

The Home Circle

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

Finish every day and be done with it. For manners and for wise living it is a vice to remember. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day for all that is good and fair. It is too dear with all its hopes and invitations to waste a moment on the rotten yesterdays.

Any business man would be horrified at the suggestion that he would ruin his boy by neglect that his absorption in business would result in the undoing of his own son. But it is the easiest thing in the world to forget a boy's conscience. It will take only a little snubbing a little scolding a little unkind criticism, a little nagging and unreasonableness to shut off forever any intimacy between you and your boy.

Do we ever stop to think, we wonder, how blest are the quiet days—the days when nothing happens? There is no illness to give anxiety, no business burdens or other troubles to disturb, but, on the contrary, there is the delightful consciousness that all is well in the home and before us the promise of a peaceful day. We know of no condition of life that brings more pleasure than this or that should fill the heart more full of gratitude.

In the rush and hurry of modern life do we think as much as we might of the happiness of those who are growing old. They have lost so much! Their youth, often their health, most of the friends and companions who started with them on life's journey, and yet we often grudge them the brightness and joy we might so easily put into their lives. We will not stay to hear the recollections of old and happy days which they love to tell us we let them see so plainly that their day is over, and ours has come! That those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, toiled and struggled and worn themselves out for others, should be left to feel lonely and neglected is sorrowful. We can and ought, each and all, in our own place and way, to do something to bring the glow of summer and the remembrance of the days of roses and love into the lives of those nearing their winter and their end.

It is one of the ironies of fate that the poet from whose pen has come the immortal lyric of the heartstone was himself a loving outcast—a homeless wanderer. The world remembers the pathetic story of John Howard Payne. Broken in health and reduced in fortune, the poor American exile found himself in the throbbing heart of the great city of London.

Between his publishers—who allowed him little—and his creditors—who came to see him often—the penitence poet was in sore trials. The Atlantic ocean separated him from kith and kin. He felt the acutest sense of isolation—the bitterest pang of loneliness. Perhaps no solitude is more oppressive than the solitude of great cities—the solitude which broods in the repellent looks of the unsympathetic multitudes. It is, as Lucian Knight has said, the heart's Sahara. Bereft of all other consolation, Payne seized the harp; and lightly he touched the strings. But not in vain. For the fire of inspiration was in the poet's soul; and on the banks of the River Thames, from the aching heart of an humble exile, leaped the heartstone melody of "Home, Sweet Home."

Don't encourage the visits of a tattling and tale-bearing woman, who knows all the low, bad things that pass among your neighbors, but nothing good.

This world is full of beauty. We alone, with the enigma of our greed, make it ugly. But we cannot altogether succeed in hiding all its beauty, and the open eye and appreciative heart still, without going far afield, may catch glimpses and often behold the full glory of field and flower and stary heaven. How deeply must we pity the life to which the beauty of the world brings no enriching, he who does not take a deep breath and feel a thrill of pleasure at sight of mountain, prairie or sea. And all the prodigal beauty of this world is but a message to us of the greater love of the life that upholds it all, &c.; the riches of him that inhabit eternity. And far beyond the field or flower, treasures greater and more enduring than ours of the taking, the appreciating, in friendships, human love, and companionships. The peace that broods from a mother's face, the strength of a father's life, the light in our children's eyes, the joys of home and hearthside—are not these the best riches of life?

Some persons foolishly imagine that the clothes makes the man. Fine feathers do not make a fine bird, except some time a jail bird. The insane love for fine and fashionable clothing has been the beginning of a downward life of many a boy or girl.

It may be all right in a certain sense to kiss a poodle dog, if you have nothing else to kiss. It never seemed very brilliant, cute or becoming for any one pretending to be a lady of sound mind and passing respectability to hug and kiss an offspring of the canine family. But then we admit that we are not so thoroughly versed in the changing science of etiquette and in the demands of polite society.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Some half dozen or more public sales have been added to the Democrat's sale register, this week. Consult the register.

Edward Allison, of Potters Mills, who had been quite ill, is able to be out of bed and hopes soon to venture out of the house.

W. C. Hoffman & Co., of Phillipsburg, are establishing a new ice factory in that live town, equipped with the most approved machinery.

The Boalsburg Lutheran Christian Endeavor Society will hold a chicken and waffle supper in the Boal hall on Saturday evening, 24th instant.

