The Family Circle.

NO SECT IN HEAVEN.

FROM AN ENGLISH POEM. TALKING of Sects till late one eve, Of the various doctrines the saints believe, That night I stood, in a troubled dream, By the side of a darkly flowing stream.

And a "Churchman" down to the river came: When I heard a strange voice call his name, "Good father, stop! when you cross this tide, You must leave your robes on the other side!'

But the aged father did not mind, And his long garment floated out behind, As down the stream his way he took, His pale hand clasping a gilt-edged book.

"I'm bound for heaven, and when I'm there, I shall want my Book of Common Prayer; And though I put on a starry crown I should feel quite lost without my gown."

Then he fixed his eyes on the shining track, But his gown was heavy, and held him back, And the poor old father tried in vain A single step in the flood to gain. I saw him again on the other side; But his silk gown floated on the tide; And no one asked in that blissful spot Whether he belonged to "The Church" or not.

Then down to the river a Quaker strayed, His dress of a sober hue was made, "My coat and hat must be all of gray, I cannot go any other way."

Then he buttoned his coat straight up to his chin And staidly, solemnly waded in ; And his broad brimm'd hat he pulled down tight Over his forehead so cold and white.

But a strong wind carried away his hat, A moment he silently sighed over that, And then as he gazed on the farther shore The coat slipped off, and was seen no more.

As he entered heaven, his suit of gray Went quietly sailing—away—away:
And none of the angels questioned him
About the width of his beaver's brim.

Next came Dr. Watts, with a bundle of Psalms Tied nicely up in his aged arms; And Hymns as many—a very wise thing— That the people in heaven "all round" might sing. But I thought that he heaved an anxious sigh, As he saw that the river ran broad and high, And looked rather surprised, as one by one The Psalms and Hymns in the waves went down.

And after him with his MSS., Came Wesley, the pattern of godliness:
But he cried "Dear me, what shall I do?
The water has soaked them through and through."

And there, on the river, far and wide. Away they went down on the swollen tide: And the saint, astonished, passed through alone, Without his manuscripts up to the throne.

Then gravely walking, two saints by name Down to the stream together came; But as they stopped at the river's brink, "Sprinkled or plunged, may I ask you, friend, How you attained to life's great end!" "Thus with a few drops on my brow."

"But I have been dipped as you'll see me now." And I really think it will hardly do, As I'm 'close communion,' to cross with you You're bound, I know, to the realms of bliss, But you must go that way and I'll go this.'

Then straightway, plunging with all his might, Away to the left, his friend at the right, Apart they went from this world of sin, But at last together they entered in.

And now when the river was rolling on, A Presbyterian church went down: Of women, there seemed an innumerable throng, But the men I could count as I passed along.

And concerning the road they could never agree; The old, or the new way which it could be. Nor ever a moment paused to think, That both would lead to the river's brink.

And a sound of murmurings long and loud Came ever up from the moving crowd-"You're in the old way, and I'm in the new That is the false, and this is the true,"-Or, "I'm in the old way, and you're in the new; That is the false, and this is the true."

But the brethren only seem to speak-Modest the sisters walked and meek, And if ever one of them chanced to say What troubles she met with on the way How she longed to pass to the other side; Nor feared to cross over the swelling tide; A voice arose from the brethren then, " Let no one speak but the holy men For have you not heard the words of Paul? 'Oh, let the women keep silence all."

I watched them long in my curious dream, Till they stood by the borders of the stream; Then, just as I thought, the two ways met, But all the brethren were talking yet; And would talk on till the heaving tide Carried them over side by side, For the way was one, The toilsome journey of life was done.

And all who in Christ the Saviour died, Came out alike on the other side; No forms, or crosses, or books had they, No gowns of silk, or suits of gray, No creeds to guide them on MSS. har lower For all had put on Christ's righteousness.

BILL AND HIS BIBLE.

a farm before he was of age and a young for all the legitimate forms of social life. sister kept house for him. To the gospel of The order of the world produces us in families, and the divine law places parental auheardrover half a dozen sermons, and never thority and filial obedience at the foundation

He had, however, a brother named Henry, that had learned something of the truth from This is called the "first commandment with an old lady with whom he lived, and from promise," and the promise is an implied desermons he had heard. One night Henry claration that a compact family organization came on a visit. As they were sitting, he is an essential condition of all prosperous suddenly put the question: "Bill, what do life. you think will become of you when you

"Well, I don't know; I never thought of

hell, according to its character here; spoke only remotely and unconsciously affected. to him of Jesus, and urged him to get a The law protects them in all their rights, after, and sat down to its perusal.

