

# The Home Circle

Pleasant Evening Reveries as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

A Merry Christmas. Christmas brings the remembrance of a gift so great and wonderful that all who realize what it means to the world, feel the desire to give something in return though it may be nothing more than the expression of a wish for a Merry Christmas. No one was anxious to receive the gift at first. People do not always know the value of what is given them. The only door opened to receive it led into a cattle stable. But now, whose door does not fly open at Christmas to send out some blessing, some word of good cheer?

The old carols, sung to a few shepherds, has gone around the world now and the message of peace and good will has been carried everywhere. Somewhere, when you lay a new born babe in a man's arms, you are pretty sure to bring a smile to his face and softening to his heart as well. An infant is a great peace bringer. What has touched and softened the heart of this grim world more than anything else, is that Christmas brought a message of love down to earth and laid him fondlingly in the arms of humanity, brought him from home, and left him outcast, that the opportunity might be given to every man to take him in and give him the love and tenderness which is every child's birthright.

This it is which moves us to strive to make children happy at Christmas. They may be like those who float along with the river knowing nothing of its love source high up on the hills. But even if they do not know why most of us want to make it a merry time for the children, it is emphatically the children's festival. No one ever regrets it who goes out of the way to make some little ones happy at Christmas time. They are the special friends of the Christmas child, and it is well to be able to entertain the king's friend if not the king himself.

It does the world good to open its doors and take in the season's greetings. Buisness goes on all the happier because there is a warm, charitable feeling in a man's soul toward his employer or employes or acquaintance. We are all so busy we are apt to forget to be considerate, forgiving and kind. It is well to let the brain rest and allow the heart to rule sometimes, or men may lose the faculty of loving and being charitable.

Centuries of experience have proved that it is well to make a clearing house of the year, to square accounts by wiping off all the old grudges and settling old quarrels and listening once again to the message of peace and good will. Anger and malice never gave a man happiness; nothing but forgiveness and charity can do that.

Old Age. Young people frequently look upon aged people with pity, and think of

them as deprived of most things that make life agreeable. Yet, as a rule, the people cling to life as eagerly as any others, and that, too, not merely as shrinking from that which lies beyond death, but for the mere pleasure of living.

They are cut off, to be sure, from some sources of pleasure which they have had, but others are open to them. The ambition is less keen and the cares of life bring less anxiety than they once did. There is even a certain satisfaction in receiving that respect for age which is accorded to them by younger people, in accordance with an impulse that is as universal as it is noble.

To youth, hope makes the future bright—brighter often than events will make it; to the old, memory makes the whole past, stripped of its gloomier picture and filled with pleasant pictures, a part of the unchanging present.

Some Christmas Thoughts. The Christmas bell as it rings o'er this old world of ours is trying with all its might to sing, "The Heart of the Eternal is most wonderful kind." So kind, it folds itself into the wear of a babe and rests in the manger of Bethlehem and lets a sweet holy mother adore it.

God knew how this babe gift would blossom forth and its fragrance fill the world. He knew that childhood was the object of loving care and presents rich and rare would sparkle in fir-boughs at Christmas time. He knew that the dark days of December would be luminous with a heavenly glow because of the unquenchable light from the babe. He knew that those busy in daily toil, like the shepherds, would hear the rhythmic strains of angel voices urging the timid human heart, "Fear not," and calling all men to "Peace and Good Will."

May our village, where live lonely people, happy people, God-care for people, be lured skyward at this season and seeing the star of Bethlehem, rejoice with exceeding great joy.

Habit. We have read somewhere that the cost of stopping a railroad train had been closely figured out, and that it was much greater than the expense of running a train several miles. We do not know which is the harder to stop, a train or a habit, but are inclined to think the latter. We have never tried stopping a train. If trains are as hard to stop as some habits are, would ever be started. No one would dare ride on them. Boys, never start a thing you are not sure to stop. Never start a habit you think you may want to stop. It saves a great deal of trouble not to start it.

### NEW METHOD OF GIVING ETHER.

Said to Relieve Patient of Unpleasant After Effects.

