

The Family Circle.

THE LITTLE PEOPLE.

A dreary place would be this earth
Were there no little people in it;
The song of life would lose its worth
Were there no little people to begin it.

THE PLAY HOUR.

In the Spring of 1835, I went into a school in Boston. There were about sixty children belonging to it. When I went in, they were all at play except two. As I entered I saw two children, Leonard and his sister Rebecca, standing by the teacher.

"What is the matter?" I asked. "Have Leonard and Rebecca been misbehaving themselves in the school?"

"No," said she, "Leonard has done nothing wrong, and seldom does. He is one of the best boys in the school."

"What is he crying for, then?" I asked, "if he has been such a good boy, why does he not go out to play with the rest?"

"Because," said the teacher, "he has been very troublesome to day in the school, and as a punishment, I told her she must stay in the house when the children went to play."

"Please do not tell her naughty, sir," said the generous boy. "I love her, and would rather that she should be punished than that she should be sent to school."

"This," said I to the teacher, "is love that seeketh not its own. What would you do?"

"There is no use in trying, Aunt Fanny. I never can become a good housekeeper like Mrs. Terry. She is my standard. Everything is just as it is in her house, and everything in mine is just as the other way. I know she saves her wash water when she begins, and I have. Everything at sixes and sevens all over the house, and I can never make it any better. I don't know how to keep house, you see, and there is the trouble."

"No, my dear, she married from school, as ignorant a girl as all household matters as— as my little niece," she added, with a pleasant smile.

"I am not so sure. She was discouraged, and ready to give up the first half year. She often begged her husband to go to boarding, if only to half his life, and he was pleased to do so, because it was a poor one, he encouraged her to persevere, hoping it would come easier after a time. She had a succession of 'helps,' or rather hindrances, till at last she was left alone. She had no system about her house. At length one day when her husband had rather lost his patience, hunting through the drawers for a cravat and handkerchief, she roused herself from a good day, and determined that whatever she failed in, she would keep her house as well as she could. So she set herself to the task, and a serious one it was. But she was at length completed, and she surveyed her work with immense satisfaction. Her husband,

too, was much pleased to find all of his belongings in a drawer by themselves nicely assorted, and where he could select at a glance what he wished. That afternoon's work was the beginning of a reform. She felt that she could be a good housekeeper in something, so she took courage. Her own room was thoroughly put to rights, and from that she proceeded to the others. Step by step she gained on the confusion, and by setting a resolute will to work, she soon learned to prepare a few excellent dishes for every-day fare, well cooked, and by the side of the table, until at length she became, to the superior housekeeper you admire so much.

"Mike a beginning, Maria; feel that you are a good housekeeper in some respect, and it will give you courage to attempt anything." Mrs. Terry said whenever she would grow discouraged and ready to give up in despair, she would go to her bureau and pull out the drawers one by one. Their nice arrangement encouraged and stimulated her anew.

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courage, and of the utmost devotion to the Union cause. He travelled on foot from plantation to plantation, within the rebel lines, and on every place selected trusty slaves, whose duty it became to give notice to our forces opposite of every movement of rebel troops near them. He traversed this line of spies constantly, in order to make sure of the vigilance of his agents.

The result was that not a squadron of horse, nor a company of infantry could be sent out by the rebels without the immediate knowledge of General Mitchell.

The man's master frequently visited headquarters; he saw there often him whom he called his slave. He threatened him with vengeance, because he knew that in some way he was serviceable to the Union. He demanded his return to slavery, which General Mitchell of course refused. After a while, as is well known, Mitchell was removed, and a commander of a different character put in his place.

"Before I had time to get into the State of Tennessee, that man, so useful to our cause, was returned to his master by his successor, and probably flogged to death," said General Mitchell.

Who can listen unmoved to such a story of wrong and perjury? Does it not seem as though we invoked the curse of God upon our cause by so atrocious a wickedness?

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been used from the earliest times, though it has only recently received an impetus. The patent of Masson, as contained in the English reports of patents, for Nov. 12, 1850, gives a more detailed description of the process. Its main operations are evaporating water by artificial heat, and compressing it into so compact a mass that the air in the interior of the chemical charge can only affect the surface of a mass of organic matter.

"Dried fruit was first used in the Crimean war, as a reliable article of diet for the soldier, by the Russians and the Allies. Delafosse's Report on the Art of War in Europe 1854-55, specifies some details. The French were supplied with 7,894,920 pounds avoirdupois, exclusive of hospital supplies, and the proportions were: Dried vegetables, 424,400; conserves, prepared by Chollet, 753,130; conserve of beef, 6,718,140. Total, 3,947 net tons. Of the conserve, 888,900 pounds were in powder, or finely-ground gelatine. At Chollet's the vegetables were cut into thin slices, dried by heat, and compressed. The second method preserve food is with its moisture. Mold is a plant of fungous character, and operates strongly in decomposition.

"Decomposition may be prevented in two ways, either by heating the substance in a large vessel and boiling, or nearly so, and then transferring it while hot to glass or stoneware jars, or in cases, which are immediately sealed, or by putting the substance, with sufficient liquid, water, or syrup, directly into the jars, closing the stopper, and heating the jars in a water-bath. The latter is the more common method. At the close of the lecture, some specimens of ground artichokes, for frying, leeks, cauliflower, cabbage, tomatoes, potatoes, &c., such as were used in the Crimean war, were exhibited."

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