He kept on reading till a great mass of truth was lodged in his mind. But he had ments become, so to speak, fused into a sinnot yet learned to pray. Soon after, he gle consciousness. Under a common roof, heard a sermon from the passage: "But now [God] commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because he hath appointed a day vanishes." Under a common roof, at a common table, the sense of meum and tuum, as between the members of the family,

in the which he will judge the world," etc. Bill listened with intense interest. His resolution was fixed. He must repent. A day or two after, he was at work in a cornfield He felt that he must pray, just there. He kneeled down and begged, as best he could, for mercy. While on his knees, he felt the joy of pardon, and rose to his feet a happy

At noon he went home, and before sitting down to dinner, said: "Let us pray," and dropped on his knees. His sister, ignorant of his state of mind, knew not what to make of this strange act, and supposed him to be mocking. When he got through, she exclaimed with look of amazement, "Why, Bill! do you mean it?"

"Yes, I do," said he, "and am going to live different life.

The Sabbath after, he went again to church. After sermon, the pastor gave notice that on the following Saturday a meeting of the church would be held, and any who might might wish to join would have the opportunity. Saturday came, and so did Bill. No one seemed to know him, except a deacon, and he knew not what he wanted there. It was supposed that he had come into the house by mistake. The pastor, however, spoke to him, and ascertained that he wished to join the church. He related what God had done for him. Imperfectly he told his story, but with such evident honesty that he was received.

From that time forth he went on his way rejoicing, doing promptly the duties set before him, and exciting the wonder of his old friends at the change that had come over im. About two years after, the sister that was so astonished at his praying, began to pray herself, and they are now serving Christ together .- Tract Journal.

THE HOME MOTHER.

Some one, writing for the Masonic Mirror, has drawn a charming picture of a home-

loving, child-loving mother: "We must draw a line, aye, a broad line, between her and the frivolous butterfly of fashion, who flits from ball to opera and party, decked in rich robes, and followed by a train as hollow and heartless as herself-she who, forgetful of the holy task assigned her, neglects those who have been given in her charge, and leaves them to the care of hirelings, while she pursues her giddy round of amusements.

"Not so our Home-mother! blessings be on her head! The heart warms to see her in her daily routine of pleasant duties. How patiently she sits, day after day, shaping and sewing some article for use or adornment for her little flock! And how proud and pleased is each little recipient of her kindness! How the little face dimples with pleasure, and the bright eyes grow still brighter, as mamma decks them with her own hands in the new dress she has made! How much mamma wraps them up before they go to school! No one but her can warm the mits and over-shoes, or tie the comforters around the necks!

"There is a peculiar charm about all she loes—the precious mother! They could not sleep, nay, for that matter, she could not. if she failed to visit their chamber, and with her soft hands arrange them comfortably be-fore she slept. Her heart thrills with gratitude to her Creator, as she looks on those sweet blooming faces; and when their prayers are done, she imprints a good-night kiss on each rosy little mouth. It may be, too, a tear will start for one little nestling, laid in its chill, narrow bed, for whom her mater? nal care is no longer needed. It sleeps, though the sleet and the snow descend, and the wild winter winds howl around its head. It needs no longer her tender care. A mightier arm enfolds it. It is at rest. She feels and knows that it is right, and bends meekly to the hand that sped the shaft, and turns with a warmer love, if it be possible, to those little ones who are left her to love. How tenderly she guards them from every danger, and with what strong, untiring love, she watches by their bedside when they are ill! Blessings be on the gentle, loving, home-mother! Angels must look with love upon her acts. Her children shall rise up and call-her blessed, and the memory of her kindness shall enfold her as a garment.'

CHRISTIAN HOME-LIFE.

A living author has beautifully said: "To Adam, Paradise was home; to the good among his decendants, home is Paradise.' This ought to be universally true, but we fear it is not. Many good people are not wise, and a measure of wisdom as well as goodness is required to make home happy. We are not now referring to families in which piety in one of the parents may be contradicted by an opposite character in the other, nor to those in which headstrong children have re-paid indulgence by ingratitude and disobedience. Even well-governed households are not necessarily happy; for the authority may be complete, and the respect for it pro-found, while the family life is wanting in many things necessary to make home what

We want, first of all, an insight into the deep meaning, the divine intent of home. We must see that both in nature and in godly family, and grew up under its influence. Scripture the family is shown to be a divine Being a thorough worker, he had charge of institution—the model as well as the school entered a Sabhath school nor read a page of national life—at least, so much is implied of the Bible before he was eighteen years in the command, "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Now this radical and fundamental institution of humanity differs from all other forms of social life in many important respects. For instance, in the state, the largest social Henry told him that he had a precious organism with which they come in contact, soul that must one day land in heaven or men are, except in times of public disturbance, Bible and read for himself. He did shortly without their own care or concernment, and in their whole outdoor life as citizens, they Never shall I forget his describing to me the are from home, living under a habitual reimpression that first contact with God's Word serve, showing their real character but partially, even to their most intimate friends. "I was frightened," said he. "It seemed So true is it, that to know people we must as if every sin I had ever committed was live in the same house with them. At home, written down in that book. The more I read on the contrary, the association is so narrow, the relation so intimate, the contact so per-

