

The Family Circle.

(For the American Presbyterian.)
Paraphrase of the Beatitudes.

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Rejoice, ye humble ones,
Abased, in spirit poor;
Receive your great and rich reward,
And enter Heaven's door.

Receive, ye mourning and ye sad,
The hope of better days;
For peace and comfort shall be yours,
The truthful Jesus says.

And, ye who rash ambition's call
Hied not; and who but seek
For honest justice; and for truth;
The earth is yours, ye mock!

And blessed are the hungry souls,
The thirst and hunger still;
With righteousness your craving hearts,
The Lord will surely fill.

And to you whom kind pity's voice,
Has ne'er appealed in vain;
Assurance have, in days of need,
Your mercy will obtain.

Ye spotless, ye pure in heart,
From guilt, and sin all free;
Oh, happy is your chosen lot;
Your God you'll surely see.

And blessed you of peace the sons,
Who angry opposites; are
Rich recompence, and joy is yours;
God's kingdom, you'll partake.

When wicked men and false revile,
And this, for sake of Me;
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad;
Your place in Heaven shall be.

THE BABY'S TOOTH.

Some people think babies do no good in the world, but only live here to torment those who want to have quiet and order. But I think they are real missionaries, making others better by their smiles, and lifting heavy loads of care off many hearts by their artless ways.

Well, years and years ago, when there were few cars and when people had to jolt over shocking roads in great lumbering stage-coaches, the circumstance I am going to tell took place. I can remember the time well. I assure you it was no holiday sport to "go out West," as people then called a good part of New York State. It would not do for delicate faces to travel then! There were very few wedding tours. But of this journey!

The evening coach was full—"so full that it was an imposition on the passengers"—so said Miss Trimmer, who, with two or three pattern hats and a box of artificial flowers, was the last one to enter, notwithstanding the inconvenience to which she put her few low passengers.

The village square—never too amiable—was returning from a court, where he had been consigned in a case involving about a fifth part of his estate; of course he was morose and impatient. A woe-looking woman was trying to quiet a restless baby by tossing it up where there was no room to toss a bird, because a simpering school-girl on the next seat had whispered aloud to her very young gallant, that babies were a perfect nuisance in a stage-coach, and that she should think any one would rather stay than travel with one. Poor! unfortunate baby; poor, sensitive, widowed mother! Theirs was no pleasure trip; they were going, uncertain of a welcome, to a rich relative of the newly dead, the only one on earth of whom they could ask aid. Comfort or pity the mother did not look for. It was between these and the sulky square that Miss Trimmer inserted herself. At the cruel remark of the incipient belle, the widow turned her head to wipe away a tear, when her innocent half-yearling grasped with her plump hand a huge bunch of honey-suckles and carnation pins which dangled from the near side of Miss Trimmer's bonnet.

"Will no one take pity on me?" shrieked the bearer of the flower burden. "Will no gentleman shield me from such annoyances?"

"Yes, madam, I will," answered an old gentleman who sat in a corner, resting his chin upon the ivory head of his cane. The lady was soon safely installed in the seat farthest removed from the vicious baby, and the old man in her place. Now this cramped-up baby was a perfect democrat. She did not know that she was poor and fatherless; nor that, when he lived, her father was only a hard-working bricklayer. She knew nothing of all this, and seemed to think she had as good a right to shout and crow as any other baby, and to pull flowers out of bonnets, too, if she could only reach them. So at the newcomer she went. Her first effort was to secure his white beard, but that was immovable. She next reached out her hand for the seals, and lastly grasped the cane. "Well, little inch," cried the dear old man, "if you want to get at my seals, you had better come a little nearer." So he took the willing baby from the weary mother and installed her on his own knee. The poor woman straightened herself and drew a long breath, as if relieved from a burden she had not strength to bear.

"You look tired, madam; have you come far to-day?" asked the moreful man.

"I've held the baby, sir, thirty-six hours in the car before I got into the coach," she answered with a quivering lip.

"I don't see how any one can take care of a tiresome baby," again whispered the little Miss.

"Somebody held us all once, and took care of us, too, my child," replied the old gentleman, whose ears were too keen to lose her remark. "Children must be taken care of; they have their work to do, and they generally do it faithfully." And he rattled his keys and key again for the happy child.

The poor mother cast a look of unmixed gratitude on her benefactor—yes, benefactor he was, though he had never given her a cent nor a copper; for kind words are often better than either. This good man alone, of all the passengers—save the unconscious baby—seemed at his ease.

At length the horses stood still, and, all seemed pleased at the prospect of having the company thinned. Miss Trimmer looked hopefully at the widow and baby, but they did not move. An anxious, care-worn gentleman began to unbend himself preparatory to alighting. Then in the deepening twilight there bounded from the dwelling, beside which the coach had halted, a curly-headed boy of four years. "O! pa, pa," he

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