

Amish magazines

While visiting a deacon and his family late one evening we gathered around the kitchen table eating popcorn and discussing today's events. One of the older girls in the family stated that she received "Young Companion" in the mail earlier that day, and that she had read some nice stories during her breaks. I asked if I could see her magazine, and read a piece out loud on the subject of pride and how the Amish are discouraged from showing this feeling. The story was straight forward, about how unhappy a young Amish girl was compared to others after she became aware of her own looks. The theme of the story was that one should not feel pride if one is pretty, and that everyone is equal in the eyes of God. The members of the family nodded and approved of this thought; pride is something an Amish person should condemn. Amish magazines are thus another manner in which the Amish maintain their values.