But then the individuals making up this nome personality in blending do not, by any means, necessarily become a homogeneous whole; they retain their particular fancies, whims, partialities, and dispositions, so that cakes most palatable, since so much of it will there is constant danger that one part of this be used in these straightened times. The domestic person shall interfere with the com- following is said to be an excellent recipe: fort of the other. And as there is no hope -Scald at night half the quantity of meal that diverse constitutions, though of the same you are going to use, mix the other with cold blood, can be shaped exactly alike, the great water, having it the consistency of thick bataim must be to make the best of peculiar nater; add a little salt; and set it to rise; it tures, and unite altogether in a common will need no yeast. In the morning the

other's happiness.

Home-life, to this end, must be free; its ing them with. Fry slowly. laws, without being in the least degree lax, must offer themselves as expressions of parental affection, and must so appear in the life of the parents themselves. But, instead of this, what do we see in most Christian families? Why, in many instances where parents are even genuinely pious, home is simply a resting-place, as well from the blandishments as from the labors of life. The pursuit of business has been so eager and exhausting, and so many smiles have been called for in the intercourse with the world, that the father seeks rest, rather than recreation, at home, and his intercourse with he children is only formal, if not morose. Instead of inquiring into their studies at school, or into the out-door history of the day, and having a real interest in the one and the other—instead of prying into their reading, and affectionately and judiciously regulating it, he is only seen as the emborather dreadful.—Methodist.

CHRISTIAN PARENTS! CONFORMITY TO THE WORLD.

As I grow older as a parent, my views are changing fast as to the degree of conformity to the world which we should allow to our children. I am horror-struck to count up the profligate children of pious persons and even ministers. The door at which those influences enter which countervail parental instruction and example, I am persuaded, is, yielding to the ways of good society. By dress, books, and amusements, an atmophere is formed which is not that of Christianity. More than ever do I feel that our families must stand in kind but determined opposition to the fashions of the world, breasting the waves, like the Eddystone lighthouse. And I have found nothing yet which requires more courage and independence than to rise even a little, but decidedly, above the par of the religious world around us. Surely the way in which we commonly go on is not that way of self-denial and sacrifice and cross-bearing and spread its branches south and east and which the New Testament talks of. Then is the offence of the Cross ceased. Our slender influence on the circle of our friends is often us. Rev. Dr. Jas. W. Alexander's Letters.

Miscellaneous.

WHERE TO STUDY.

THE air of a cellar is close, damp, musty, and vitiated; that of the house-top is clear. pure and bracing. On the surface of the earth the atmosphere is cold, raw, and immore life does it impart to the blood, the rites under the mountain. The whirlpool more perfectly is the brain nourished, and the seems to favor this theory. more vigorously does the mind work and the body move. Hence the "study" of the clergyman, the "office" of the physician and the lawyer, the "library" of the family, the "sitting-room" of the household, and the "chamber" of every sleeper, should always be in the upper stories, not merely for the greater purity of the air, but for a reason seldom thought of, and yet of very great sanitary value. The higher we ascend, the more rarified is the air, the greater bulk is required to impart a given amount of nourishment to the system; this greater rarity excites the instinct of our nature to deeper, fuller breathing, without any effort on our part, and this kind of breathing, as the reflecting must know, is antagonistic of consumption, that fell scourge of civilized society, which destroys full one-sixth of the adult population.

Hence the very suggestive remark of the distinguished naturalist Buffon: "All animals inhabiting high altitudes have larger lungs and more capacious chests than those which live in the valleys." In the same direction is the suggestive statement that in the city of Mexico, situated nine thousand feet above the level of the sea, only three persons out of a hundred die annually of consumption; above the level of the sea, eighteen out of solved a considerable quantity of nitrate of every hundred perish from that disease. It as far above the ground-floor as practicable, ed nearly as superfluous as in wax candles, and in such a situation as will allow the sun. The wicks must be thoroughly dried before to shine into it for the largest portion of each the tallow is put to them. day, for this rarifies the air still more, and still more aids in developing and expanding the lungs by the greater depth and fullness of breathing which the increased atmospheric rarity induces .- Hall's Journal of Health.

SECRETARY STANTON ON MILITARY STRATEGY.

