The Home Circle

Pleasant Evening Reveries Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

The Christmas Topic.

Nineteen hundred and nine years ago at Bethlehem in Judea was born an infant of humble parentage. With that child was born into the world a new civilization, a new Christianity, a new hope. It matters little to our retaining whether this Child was human to others. joicing whether this Child was human or divine—whether he was God or dod's messenger of love. Christian concept of the man whose birthday dod's messenger that the life we celebrate at the winter solstice. dod's messenger of love. Christian and infidel alike agree that the life. He led was pure and blameless and the principles He taught have blessed and sanctified the world. All over the country all over the world—a few years hence it will be also all through the air—sounds the greeting Merry Christmas! On the sea and land, to the relace and in the hovel, in the serting him, science, philosophy and the palace and in the hovel, in the mospitals and in the prisons, in the asylums amid the orphans and in the somes for the friendless and for the aged, wherever even two persons meet who know and love the story of Christ-mas, the greeting is exchanged. Where can there be a parallel to the universal greeting? Is there any other sen-timent that has the sovereignty of this cheerful and heartfelt word? It travels through the mails like nothing so much as the doves to the altars of which the Scripture speaks, for surely the sentiment flits from altar to altar of the hearts of men and is as gentle as the dove. Grudges and animosity vanish before the wafting of Christmas greeting, the smile of hope illumines the countenances of those under the pall of depression, the dimpled solitudes of the Syrian desert with cheeks of the babies seem like veritable nooks for fairy hiding as the lips coo in response to the Merry Christmas, with the little emblem of the day that the living principle of incarnate evils he wrestled the truth from the the day that comes to the infant from secret archives of the Almighty. Demance hostile forces passed upon the field, sheathed their swords and clasp-d hands across the battle line, greet-ing one another with the sentiment of

universal good will. Christmas stands for love and for charity, for hope and for joy at the fruition of that long made promise of the prophet of the coming of one who should bring peace and good will to earth; so the church hold their services and the people congregate join in singing or to listen to the rendition of carols, some of which have come down from the early ages of the church. The children have their Christmas treats, and they are the very merriest of the merry in their participation in these annual school festivals.

big or little bitterness you may be eye. There on a high hill it stands, entertaining against some other person. Cast out all envy, all covetousmees, all unkindness. Endeavor to towers looming forth in the brightmarbor in your heart only such ness of the morning sun.

heart of others.

He discovered no new law of nature; he formulated no new principle of philosophy. He added nothing to science, nor did he reveal the least mystery of the unseen world. When serting him, science, philosophy and theology stood exactly where they were on that starry midnight thirtythree years before, when heaven opened before the eyes of the wondering shepherds and shining angels proclaimed his birth. But one thing was not the same, and that thing was enough to make all difference between the ancient world and the modern No Confucius with all his golden rule had ever dreamed of it. No Socrates had dragged it from the depths in the net of his dialectic. No stoic ponderings on the secret of the highest good had conceived it. Of all the crucified saviors of the world not one had revealed it. The shepherd of Gal-lilee alone of all the human race persolitudes of the Syrian desert with struggles which the imigination can spised and rejected by the men he loved, hungry and unfed and unvisited he taught the truth by word and deed. Nailed to the cross, he proved it by

his death. At this season of the year, Christian world reverently turns to the little town of Bethlehem and lovingly recalls the story of the Saviors birth as set forth in the simple yet beautiful language of the gospel narrative. In spirit let us go over to Bethlehem and view the place where Christ the Lord was born.

Bethlehem is situated about six miles south of Jerusalem. Starting from Jerusalem by the Jaffa gate, the journey is over a rough and hilly country roads amid scenes that awakparticipation in these annual school festivals.

There is one way to make a white the christmas even though there may be not a flake of snow in sight. Let the whiteness be in your heart. Put aside sall thoughts of guile. Forget all the big or little bitterness you may be some in the mind reverent memories and fill the soul with loving emotions. On the west is the Gihon valley, where Solomon was crowned and on the south-east is the valley of Hinmon, where nearby, in the field of Pehai, King David defeated the Philistines.

