

THE HOME CIRCLE

A LITTLE FELLOW'S TIME.

When you were little did you have
 A little fellow's time?
 That is—I mean—a grapevine swing
 And gnarly trees to climb,
 And awkward-legged calves to chase,
 And yellow chicks to hold,
 And an old hissing gander, too,
 To scare you stiff and cold?

Say, did you have a little lamb,
 And colt, all for your own,
 And an old cow's sleek sides to stroke
 And an old boulder-stone
 Beside the kitchen door whereon
 You, a wee yellow-head,
 Were won't to sit and swing your
 heels
 And eat your 'lasses bread?

And was there, too, an old gray mare,
 A "Dobbin" or a "Kit,"
 On whose broad back, with daddy's
 help,
 You used sometimes to sit

And ride away down to the creek—
 In which she used to wade
 And thrust her nose until you
 screamed,
 It made you so afraid?

A mother and grandmother, too?
 A grandpop and a dad
 To take you with them to the fields
 And woods and make you glad
 With goblin stories, told so deep,
 You didn't care to cheep;
 And nights did they just fairly fuss
 To smuggle you to sleep?

O, meadows, fields and wooded ways,
 And creeks of long ago!
 O, awkward calves and hissing geese,
 And cows that used to low!
 What pleasant memories ye make
 When age bows down the head
 Of him who, when a kilted babe,
 Once ate 'lasses and bread!

—J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

YOU CAN SEND YOUR BOY AND GIRL TO COLLEGE.

They Will Be at a Disadvantage in the Twentieth Century Without College Training—How Some Parents Managed to Educate All Their Children—Make Children Pay Their Way as Far as Possible.

By Mrs. F. L. Stevens.

EDUCATION of a generation ago trained only for the professions, for law, for the clergy, for the teaching professions, an education that trained the intellect and memory. Then it was agreed that a youth or maiden who was not to go into one or the other of these "learned professions" had no need for college training, that sufficient training for practical efficiency could be given in the routine of the daily life. Now we know that for efficiency the boy or girl must have training for his particular work in the world, however small or humble that work may be.

In the past we have seen the spectacle of the keen, alert boy or girl sent promptly to college to be trained for one of these so-called learned professions, while the slow, plodding brother was kept at home because he was to be "just a farmer," or the unaggressive daughter stayed at home to "help with the house work." Now we know that to be "just a farmer," requires a broader, fuller education than is demanded for the "learned professions," that to "help with the house work" requires a knowledge and training for efficient home service, along its many lines of activity. We do not expect that all our boys and girls will stay on the farms. Some will be doctors, clerks, stenographers, teachers, business men and women, but whatever the tendency and inclination, they should have the best possible preparation for that business.

Every Boy or Girl Can Go to College.

One meets too frequently parents who have without any study of the problem, notions that college training is not essential to the preparation of the son or daughter for his or her life work, or they may have decided that they are too limited financially to undertake the burden. If there are heavy financial responsibilities and the boy and girl are to

be turned out upon the world with empty hands, then for that special and particular reason they should have the best possible educational equipment. The trouble too often is this, that parents, because of limited means, come to the early conclusion that they can not educate their children and no effort is made in that direction. If there is a prior resolve in the hearts of the parents that whatever may be the handicap, the children must go to college, generally ways and means will be provided to accomplish that end. If children from their infancy are reared with the understanding that they are to have every advantage of higher education that is possible, and that these opportunities will depend largely upon their industry and economy, opportunities unthought of will open upon every hand. Able bodied children given able bodied parents have no just reason for going out into the activities of life untrained and unprepared for these activities.

Parents who wish to shirk this responsibility frequently point out that distinguished men and women who succeeded at life's work have done so unequipped with college training. Men who have succeeded brilliantly without the help of the college are the rarest exceptions. They have been men of genius and perseverance who have by self-effort succeeded in doing what the college could have done for them. They have succeeded not because of their lack of educational opportunities, but despite this handicap.

Value of Self-Help.

A stringency in the home money market may be even of advantage to the young people of that home. Unfortunately not the highest type of citizen comes always from the home where there is the full purse. Self effort is a fine incentive to the boy or girl who looks forward to college. Indeed, I might say that financial prosperity is one of the least of the essentials. Resolution on the part of the parents and stimulation to self effort on the part of the youth are the important considerations.

A friend of mine is fond of telling

of a youth who arrived at college with \$3 in his pocket and when he left at the end of a prosperous four-year's course of study still had 75 cents of the original sum. I do not wish to be counted as advising young people to go to college without money to pay a large part of their college expenses, although history is full of instances of youths who have earned their entire college expenses while at college. This means, however, deprivation and self sacrifice oftentimes of the keenest sort, and if possible, should not be attempted; but if it is the only way, then it must be accomplished in that way. There is a certain agricultural college in the South that is offering what is known as a "work course" where the students week about, study in the college and do farm work, thus paying their entire college expenses. One of the interesting features of last year's college report was the appearance of the name of one of these working students among the list of students who received honorable mention for scholarship.

A Good Idea for Those Not Rich.

One of the most feasible and practical methods used in the education of the family was practiced by a farmer of my acquaintance. Having determined from the birth of the first son into the home that this boy and succeeding children should be sent to college, the husband and wife found ways of laying by a little at a time for the education fund. In the course of years eight boys and girls appeared in this home and the problem of a college training for all of them began to be a serious question. When the eldest was old enough for college there was a fund sufficient for him, so he was sent to college with the understanding that the money he used while at college was a loan only, and that as rapidly as possible at the completion of his college course it must be repaid with in-

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