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Country Accountant

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derstanding of their relationship to the legal profession and the other professions as well. The interests of their clients are best served by harmonious cooperation. The future should bring a fuller appreciation of the mutual relations in the respective fields of work, and as a result the situations in which we can work together effectively should multiply to our greater advantage.

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From the Mailbag

"... I liked the little personal notes about the ones who wrote the articles. I think that tied it up with the members, and gives an added interest to the articles. . . ."

"... I earnestly believe that inas-much as this is a woman's magazine, why write in the masculine gender? I believe that people should be educated to seeing "she's" as auditors, therefore why not write the articles in feminine gender? Maybe I'm prejudiced. . . ."

"... was glad to help with the formation of the chapter because I felt the need of it for women accountants here. I am close enough to the situation at the university to know the women students need just such an organization to keep them professionally alive and interested in going ahead with their study of accountancy. There are too many people ready to discourage them, left and right, to stay out of the profession and if they can meet with other students and women who are in the field, they feel they can keep their spirits up and keep on plugging. . . ."

"... I think we can truly be proud of our Bulletin. The three featured articles could feel perfectly at home in any accounting publication I know of. . . ."

The Country Accountant

By NINA P. HUDSON, C. P. A.

One's life as a country accountant is like a beautiful painting—the brightest sunset is made so by the deeper shadows.

The sadness of the pathetic cases! One client, keen, high-strung—knowing his factory business as only he could, having grown with it from the time he sat by a kitchen stove and carded cotton by hand—to that date when sales reached \$60,000 per month—his ambition to save, to be a rich man, was filled with too much hustle in packing sand bags against a swift-running current when his factory-dam broke—now hopelessly insane.

Again—a dear little old lady, with thousands of dollars, bewitched by a young "Uriah Heep," gave everything to him for his medical care for the balance of her life, with the result that she was left alone by him, dying from lack of care, when she broke her hip.

A six-foot Male called upon me, face very thin and very long, with little beady eyes, his attire being sheepskin—cap, coat and galoshes. With a feminine voice, he squeaked, "You help farmers with Taxes?" "Yes," was my answer. So, after aiding on his Farm Report, I was commended with, "Gosh, I thank you, by George! They told me at the Capitol there was a woman on 'tother side the River could look after all the farmers, and, by heck, they're right."

We, in this particular section, were hard-hit by the hurricane, and even now there are vexing questions as to what losses are applicable and for what year.

A new Connecticut state law makes a Town Audit by a C. P. A. or a State Officer a necessity, and this has given opportunity to many accountants to do some very nice work. The town audit is quite a different proposition than a municipal audit, in that the townspeople should be acquainted with every detail of vital interest to a taxpayer.