Capt. Thomas E. Clark, of Clearfield, formerly of Phillipsburg, is at Pottsville under a physician's care, and is reported to be in a very serious condition.

Henry Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. John Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fish, of Phillipsburg, who had been at Hubersburg attending the funeral of the former's brother, returned home.

William A. Odenkirk will likely become the successor of Register J. Frank Smith as merchant in Centre Hall. Mr. Odenkirk is negotiating for both the store building and the goods.

I. W. Stover, who had advertised to have a public sale of his farm stock on the Philip Stover farm near Coburn, has will consequently not make sale as he will need all his stock and implements.

John Condon, of Phillipsburg, who broke his leg on October 15, and after recovering so as to be able to move around went to Windber on December 18th to visit friends and on his arrival there had the misfortune to fall and break the leg over again at the same place.

James Fetterolf, of Centre Hall, had the misfortune to have a smash up with his Ford car recently. He was coming toward Pleasant Gap, and for some reason was unable to properly steer the machine, and the result was the wind shield, fender and other side trappings were scraped off the Ford hugging the railing along the pike.

The Clearfield Public Spirit says: A snake hatchery is said to be one of the latest Centre county industries as G. W. Rumberger, of Unionville, ex-register of Centre county, promises to engage in the raising of bullsnakes which he expects to be able to sell to the farmers of that section for the purpose of protecting their alfalfa and clover fields from the ravages of groundhogs, field mice, etc.

From Canning, S. D., Louis K. Dennis writes us: "We could not do without the Centre Democrat here in Dakota. We are looking ahead for a wondrous prosperous year. We certainly had a record breaking winter here. One morning it was 38 below zero. In Pierre, S. Dak., of course it was a good bit colder. The way the papers in Wisconsin report, it

was 45 below. Well good luck to you, Mr. Kurtz."

According to information received from Altoona the family of A. J. Welby, of this county, is sorely afflicted. Andy had just about recovered from a very serious attack of pneumonia when he was again laid on his back by a severe attack of rheumatism. His daughter, Mrs. Merris, is suffering from tonsillitis, and his good wife, Elizabeth, is also suffering from several complications. King Winter is surely sorely afflicting the Welby household. We sincerely trust that a kind Providence will intervene and restore each one to perfect health.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to Wm. H. Hall, tract of land in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$15.

Commonwealth of Pa. to Wilbert H. Wining, 155 acres and 75 perches in Rush and Worth Twp.; \$10.

Wm. Markle et ux to Katherine J. Lauck, 7 acres in Harris Twp.; \$650.

Laura A. Gill et M. L. Gill, 1 acre and 90 perches in Spring Twp.; \$1100.

Hester S. Christ to James C. Williams 1 acre and 90 perches in College Twp.; \$110.

E. P. McCormick to Max Finberg, tract of land in Phillipsburg; \$1050.

Michael Kelly to William H. Hall tract of land in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$25.

Geo. P. Hall to Mark Hall, tract of land in Union Twp.; \$1000.

James T. Thompson et ux to Wm. B. Shuster, 25 acres of land in Walker Twp.; \$501.87.

James L. Leathers to Jesse T. Leathers, tract of land in Howard Boro; \$1400.

It is said that few men can govern themselves. Wonder whether that's why so many of them get married?

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It is a wise thing to lay in a full month's supply, and in some instances even more, because many items are less than they will probably be again soon.

- 2c for six 5c Real Natural Hair Nets, large size.
- 10c for three 5c net-covered Collar Fountain, high-point or straight shapes; washable.
- 10c for three 5c cards of Hooks and Eyes; flat bill hooks; two dozen on a card; black or white; all sizes. 18c a box of six cards.
- Collar Supporters—10c for three 5c cards, Celluloid Collar Supporters—4 on a card.
- 10c for three 5c Duchess Collar Supporters, tubular covered—6 on a card.
- Hair Pins—10c for three 5c Cabinets of assorted wire pins.
- 15c for a 25c box, very best Hair Pins—Pin Shell or Amber Color—Various shapes.
- 5c for six 2c papers of Wire English Hair Pins, plain or crimped.
- Tapes—5c for three 3c pieces of 4-yard Superior Twill Tape.
- 10c for four 3c pieces of Twill Tape.
- Threads, Embroidery, Silk, Crochet and Knitting Cotton—15c
- 15c for four 5c spools of 50-yards of sewing Silk, black, white and colors.
- 10c for six 2 for 5c Skeins of D. M. C. Mercerized Embroidery cotton.
- 15c for four 5c Balls of Knitting Cotton, No. 10 and 12.
- 10c for four 4c Skeins Embroidery Silk—all colors and shades.
- Darning Cotton—5c for three spools of Clarks O. N. T. Darning Cotton, black, white tints and other colors.
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He'll cut the badness out of him
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No more need parents go about
All torn by aching voids.
The surgeon man will just cut out
Young Willie's adenoids.
And if this stunt should chance to fail
Still he need not get blue.
The surgeons—if he has the "kale"—
Will cut out tonsils too.

