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*Riley, Sandusky Co., Ohio, March 14, 1867.*

MR. S. NEWHOUSE, SIR:—I wish you would please send me your opinion on this growing mink business, did you ever try, or know of its being tried? The big men here, are all talking about raising minks; they seem to think that there is an immense amount of money to be made in the operation. I have never known of its being tried. I am now engaged capturing minks for a gentleman of Fremont, Ohio. He is going into the business extensively, he depends on getting his mink to start his menagerie with, of me, and I think if he can grow mink, I can, but I should like to hear from some person that knew of its being done, and how they manage to keep them in a healthy condition.

I have several live mink on hand now. I keep them in large boxes with a small ten by twelve enclosure within the large one, for them to nest in. I feed them the carcasses of muskrat, fish and mice, and keep a sap-trough full of water, but they don't appear to have the same rich and glossy color that they wore when first taken. I would very much like to have your opinion, and if you have ever tried the experiment, I would like to hear of it. I am going west,

to catch mink for this market. I mean to capture them alive, just as soon as the spring trapping is over I shall be gone about two months, and then I think of coming to Oneida to see the trap-makers. I have caught some mink with the little No. 0 trap, that you sent me last summer, and it will hold them just as well as any trap and don't injure the foot so much. \* \* \* \* \*

I introduced the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  here and the rat-trappers are all going to have that kind of trap for their next year's trapping. They will send for them just as soon as they sell their furs this Spring.—There are no mink trappers here but myself, but there are several here that have mink dogs and they do kill some few.

The Community have been sending me the CIRCULAR for some time and as I never have sent them anything in return for it I will here enclose one dollar. I suppose according to the CIRCULAR it is all in the family, so I send it to you. S. SHANNON.

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It was with difficulty that we could restrain our wrath, in reading in the last week's CIRCULAR, what Dixon said about Mr. Noyes, every thing about it was so untruthful, and in reading the CIRCULAR that came yesterday, we were somewhat vexed, and not a little amused at his attempt to make us figure so conspicuously in the drama of Oneida life, when the truth in the matter is, we did not have five minutes conversa-

tion with him. On being introduced, he caught at the name, and said "are you the mother of the young man that was criticised last night, and did you sympathize with what was said of him?" Our reply that we certainly did sympathize with the criticism was all the ground he had for saying, as he does, that "sister Jocelyn, the culprit's mother did not certainly spare the rod," for we did not open our lips in the criticism the night before.

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I wonder if our distant Communes, think of us all as busy as bees—full of life, just as we were when they last saw us! Wonder if they know of the energetic bag-bee, that meets an hour during the forenoon, where the girls are just as merry as of old, and the work is thrown off as by magic. Wonder too, if they think of us women, as ambitious elocutionists—who, three days in the week, meet from four until five, to vociferate "ba, be, bi, &c.," and to read according to the best of our yet quite limited knowledge. And then do they ever think of the supper hour, and imagine the Willow-place company just returning home, rushing down the archway steps, like grenadiers—and the tide of life in the kitchen—the enthusiastic table waiters, running in all directions—the buzzing and humming in the dining-room, just as ever. Can't you see it all? Of course you follow us into meeting, and can doubtless picture to yourselves the scene in

the upper sitting-room, after meeting; as well as the company that flock in the lower room of the tower, to hear, and see and feel all that is to be seen, and heard and felt.

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An order came day before yesterday for 50 dozen No. 0 traps, which found us wholly unprepared to meet it, as we had allowed our winter stock of that kind of traps to get very low, before putting up the supply for the Spring. So we all turned out yesterday and finished up what parts of that kind of traps we had ready, making more than enough for the order.

The CIRCULARS did not reach us till nearly noon, yesterday. In the meeting, Mr. Woolworth invited the family to express their minds about them, which they did quite freely. They were spoken of as being very interesting of late, and edifying, particularly the last, which was rich and juicy.

Mr. Woolworth said last night that some persons had expressed a wish to have their pictures taken, and such were requested to leave their names at the Office, as our financiers were willing to expend ten or twelve dollars for that purpose now.

Yesterday's temperature—

7 A. M., 17. 12 M., 32. 6 P. M., 33. Mean 27½.