A new method of administering ether by hypodermic injection, which method is said to be superior to the inhalation method now used in surgical operations, was demonstrated last week at the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, by Dr. J. Willis Hassler, of New York. The demonstration was given in the clinic of Dr. W. B. Vail Lennep, dean of the department of surgery of the Hahnemann College. Under the methods of hypodermic injection, which is a German discovery, it required just two minutes to anesthetize the patient. The proper quantity of a 2 per cent solution of ether was injected by Doctor Hassler into a vein in the patient's right arm. There was none of the usual gasping for breath and struggling common in the administration of the anesthetic by the old method. Instead, the patient dropped quietly off to sleep in just about one-third of the time which the "hood method" requires. An operation was performed on the patient after the anesthetizing.

The patient was under ether about 25 minutes. He came out of the ether as quietly as he went to sleep and none of the unpleasant and oftentimes injurious effects of the old method were noticeable.

Recently Dr. Beners E. Smith, of the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital, demonstrated that the nauseating effects experienced by the "hood" method can be almost entirely done away with if essence of orange peel is sprinkled on the hood in connection with the ether. Doctors at the Hahnemann Hospital experimented with the orange peel, and in every case the nauseating after effects of the ether were absent.

### To Our Correspondents:

In pursuance of our custom at the holiday season, there will be no paper issued from the Centre Democrat office next week. For this reason we will especially ask our numerous correspondents over the county to hold their weekly letters one week longer. We will print the issue of December 25th, and the next paper will be printed on Thursday, January 2nd, 1913. As the news of the holiday season will be larger than usual we will ask that the letters be sent in so as to reach the office not later than Monday, December 24th. Letters can be sent in even a little earlier than Monday as it will give us better time to handle same.

At this time we wish to express our appreciation to the numerous faithful correspondents of the Centre Democrat who have contributed so much in the past year to make the paper interesting to the large army of readers scattered far and wide.

### Enticed Lock Haven Girl From Home.

A news item from Columbus, Ohio, states that Joseph W. Napier, of Langley, S. C., was found guilty by a jury in the United States district court on Friday of violating the Mann "white slave" act in inducing Mary H. Ressler, aged 15, to accompany him from her home in Lock Haven, Pa., to Cadiz, O. The girl was hired ostensibly to play in a traveling show which Napier managed. Napier, it is said, has a wife and family.

### HE HAD UNRULY HAIR.

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### FROM BIG ROCK, ILL.

Enclosed find one dollar for which please send us the good old Centre Democrat for another year; we receive it regular every Saturday morning and are always glad when it comes, as it is a weekly letter from home. We left Federer, Pa., a little more than a year ago for Illinois and like it real well out here. The work is done much easier in the west than it is in the east, as most everything is done by machinery. We husked fifty-nine hundred bushels of corn on the farm I work, and had it all done in twelve days with a husker or corn picker as they are called. The corn crop is an enormous one through the west this year; nearly all the farmers here have their cribs and driveways full and some had to stop husking and shell to make room. I saw in your paper some time ago that hog cholera was pretty bad in Centre and Clinton counties; it is a common thing out here for hogs to have cholera; most all the farmers in the surrounding country where we live had to ship their hogs last year and this year on account of cholera. This is a great cattle-feeding state but there are very few hogs to account of hogs being scarce to run with the cattle. The farmers are going into the sheep-feeding business now as there is a good chance to make money on sheep this year, and they can also be fed a profit without hogs. About every farmer has from five hundred to a thousand or more sheep which will be fed until about March or later, when they will be marketed. We have had a fine fall all through—have not had any cold weather to speak of; it has been from five hundred to a few days but the weather seems more like spring than winter. Wishing all my old friends a happy Christmas and a glorious New Year, I am

Yours respectfully,

H. E. GLANTZ.

### Special Rates to Teachers.

The Grand Line Association of Railroads has authorized, on account of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association which meets at Harrisburg, December 25-28, a rate of one and three-fifths fare on certificate plan from points in Pennsylvania. Those who wish to take advantage of this rate will pay full fare to Harrisburg and ask for a certificate from the station agent from whom the ticket is purchased. On arrival at Harrisburg the certificate will be endorsed by a regularly appointed endorsing agent. This will entitle the holder to return by the same route at 3-5 of the regular one-way first class fare to the point at which the certificate was issued. Those who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity are asked to notify the station agent at their homes in advance of the purchase so that certificates may be on hand for purchase. On arrival at Harrisburg of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association will be unusually large. Requests have come for more than 10,000 enrollment blanks and 13,000 programs. Every county will be represented in the enrollment.

