

The Family Circle.

Song of New England Spring Birds.

When Robin, Swallow, Thrush, and Wren, From "way down south" had come again, I roamed through field and wood to see...

Then Jay, the blue-bird, joined the throng, And the white Dove flew along; And Oriole, with throat of red...

MAGGIE AND HER NURSE.

It was at noon on the first day of this year that I had to part with my little Maggie. Only three more days and she would have been six and a half years old.

BURKE'S IDEA OF A PERFECT WIFE.

She is handsome; but it is not a beauty arising from the features, from complexion, or from shape. She has all three in a high degree; but it is not by these that she shines.

Miscellaneous.

WHAT IS WORSE THAN PEACE.

The carnage of war is terrible. Yet a hundred times worse than the blood of battles is it, when a nation's spirit, swelling not with the pride of honor and glory, but with the grandeur of right as outlasting the suffering years of earth, can rejoice in a peace stamped all over with the craven seal of a mean, money-making selfishness.

A LESSON FROM THE CRICKET.

We are apt to believe in Providence so long as we have our own way, but if things go awry, then we think if there is a God, he is in heaven, and not on earth.

THE MARCH OF THE DARK BRIGADE.

It is not often that the hub of the universe shakes on its axle. But last Thursday it fell from its steadfastness. The 54th Massachusetts Regiment, that stormed and took the city.

THE TRUE HERO.

A poor miner in Cornwall was down deep in the earth with another miner sinking a shaft. They were blasting rocks, and their custom was, after the rock was charged, for one first to ascend in the bucket, and the other to wait until the bucket came down again.

THE GREAT IRISH EXODUS.

An extraordinary emigration is setting in this season from Ireland to the United States. The people actuated by a common impulse, fly from a land where only starvation and death await them and their children.

AT STUPENDOUS WORK.

A wonderful plan has been exhibited recently in Paris for a railroad across the Simplon pass. The line has been most carefully surveyed for four months by Italian engineers.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS.

His friends in Poland (says Dr. M'Chintock in the Methodist) are calling upon the British Government to recognize the belligerent rights of the insurgents. It is said, and said truly, that Earl Russell granted this boon (which the Times pronounced at the moment to be of vast value to the rebels) within a fortnight after he received the news of the first blood struck at Fort Sumter.

THE TEMPERATURE OF THE HUMAN BODY.

While the external temperature varies more than a hundred degrees, the thermometer indicates that in health the blood keeps to an invariable standard of heat. Neither the prostrating heat of summer nor the benumbing cold of winter reaches the internal vital warmth.

TELESCOPE FOR AUSTRALIA.

The Australian colony of Victoria is inclined to set up a monster reflecting telescope for observation of the nebulae of the southern heavens. Astronomers have long been desirous to see this task undertaken, and Lord Rosse's success in our cloudy hemisphere renders them the more impatient to establish a course of observations in the clear atmosphere of the South.

PROPORTIONS OF THE HUMAN FIGURE.

The proportions of the human figure are strictly mathematical. The whole figure is six times the length of the foot. Whether the form be slender or plump, this rule holds good. Any deviation from it is a departure from the highest beauty of proportion.

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