

**GIVE US THE REASON.**

In spite of all the talk about the crowded condition of the city, the superior healthfulness of the country, the delights of rural life in contrast to the crowded and unhealthy conditions of the poorer portions of the city, the overcrowding and precariousness of employment and the thousand other city disadvantages, not a solitary city mechanic or day laborer, so far as is known, has made any effort to take advantage of the low price of good farms and move back into the country.

City people of every degree, unquestionably prefer the city, if appearances count for what they are worth, and it is useless to preach to them about the blessings of country life, especially when servants are scarce and difficult to control. They seem to think the city is quite good enough for them. At any rate, it is a rare instance when they are tempted to go out in the country by the offer of cheap farms. The complaint comes from states like Massachusetts that the movement of foreign labor towards country farms has well nigh ceased altogether. A quarter of a century ago the Irish drifted toward farms, buying up small places that were offered for sale. If a good chance came along the Emerald islander took advantage of the sale.

But the down easters complain that these thrifty emigrants are not doing that way any more.

Some French Canadians came over into freedom's land and settled, but the movement was sporadic and ceased altogether. The Swedes were similarly impressed, but they quit after awhile. The enterprising Yankees go out west into a fresh country, and the poor managers stay on the poor farms because they can't sell and can't go elsewhere. Now there is a reason for all these things. If one will cast an eye on farms offered for sale (and near cities, too,) they will see what prices these farms are offered at, and compared with city property, it is like they were starvation prices. There is a reason for all this. Who is wise enough to state the remedy?—Atlanta, Ga., Journal.

**SOME DONT'S FOR GIRLS.**

It isn't at all likely that any girl who thinks she is in love with a man will heed "don'ts" of any kind, and she isn't to be blamed, but she might paste the following in her scrapbook to read sometime in the future when she feels lonely:

Don't marry a man with the hope of reforming him. If he is not eager to reform before marriage, it will be little short of a miracle if he does so afterward. The proof of a man's love should be his reformation, and the girl who marries a man who is still engaged in sowing "wild oats" earns the punishment that is sure to be hers.

Don't marry a man out of pity, or out of mistaken sympathy. Pity may be akin to love, but certainly is not, love—or is sympathy. Neither sentiment is a sufficient foundation for matrimony.

Don't marry a man because he is affectionate. A good head is as necessary as a good heart, and protestations of devotion never yet paid a butcher's bill.

Don't marry a man because of his good looks. It would be equally sensible to marry him because his clothes were well chosen and well fitting.

Don't marry a man to spite another man. Remember that by so doing you will certainly punish yourself, and very likely two other people.

Above all, don't marry just because you are afraid that if you refuse this offer you may not have another. Remember that often "old maids" are far happier than their married sisters, and they are wiser behind them in having opportunities for usefulness.

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If the government ever goes into the business of taking over and operating public utilities, it might be well to begin with the anthracite coal mines.

A lot of circus wagons drove by. "Always plenty of suckers to attend," a man said. Whereupon another man inquired: "Are you going this afternoon or tonight?"

The Chicago grain gamblers have fallen out and all sorts of injunction orders are being issued by the courts all on account of the recent corner in July oats. Perhaps that which the laws have sought to break up may yet be the cause of its own undoing.

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