To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune SIR: I cannot suffer undue merit to be ascribed to my official action. The glory of

ombination and organizing victory. I hear such phrases with apprehension. They commenced in infidel France with the Italian campaign, and resulted in Waterloo. Who can organize victory? Who can combine the elements of success on the battle-field? We owe our recent victories to the Spirit of the Lord, that moved our soldiers to rush into battle, and filled the hearts of our enemies with terror and dismay. The inspiration that conquered in battle was in the hearts of the soldiers, and from on high; and wherever there is the same inspiration there will be the same results. Patriotic spirit, with resolute

same results. Patriotic spirit, with resolute courage in officers and men, is a military combination that never filled.

We may well rejoice at the recent victories, for they teach us that battles are to be won now and by us in the same and only steam, and it will then not make tea of the N.B. Coal Oil by the gallon or barrel. nov21 ly nanner that they were ever won by any people, or in any age, since the days of Joshua. by boldly pursuing and striking the foe. What under the blessing of Providence, I conceive to be the true organization of victory and military combination to end this snow-slush in the streets.

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> The recipe for making the bread is as follows:—To two quarts of meal add one pint of bread sponge; water sufficient to wet the whole; add half a pint of flour and a tablespoonful of salt; let it rise; then knead well for the second time, and place the dough in the oven, and allow it to bake an hour and a

A very good substitute for tracing paper may be manufactured with ordinary paper by the help of a little benzole. A sheet of ordinary Bath post, moistened with this oil, renders the material perfectly transparent; the tracing may then be effected, and within a short time the volatile fluid has evaporated died authority of the house, very good, but and left the paper perfectly opaque and clear as before. The drawing sustains no detriment by the operation.

VOLCANOES AND WHIRLPOOLS IN THE

It is stated in the late news from Europe that during the recent eruption of Mount Vesuvius eleven craters were in active operation, emitting sulphurous vapors. The first appearance of the eruption is thus described by a correspondent of the London Atheneum:

—"When I first saw the eruption I was walking with a friend, and happening to look over the inclination of a mountain which cut the sea and the distant prospect; I saw what appearance of the responsible same of the control of the London Atheneum:

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A whirpool, some three hundred and sixty A whirpool, some three hundred and sixty feet in diameter, has been formed in the sea near Torre del Greco, by the late eruption of william H. Mills, Jr. W. L. Howard. W. C. Foster, Com. Merto be traced to our leaving so little between feet in diameter, has been formed in the sea Vesuvius. The sounding gave twenty-three Rev. Walter W. Stanton, | chant, Third street. fathoms of water, and the plummet brought up sand and sulphur. Rrom a part of the circumference, a tail, so to call it, about sixty feet in width, runs away in the direction of Sorranto, and is of a beautiful light green color. All the water here was tepid, had a strong sulphuric smell, and many fish have been destroyed.

It has been supposed by many persons that pure; on the mountains it is dry, rarified, the eruptions of this volcano are caused by and health-giving. The purer the air is, the the sea finding access to vast deposits of py-

THE TRUE HEART—The springs of ever-lasting life are within. There are clear streams gushing up from the depths of the soul, and flow out to enliven the sphere of outward existence. But like the waters of Siloah, they "go swiftly." You must listen to catch the silvery tones of the little rill as it glides from its mountain home; you may not witness its silent march through the green vale, but its course will be seen in the fresh verdure and the opening flowers; its presence will be known by the forms of life and beauty which gather around it. It is ever thus with the pure. You may not lear the "still small voice," or heed the slent admonition, but there is a moral influence and a holy power which you will feel. The wilderness is made to smile, flowers of newlife and beauty spring up and flourish, while an invisible presence breathes immortal fragrance through the at-

Scientific.

IMPROVEMENT IM CANDLES .- Steep the while in our larger cities, but a few feet cotton wick in water in which has been dispotassa chlorate of potassa answers still should, therefore, be the aim of every stu- better, but it is too expensive for common dent, of every sedentary person, of every in- practice—by this means a purer flame and valid, to have the room in which a very large superior light are secured, a more perfect portion of the inactive part of life is spent, combustion is insured and snuffing is render-

FALL'IN THE PRICE OF COTTON .- Within a few days since the news of the successes of the Union army in Tennessee has been received, cotton has fallen considerably in price. On Saturday the 15th, it ranged from 28 to 30 cents for middling and good middling. On the 18th it ranged from 23 to 28 for the same qualities. No less than 1816 bales were received from Liverpool last week.

THE London Engineer says that the Bessemer process has been successfully applied our recent victories belongs to the gallant to the production of armor plates, for which officers and soldiers that fought the battles? the metal can be made of any required tough-No share of it belongs to me. ness: The present price of rolled iron armor slabs is £35 per ton. Bessemer plates ought not_to_cost_half_this.

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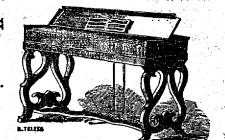
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