But a short distance from King David's well Bethlehem greets the eye. There on a high hill it stands. en in the mind reverent memories and

FACT, FUN AND FANCY. Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

night. She-You don't mean it! He -Yes, as I was sitting in the parlor, I sappened to look out and I saw the

Absent-Minded.-A certain medical pecialist was in the habit of using a Jew." otebook to assist his memory. the course of time his aged father The worthy doctor attended the funeral as chief mourner with due solemnity. At the close he was observed to draw out a notebook and cross out the words, "Mem: Bury father."

other, is composed of two gasses, oxygen and cambridgen." "Lava," contibuted a third youth, "is what the barber puts on your face." "A blizard," insisted a fourth, "is the inside

Johnny's Hyphen.—A teacher try-ing to get some small boys to under-stand the use of the hyphen had written "bird's-nest" upon the blackboard. pointed to the hyphen and asked the boys what the little mark was for. There was silence for a moment, when p popped Johnny's hand. "Very well.
Johnny, you may tell us," said the
teacher. "Sure, ma'am, for the bird to roost on," said Johnny.

A Mightly Rush.—Smith—I understand your father died very suddenly.

How did it happen? Jones—Well, you see, father was very fond of shows; specially burlesques. He was atlending one of these one afternoon. young woman came out to do a turn and in some manner she tore Stepping to the footlights she nvited any gentleman to come up and in the tear. Poor father was killed

the round pink cheek approvingly. "Suppose," he suggested softly, "that we let the old gentleman go preach while we sit on the porch and prac-tice?"

Stopped the Order.-In a little restaurant where the waitress insists upen stamming down your plate or saucer a man had ordered a sandwich and a cup of coffee. Then he decided to put an addenda to his order. "Gimme plat o' that country sausage, too" he told the waiter. Just then the acci-dent happened. Somebody stepped on the tail of a small anaemic-looking yellow pug dog that had followed an-other customer into the restaurant. The dog gave three staccato yelps.
"Ah, just countermand that order for sausage," growled the man with the face. "I didn't know you had to go

Why it's a Village.—He was quite evidently from the country and he was also quite evidently a Yankee, and from behind his bowed spectacles he peered inquisitively at the little oily Jew who occupied the other half of Jew who occupied the other half of the car seat with him. The little Jew who looked at him deprecatingly. "Nice looked at him deprecatingly. "Nice wheels should be oiled where they move, not on the outside.

Life's Journey.

For every life there is a summit. Happy are they who gain it and sad the lot of those who faint and fall in the struggle. Short or long to the top, it can only be scaled by persistion to do and dare, or the prize will not be secured.

More Trouble.—He—There was a Jew, ain't you?" querried the Yankee. terrible accident at our house last "Yes, sir, I'm a clothing salesman—" handing him a card. 'But you're a Jew." "Yes, yes, I'm a Jew." came the answer. "Well," continued the Yankee, "I'm a Yankee, and in the lit-In plied the little Jew quietly.

The Five Dollar Gold Piece .- A customer in Mr. Abramstein's store dropped a five-dollar gold piece; it rolled some distance on the floor, to where the proprietor's little son, Ikey, was playing. The little fellow picked it wrote one boy in a recent school examination in England, "was called Joan of Arc." "Water." wrote another, is composed of two wrote another. "Well," said the customer, "what am I to do about the customer is composed of two wrote another is composed of two wrote another in the customer is composed of two wrote another in the customer is composed of two wrote another in the customer is composed of two wrote another in the customer is composed of two wrote another in the customer is composed of two wrote another in the customer is composed on the customer in the customer is composed on the customer in the customer in the customer in the customer is composed on the customer in the the customer, "what am I to do about ported that one man lost \$360 in the my five-dollar gold piece?" "Vy, I conflagration. dells you"; said Mr. Abramstein; "you Mr. and M und to-night I gifs lettle Ikey feesic. Wednesday were compelled to return und when you comes, I gife you your moneys. See?" The customer returned the next afternoon, and was met at the door by the smiling father ling with pneumonia the same disease who held in his hands two bills and some silver. "I dells you how it vas," he said, confidentially, "Poor leetle Ikey, ve feesicked him, uned ve fees-icked him, but all ve could get vas two dollar und seexty-nine cents!