### Family Has Narrow Escape.

Mrs. Mary Simcox and her three sons had a narrow escape from death in a fire which destroyed their home at Youngstown, Ohio, on Sunday. Fortunately, a New York Central freight train had stopped at the tower and the engineer endeavored to alarm the family by blowing the whistle. This did not have the desired effect, and trainmen battering in the front door and the inmates were aroused from their slumbers, while the fire was burning fiercely and was filling the sleeping rooms with a dense smoke. It is thought the fire originated from a defective fuse.

### Wrong One Died.

An exchange remark: When a thought-to-be patron sends you a letter something after this style: "Pap died over two years ago and he had the paper up four months ahead when he passed away. You ought to have stopped it when the time was out. You needn't send it any more for we won't pay for the two years it has been coming in his name," the country editor naturally feels the wrong member of that family died when "Pap passed away."

### How to Treat Pimples

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This recipe makes a pint of cough syrup—enough to last a family a long time. You couldn't buy as much or as good cough syrup for \$2.50.

Simple as it is, it gives almost instant relief and usually stops the most obstinate cough in 24 hours. This is partly due to the fact that it is slightly laxative, stimulates the appetite and has an excellent tonic effect. It is pleasant to take—children like it. An excellent remedy, too, for whooping cough, croup, sore lungs, asthma, throat troubles, etc.

Mix one pint of granulated sugar with 3/4 pint of warm water, and stir for 2 minutes. Put 2 1/2 ounces of ginger (fifty cents worth) in a pint bottle, and add the Sugar Syrup. It keeps perfectly. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours.

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### WROTE TO THE GOVERNOR.

In the Interest of Holders of Scalp Probates.

Fulfilling a promise to many holders of probates for scalp premiums, on the 6th of December, I wrote a letter to John K. Tener, Governor of Pennsylvania, on the eve of the assembling of the Legislature, pointing out to him the great injustice to the people the great Commonwealth was doing to hundreds of poor men and boys. How for years they have been met on the presentation with the request for payment with the reply, "no money" appropriated for this purpose. How the credit of the great state had gotten so bad along this line that the holders of many scalps were afraid to invest a quarter to have them probated for fear of losing it also. How we were fearing a great and splendid system of highways; how we were endeavoring a great college building; the most complete and up-to-date prison; establishing health resorts, and game preserves, etc., all very commendable. But how does all this comport with (I may say) dishonest system of our treatment of the poor men and boys who take their time to capture the noxious animals we have been pretending to pay a premium for? Now is the time to get busy and see your legislators, and impress on them this very important duty.

A. W. REESE.  
Port Matilda, Pa., Dec. 10th, 1912.

(To this letter the following reply was received from the Governor.)

Harrisburg, December 7, 1912.

Mr. A. W. Reese, Port Matilda, Pa.

Dear Sir:—The Governor directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and to advise you that your suggestions will have careful consideration.

Respectfully yours,

W. H. GAITHER, Private Secretary.

### CALMLY SMOKED CIGARETTE.

### While Fellow-Trainmen Saved Off His Crushed Legs.

The story of a rare display of nerve comes from the scene of the wreck on the Western Maryland Railroad, which occurred recently near Pennar, Pa. Among the fatally injured was Harry Clayton, fireman of the ill-fated passenger train.

Clayton was caught between the cab of the engine and the tender of the passenger train. He hung, head down for ten or fifteen minutes before he was discovered by J. McWhirter, the fireman of the freight engine. Though suffering intense agony he had lighted and was smoking a cigarette. McWhirter propped him up with a board to relieve the rush of blood to his head and with other trainmen strove with might and main to release him. His feet were caught in such a way that their efforts were unavailing. As his legs had been terribly crushed, Clayton suggested that they cut them off. The only thing available was a carpenter's saw.