The boy who stayed away from school—
They called it "playing hook"—
Will get to love his teacher's rule,
And just adore his book.
The bad boy, who just wouldn't mind
For anything on earth,
Will be made to gentle, sweet and kind—
A paragon of worth.

Great stunt is this—oh, yes, indeed!
For others "kiss it" fine,
But for my own—well I don't need
A surgeon's help for mine.
Besides, some youngsters are so gay
And of all good benefit
That if they'd cut the bad away,
Why, there'd be nothing left.

—Richmond News-Leader.
The good things of the world have a habit of getting into the hands of bad people.
Many a chaperon is a matchmaker in disguise, even though she isn't employed at the match factory.

One of the troubles with preachers is that most of them know more about the next world than they do about this.

The Way It Went.—Jack—So you broke your engagement with Miss X—expensive. John—Neither she nor I broke it. Jack—Why, who broke the cards out? John—Why, she told me what her clothing cost, and I told her what my income was. Then our engagement gently dissolved.

A Curious Girlie.—The rustic farmer was piloting the newly arrived summer boarder, a young city lady, from the train to the farmhouse, when all at once she spied a small herd of calves in a field nearby. "Oh," she cried, "look at the little cowlets!" Grinning, the farmer replied, "Nope, Miss; them's bullets."

It Was Foolish.—"My wife and myself have had a number of foolish squabbles," remarked a young Oakmont man. "I suppose all young couples have." "Oh, yes." "But last night I must say we had the most foolish squabble of our married career." "What was the subject of your dispute?" "How we would invest our money, if we had any."

Being Overworked.—Two Irishmen died, so the story goes. One went to heaven and the other didn't. Mike called down to Pat: "What are you doing down there?" "What are you doing up there?" "Not very. We have shifts and work only three hours a day. What are you doing up there in hivin'?" "O'm' sweenin' the golden stairs." "Are you workin' hard?" "Ye. O' have to work eighteen hours a day. We're short of men up here!"

CARPENTER SHOP TALK.

"It is 'plane' that I love you," he began.
"Is that on the level?" she asked.
"Haven't I always been on the 'square' with you?" he urged.
"But you have so many 'vises,'" she remonstrated.
"Not a 'bit' of it," he asserted.
"What made you 'brace' up?" she queried, coquettishly.
"The fact that I 'saw' you," he replied, with a bow.
"I ought to 'hammer' you for that," she answered, saucily.
"Come and sit by me on the bench," he urged.
"Suppose the others should 'file' in," she demurred.
"Let me 'clamp' you to my heart," he pleaded.
"You shouldn't let your arms 'compass' me," she replied.
"I know a preacher who's a good 'joiner,'" he suggested.
"Promise not to 'chisel' him out of his fee," she requested.
"That wouldn't 'auger' wel for us," he answered.
"Shall I wear my 'blue print'?" she asked, as they started for the license.

For Inquisitive People.—"I see you have your arm in a sling," said the inquisitive passenger. "Broken, is it?" "Yes, sir," responded the other passenger. "Meet with an accident?" "No, broke it while I was trying to pat myself on the back." "Great Scott! What for?" "For minding my own business." "I see. Never could happen to me, could it?" "No." "And if it did I wouldn't be blame fool enough to tell it." Then there was silence in the car.

Learning to be Honest.—He was a shiftless colored body in Alabama, who, after being caught in a number of petty delinquencies, was at last sentenced to a short term in the penitentiary, where he was set to learning a trade. On the day he returned home he met a friendly white acquaintance, who asked: "Well, what did they put you at in the prison, 'Rastus'?" "Dey started in to make an honest boy out'n me, sah." "That's good, 'Rastus. I hope they succeeded." "Dey did, sah." "And how did they teach you to be honest?" "Dey put me in de shoe shop, sah, nallin' pasteboard soles on to de shoes, sah."

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