yet these are what you with an unmistakable talent assume when you marry and raise a family.

I have said that there are two reasons why you should practice a real talent, if you have one.

If your ability is something that will bring in money you cannot afford to let it lie idle.

In these days of quickly made and quickly lost fortunes it is not uncommon to see the woman who started married life as a cherished and well cared for wife slip later into the position of bread winner for the family.

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MARION HARLAND'S HELPING HAND.

WAS deeply impressed by a letter in regard to stepmothers and faithfulness. F. A. G. The word "stepmother" holds a terror for some grown people, as well as for children, and in this lies the trouble with many good women who try to fill the place of mothers.

Name for Girls' Club.

There are five of us girls who always go out together and we wish to make up a little club of our own and meet at one another's home every week.

Want's Recipe for Salt Beads.

Will you please send me your recipe for making those salt beads? You had it in the paper, but my copy got misplaced.

Makes Palatable Change.

I have just one little suggestion to give for you to print if you think it worth while. It is that a few chopped raisins stirred into boiled frosting before spreading it on the cake makes a palatable change.

Conveyance for a Teacher.

We need a hack and a harness so badly. Do you know of any one that could help us? We are sixteen miles from the railroad, and a creek to cross twenty-seven times.

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FAMILY MEALS FOR A WEEK.

Table with columns for SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and DINNER. Each day lists a breakfast, luncheon, and dinner menu.