He Did Not Understand .- Pat had been seized with violent pains and was hurried to a hospital. The physician in charge, after diagnosis, in-formed him that he had appendicitis and that an operation was necessary as his appendix must be removed immediately. Pat had not the least idea of what an appendix was, and so in-formed the physician, who laughingly told him that after the operation he would leave the appendix in the window so he could see it when he was able to sit up. Some days after the operation Pat's curiosity got the better of him, and he raised up in bed to Precept and Practice.—"Do you wish ter of him, and he raised up in bed to go to church this evening? Father take a look at his appendix. To his minister's fair daughter asked. The the window sill, and when he saw Pat young man considered. "Um. The he began to make faces and chatter young man considered. "Um. The he began to make faces and chatter ast time I went he rather fell on some at a great rate. The astonished Irishof my small fallings. Do you know what his text will be to-night?" "Yes; look, and then exclaimed: "Don't do Tove One Another." He regarded that, me boy, don't do that. Can't you see your mother is a very sick

500 Would Marry Him.

W. J. Thomas, of Grand Tunnel, Pa who recently advertised for a wife and promised her his home, bank account and horse and carriage, has received 500 answers, coming from all parts of the

Thomas, who is 60 years old, wants a wife about 56, who can cook and whose hair is not red. . As a rule, the letters which he is receiving are from women on in life altho a few young ones say they are willing to wed the man.

"I havent had time to read all the letters," said Thomas, "and I havent made a choice. There are one or two that strike me right, and I am sure that within a few days I will be able to make a selection and get a wife,

OVER THE COUNTY.

Mrs. Daniel Fohringer, of Colyer, is recovering from her recent severe

A little son recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wagner, near Centre Hall. Dr. R. J. Young. of Snow Shoe, is ecovering from a severe case of

blood poisoning on his left hand., A Christmas entertainment will be given in the Methodist church at La-mar the night before Christmas.

James Sullivan and family, of Snow Shoe, have gone to Connelsville, where they will make their future home. Maxwell Harshbarger, of Potters Mills, and Charles Smith, of Centre Hill, are contemplating going west next spring to work on a farm.

Ira Gramley has accepted the posiof mixologist at the National Hotel, Millheim. recently made vacant by the resignation of Thomas Miller.

Dr. James M. Yeager, of Lewistown, has been reappointed United States Marshall for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, for a term of four years. The remains of the late George Bor-

tell, who committed suicide at Philipsburg last week, were taken to Mc-Veytown for burial, the funeral being held on Friday.

The Zion Union Cemetery associa-tion will hold their annual meeting in the Grange Hall on Monday, Jan. 2nd, 1912, at 1:30 o'clock, p. m. By order of the president. Hon Leonard Rhone, Miss Florence Rhone and Dr. H. F. Bitner, of Cen-

tre Hall, attended the sessions of the Grange at Pennsylvania State Scranton last week. Miss Mollie Hoffer has returned to her home in Centre Hall, after some

time spent in the family of Rev. Daniel Gress, at Harrison City, aiding in caring for the children. Mrs. Eve Lucas, of Curtin, who recently underwent an operation at the Lock Haven hospital, is recovering very nicely under the skillful care of

Dr. Painter of Mill Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heltman, of Kryders, are mourning the loss their infant son. who died on the 10th of heart trouble. Interment was made in the Reformed cemetery at Jackson-

On Tuesday of last week, J. Meade Schleiffer, of Spring Mills, was accompanied by Dr. G. S. Frank to a Philadelphia hospital where Mr. Schleifer will undergo an operation for

In true metropolitan style the managers of Nittany Inn, State College, are now treating their patrons to orchestra music during the noonday and evening meals. A section of the Penn State orchestra has been secured.

Relieved from his duties as station agent at Glen Iron by his annua vacation, W. A. Odenkirk, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is now in Centre Hall on a visit. They will take a trip to Philadelphia and New York.

An old fashioned shooting match will be held at Millheim on Friday December 22nd at 2 o'clock, the grand inducement to be a 150-lb hog; lesser prizes will be turkeys, geese, etc. Everybody is invited to enter the con-

George Jordan, who had sale recently, purchased the Benjamin Stover property, at the Red Bridge, on this side of Potters Mills. The property contains twenty-three acres, and had good buildings on it. The price said to have been paid is \$1609.

