# Smallpox and Jenner.

By C. E. A. Windlow.

MALLPOX has been so held in check by vaccination that its horror is forgotten, and the number of thoughtless and misguided persons who are to-day unvaccinated threatens a serious menace to the public health. Two hundred years ago every one had smallpox, first or last, as children have measles to-day, those who escaped in one epidemic being almost certain to sicken in the next. From palace to hovel none were safe but those who had gone through | ing. the disease and recovered.

It has been made evident by calculations from the Bills of Mortality of the City of London, renowned for medical science, that at the beginning of the eighteenth century about one-fourteenth of the inhabitants died of smallpox, and during the last thirty years of that century, when the practice in smallpox was highly improved, the mortality of this disease had augmented to one-

Medical skill and sanitary science were of no avail, until a village doctor, Edward Jenner, suggested the practice of vaccination, which seemed at the middle of the last century to be "the greatest physical good ever yet given by science to the world." It had long been observed among the dairy folk of Gloucestershire that a mild eruptive disease of cattle, known as cowpox, could be communicated to human beings, and that those thus affected were protected from subsequent attacks of smallpox. Jenner conceived the idea of applying this preventive inoculation with the cowpox on a larger scale; he tested its efficacy by careful experiments, and finally succeeded in convincing scientific. men and the intelligent public that the dread disease could at last be conquered. All over the civilized world the new prophylactic was eagerly adopted. and everywhere it was followed by an abrupt decline in the smallpox death rate.—Atlantic Monthly.

# The Good Old Times---No Complex Life Then

By J. T. Trowbridge.

O my parents set up their simple housekeeping, and passed, have no doubt, their happiest days—days as happy, very likely, as any their children or numerous grandchildren or greatgrandchildren have enjoyed, in the stress of a more complex civilization. She sang at her work; his axe resounded in the forest. He made a clearing, and planted corn and beans and potatoes among the stumps. Their first child was born in that hut. The clearing grew, and before long a larger, wellbuilt house replaced the primitive cabin. This more substantial house had one large room on the ground floor, about twenty feet square, a low-roofed chamber, to which access was

had by a ladder, and in the course of time a "linter" (lean-to) addition. The "linter" was framed, but the main part was built of logs. These were hewed on the inside, and the cracks between them filled with a plaster made of clay. The filling was liable to crack, and it was necessary to patch the broken places every fall. This was called "chinking up the house," and it made a happy time for the older children (I had not yet appeared on the scene), there being always some of the moist clay left over which they could use in making cups and saucers for their play-houses, and other ornaments. The floor was of dressed ebestnut planks, the beautiful grain of which was kept scrupulously clean and smoothly polished. At one end of the room was a huge stone fireplace, with great iron andirons, and iron shovel and tongs in the corner. In the "linter were the spare bed with its white counterpane, a tall brass-handled bureau, and our father's large oaken chest, with its complicated tills, always a marvel to the younger children, who would run and peep wonderingly whenever he went to open it.-January Atlantic,

## Modern Ideals of Womanhood

By Edward Howard Griggs.

HE new ideal is the largest possible freedom for woman. Now, I do not mean that she is to rush in and do all the things that men are doing, but that it is believed that every arbitrary restriction and artificial limitation must be removed. If, then, she takes up what she finds she cannot do, she will learn her limitation in that direction and take up something else. In continuance of this belief and in the same spirit we demand equal pay for equal service for men

It is a misfortune-it is an evil-that nine out of ten of our teachers are women. Not because they are not good teachers-for they are-but our children need the masculine influence just as much as they need the feminine influence. They need to associate with both men and women in getting their education. The qualities of each are necessary to the proper rounding of their character. The question is, Why do we get well trained and gifted women for our schools and not an equal number of equally well trained men? And the answer is that the former come for less money. So there will be no change in this situation until there is equal pay for equal service.

To achieve the highest, men and women must be of equal nobility of character, for that union is dependent upon the deepening of the content of the individual, of the personal spirit. In socialism this is often forgotten. Perfect union in marriage also demands this, and yet such deepening of the content gives an added susceptibility to suffering. But if the basis of union be strong enough to pull the two natures together, the larger the difference the stronger the union. So men who have progressed the furthest have gained certain of the gentler feminine qualities and demand a corresponding gain in masculine qualities in the women of their choice, the gain operating in the one case toward the more perfect manhood and in the other toward the more perfect womanhood, and thus increasing the differentiation,

# The Advantage to a Girl of Having Brothers

By Marion F. Mowbray.

is an indisputable fact that the girl who grows up with plenty of brothers has a great advantage in knowing and understanding men when she arrives at years of discretion. What is more important, such a girl is much more com-

panionable to a man. If young men exercise any thought when choosing their sweethearts they cannot do better than select a girl with brothers.

The girl who has lacked brothers in her early life does not get used to that untrammeled attitude toward men which is second nature with the girls who are brought up in a houseful of boys. In deed, tombeyism in a young girl is perhaps the best education which she can have in the days of her girlhood.

There is a give-and-take attitude in the girl who has brothers, scanething more than a possible feeling of comradeship, and the certain knowledge that, because a man pays her some attention, it does not follow that he means marriage, or has "serious intentions," to use the words which old-fashioned mothers apply under such conditions. The girl, on the other hand, who has not had brothers, translates any civility as having an ulterior motive, especially If she is not quite so young as she used to be, and hopes to be married, for we know how often the wish is father to the thought. Then, anxious that the man should not see that she has any such idea, she at once endeavors to hide her thought. To do this, she adopts an unnatural attitude, and, so far from oncealing her idea, she shows her hand.

"For a boy nothing matters;" you are almost certain to hear the expression In nearly every house you go to. With the girl children everything matters. If a little girl is going out to see a friend, she has her best dress and her best hat put on even before she has begun to know that there are such things in the rould as best hats and not heat hats.

Then, again, there is undoubtedly a sort of insincerity in the education of a girl. She is told she must not be this, and must be that, if she wants to please until in time it becomes second nature to her, and before she does anything she begins to calculate what the result will be, Now the girl who is brought up with plenty of brothers, some older and

some younger than berself, will have a chance to correct the defects of her edu-cation. If she has any sense she will learn to avoid these faults. She will insensibly acquire a pleasant, companionable manner with men-and she will know that they do not like still, self-conscious young women.

The fond parent called in his old bachelor friend to look at the triplets. The bachelor knew little or nothing a'erut children and had never paid any attention to them. But he was a great sport, and what he didn't know about horses and dogs wasn't worth know-

When he entered the room the fond parents pulled the blankets off the three babies and pointed to them with pardonable pride. The old bachelor acted as if he were in a dog kennel. He sized the babies up as one does a lot of new pups. After twisting their arms, feeling their heads, as if looking for defects, he stepped back i few feet from the bed and looked at the youngsters.

"Well, what do you think of them?" asked the fond parent.

The old bachelor thought a moment as if not quite decided and then stepped up to the bed. Placing his hand on one of the babies he said: "Well, I'd drown this one." Picking up the child next to it he remarked: "Better drown this one also."

He looked critically at the third child and then said: "I guess I'd keep that one."-Pittsburg Press.

Thought She Would Go Crazy. Hulls, Ill., Jan. 26th .- "I couldn't sit longer than five minutes in one place. I was always tired, but could not rest or sleep. I couldn't help crying and feeling that something awful was just about to happen. I thought I would go crazy." In this way does Mrs. A. M. Fysh of this place teil of the illness from which she has just recov-

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