As McWhirter whacked away with the saw Clayton talked of his family and sent his love to his wife and children. Throughout the ordeal he remained conscious and encouraged the other men who were working over him. While they worked the cars and engines were constantly shifting the whole train. All were in danger of being crushed at any moment. They finally got him free and carried him to one side. Clayton died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

### Hungry Bear Robs Farmer's Wagon.

Charles Johnson, a farmer living near Seven Kitchens, was driving to Sunbury one morning last week with a load of potatoes. He heard some animal trotting along behind his wagon and thought it was another team. At a wide part of the road he turned to the right thinking he would let the team pass. When nothing passed Johnson looked around and saw a big black bear. It had torn open one of the bags and was helping itself to his potatoes, munching them contentedly as it trotted along.

Having no weapons he sat still while his horses plodded along, the bear keeping up with the wagon and eating the potatoes. After ten minutes, evidently having eaten its fill, it dropped back and then disappeared in the woods on Blue hill close by. Johnson declares the bear was as big as a six-foot man.

### Tyrene Has Small Birth Rate.

The books of the registrar of vital statistics show the smallest birthrate in Tyrene in six years, or since the act of assembly authorizing the registration of births and deaths, going into effect January 1, 1911. There were but 5 births in Tyrene during the month of November, as compared with 23 the preceding month, and 16 in November, 1911.—Herald.

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### Interesting Feature of Farmer's Week.

The Pennsylvania Plant Breeders' Association will hold its third annual show at State College, in connection with Farmers' Week from December 26, to January 2.

The show will include corn, small grains and potatoes, which will be judged by competent experts and suitable ribbons awarded for first, second and third prizes. These ribbons are of a beautiful design and will serve as a permanent award of merit. There will also be an opportunity for a display of photographs or other illustrative material which members may care to exhibit.

For further particulars and bulletin apply to C. E. Myers, Secretary-treasurer, State College.

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Hannah Ardery, late of Worth township, deceased. Testaments in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to ELLSWORTH E. ARDERY, Executor.

J. K. Johnston, Atty.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Martha Gunsallus, late of Liberty twp., deceased. Testaments in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to JOSEPH L. GUNSALLUS, Executor.

Henry C. Quigley, Atty. Beech Creek, Pa.

### LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there has been appraisal and set apart to Saddle A. Rothrock, widow of Oscar Rothrock, late of Liberty township deceased, real estate to the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars. Under the Act of June, 1883.

Real Estate. The real estate situated in Liberty township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post on a street leading from Eastville station to the Village of Eastville; North 29 deg. West 161.02 feet along said street, thence North 48 1/2 deg. East 293.2 feet along other land of said John Masten deceased, to a post; thence South 33 1/2 deg. East 166.4 feet along other land of said deceased to a stake; thence South 51 deg. West 216.2 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 135 perches more or less, together with a lease or alley 10 feet wide around the same.

The above appraisal has been confirmed by the Court and if no exceptions be filed thereto within thirty days the same will be confirmed absolutely by the Court.

H. C. Quigley, J. FRANK SMITH, Atty.

### LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there has been appraisal and set apart to Sarah Abigail Brown, widow of William G. Brown, late of the Borough of Bellefonte, deceased, real property to the amount of \$500.00 under the Act of Assembly approved April 1st, 1905 as follows to-wit:—

Real Estate \$500.00

Description of Real Estate. All that lot of ground situated in the Borough of Bellefonte, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: at a post on the East side of Ridge street eighty feet, North of Burrows alley thence by lot heretofore sold to James Caldwell sixty feet to a post at proposed alley thence by said proposed alley North eighty feet to a post at Hays' alley thence by Hays' alley 40 Ridge street, thence by Ridge street, South eighty feet to the place of beginning, fronting on Ridge street eighty feet and extending back sixty feet in depth to said alley.

The above appraisal has been confirmed by the Court and publication ordered for a period of 30 days and if no exceptions be filed thereto within 30 days the same will be confirmed absolutely by the Court.

J. FRANK SMITH, Register and Clerk of the Orphan's Court of Centre County.

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