James H. Smeltzer, of Potter township, is suffering from a severe at-tack of blood poisoning on his face, which at times, owing to the swelling

tle village in Maine where I come from I'm proud to say there ain't a Jew." "Dot's why it's a village." replied the little Jew quietly.

J. B. Fisher's Solia, accently, a part of the Buchanon farm, containing about forty-five acres, to Decker plied the little Jew quietly. J. B. Fisher's Sons, at Penn Hall, made because the trees were becom ing blighted.

The large tenant house of Kelley Bros. near their mines at Cherry Run, was recently destroyed by fire. origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought matches carelessly handled by children, was the cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wieland, who buried their little boy at Boalsburg or at once to their home at Williamspor that caused the death of the boy.

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, strite sup erintendent of public instruction, act ing in conjunction with the provisions of the new code, has appointed two Penn State men, Lindley H. Dennis, class of 1912. assistant in agricultural education, and Milard B. King, of Wayne, class of 1908, assistant in industrial education.-Times.

Pennsylvania State College's exhibit of hogs, won three prizes at the recent International Livestock expe sition, held in Chicago. The exhibit consisted of three Berkshire barrows, that had been farrowed April 2. 1911, and weighed 252 pounds each after the long shipment to Chicago. They won second and fourth in individual classes and second on pen of three barrows under six months.

Mrs. Gardner Grove, of Spring Mills, ft recently for an extended visit with relatives in this and New York state Her trip will include the following places: Pottsville, to spend some time with her aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Hoffman; Philadelphia to see her orother, R. E. Hockman, who is foreman in one of the tapestry mills at that place, and her nephew, Russel a student at Girard College; Germantown, for a visit with her sis-ter, Miss Hattle Hockman; and Garden City, N. Y., to become a guest of her niece, Mrs. George Gwilliams.

The stork left number six at the ome of George Dubbs, on Nittany mountain, above Pleasant Gap. re cently this being the sixth boy, the oldest not quite seven years of age. Among the lot is one set of twins, Mr. Dubbs is an old soldier, and an industrious and hard working man. He is in his sixty-seventh year, in spite of which he is said to be able to wield the axe with any man, at working in the woods. He is a brother of our townsman, John G. Dubbs, and he and his wife, formerly Miss Bessie Johnson, together with their family of "big" boys, form a happy household.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Wm. Martin to J. A. Myers, April 1910, tract of land in Spring Twp.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to David Chambers et al, Oct. 25, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe Boro; \$384.

Chas. D. Moore to T. D. Boal, Nov. 24, 1911, tract of land in Harris Twp.;

James McMullen et ux to W. F. Peters, Dec. 12, 1911, tract of land in Boggs Twp.; \$430. Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to David Chambers, Sept. 2, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$52.75.

Amos Garbrick to Centre County, Dec. 13, 1911, tract of land in Spring Twp.; \$10.

Mary Neidrick et al to Fred Pike, Aug. 11, 1911, tract of land in Rush

W. L. Foster et al to Geo. W. Campbell, Oct. 17. 1910, tract of land in State College; \$450. John D. Bower et al to W. H. Philips, Sept. 29, 1911, tract of land in

Aaronsburg; \$1. Ferges Potter to Lena Calahan, April 1, 1886, tract of land in Benner

Joseph Florey et ux to John Houser, April 1, 1883, tract of land in Benner Twp.; \$500.

James Kelley et ux to J. P. Mc-Nichols. March 30, 1909, tract of land in Spring Twp.; \$1. Howard Brick Company to A. Z. Young, November 1911, tract of land in Howard Twp.; \$1050.

W. E. Hurley, sheriff to R. E. Kech, Dec. 13, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe; \$400.

Martha M. Johnston heirs to J. K.

Johnston, Nov. 2, 1911, tract of land
in Howard Twp.; \$2200.

Keystone State Savings & Loan Association to M. E. Frank, Oct. 22, 1911, tract of land in So. Philipsburg; \$300.
W. E. Hurley sheriff to Wm. Tressler, Dec. 13, 1911, tract of land in Spring Twp.; \$715.

Edwin Strunk et ux to Harriet Pen-nington, Nov. 22, 1911, tract of land in State College; \$375.

W. F. Reynolds et ux to T. J. Tress-ler, Aug. 29, 1911, tract of land in Benner Twp.; \$80.

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