

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Eventide.

Do not moan or pine over lost opportunities. Nothing will bring them back. But you live, and life means other opportunities, and hence rather press forward with full purpose to loose no more jewels than should bedeck your crown.

Nothing is easier to form than a habit. The first action breaks a path through an unbroken wilderness, the next widens it, the third makes a trodden highway. When a young man or girl drops into elan for fun—or, still worse, uses a word which borders on profanity,—there is a feeling of recoil the first time; but habit removes restraint, and presently the unfortunate or improper mode of speech is used without conscious protest. To beware of an evil habit is as important as to form a good one.

As we pen this column especially in the interest of wives and mothers, let us draw a picture that noble woman had the courage to witness and can look upon with pride while the bravest of men had business calling them elsewhere. How can we picture to ourselves a more touching scene than the one which drew forth from our Lord these words of tender love? "There stood by the Cross of Jesus, His mother, Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene," and with them was St. John. Truly a sorrowful and loving band—the only ones who in the hour of shame dared to show their close personal sympathy with the Crucified. Only one man amongst them but there were three women there. Women oftentimes surpass men in courage and they did on this occasion.

Woman has yet to learn the purifying and blessed influence she may gain and maintain over the intellect and affections of the human mind. Though she may not teach from the pulpit, nor thunder from the forum, in her secret retirement she may form and send forth the eggs that shall govern and renovate the world. Though she may not gird herself for bloody conflict, nor sound the trumpet of war, she may envelop herself in the panoply of heaven, and send the thrill of benevolence through a thousand youthful hearts. Though she may not enter the list in legal collision nor sharpen her intellect amid the passion and conflict of men, she may teach the law of kindness, and hush up the discord and conflicts of life. Though she may not be clothed as the ambassador of heaven, nor minister at the altar of God, as a secret angel of mercy she may teach His will, and cause to ascend the humble, but most accepted sacrifice.

In all ages woman has been the source of all that is pure, unselfish and heroic in the spirit and life of man. It was for love that Antony lost a world. It was for love that Jacob worked seven long years, and for seven more. What must have been his emotions when he awoke on the morning of the eighth year and found the homely, straggly Leah instead of the lovely and beautiful presence of his beloved Rachel. Poetry and fiction are based upon woman's love, and the movements of history are mainly due to the sentiments or ambitions she has inspired. There is no aspiration which any man entertains, no achievement he seeks to accomplish, no great and honorable ambition he desires to gratify, which is not directly related to either or both a mother or a wife. From the hearthstone around which lingers the recollections of our mother, from the bedside where our wife awaits us, comes all the purity, all the hope and all the courage with which we fight the battle of life. The man who is not thus inspired, who labors not so much to secure the applause of the world as the solid and more precious approval of his home, accomplishes little of good for others or of honor for himself.

Let the young mothers at the family bedside endeavor to instill in the tender minds entrusted to their care the gospel of peace and the evil of war. Better motherhood would help to restore this country that is hastening away from its first honored principles. Our Pilgrim mothers did not spend their time in idle decoration of themselves and their homes, but helped their husbands to develop a new country and establish homes on the rock of solid worth. It is just as important today for the wives to stand loyally by their husbands, and encourage and help them to earn and save and rise above the hindering things that bring bankruptcy and disgrace in their train. It has been said that thousands of men would today be in the poor house were it not for their wives. And that other thousands are there because of their wives. Which horn of this dilemma would you choose? Will you train yourselves into intelligent, managing capable women, or will you choose those lighter accomplishments that add nothing to your stature as a woman, and win no love that will last when your pilgrim here is over? There is no kind of pleasure so enduring as that we find in doing our duty.

FOURTH OF JULY.

We are soon to celebrate the greatest of our national holidays, the birthday of our nation. Arrayed in all the beauties of the year the Fourth of July will soon visit us. Green fields and a ripening harvest proclaim it and the hearts of freemen bid it welcome. From the lisp of babe in the cradle to the aged warrior whose gray hairs are fast sinking in the western horizon of life, every voice will on that day be turned to the accents of Liberty, Washington, Country. The American Constitution is the purchase I American valor. It is the rich prize that rewards the toil of eight years of war and blood. The Constitution is the great memorial of the deeds of our ancestors. On the pillar and on the arches of that dome their names are written and their achievements recorded. While that lasts it will carry down the record to future ages. Great Britain had carried the fame of her arms far and wide. She had reached her arms across the Eastern continent; had humbled France and Spain and given laws on the

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banks of the Ganges. A few scattered colonists did not rise up to contend with such a nation for mere renown. They had a nobler object, and in pursuit of that object, they manifested a courage, constancy and union that deserves to be celebrated not only by every reader of the Home Circle Column, but by every poet and historian while language lasts.

WHAT THIS MAN SAYS. Only Re-Echoes the Sentiments of Thousands of our Republic.

The Oregon City reader is asked to thoroughly investigate the following: This can readily be done, for the gentleman whose statement is published below will only be too pleased to answer any communication mailed to him if the writer really suffers from the annoying consequence which always attend inactive or weak kidneys.

Historical Society Quarterly.

The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, for March, has been laid upon our table. Mr. Clarence B. Bagley, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, who lived in Marion county up to 1860, but who, for most of the time since then has been identified with the Puget Sound press, gives a history of the "Mercer Immigration"—two cargoes of girls to make happy the lives of Puget Sound bachelors in 1865.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHAUTAUQUA

(Continued from page 7.) WOMEN'S DAY. Fifth Day, Saturday, July 16.

MORNING. 8:12—Classes. AFTERNOON. 1:30—Band Concert. 2:00—Solo. Introductory Address, Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, of Oregon City.

MORNING. 10:30—Sunday School under the direction of Howard N. Smith, Superintendent of Congregational Sunday School Society, of Portland. AFTERNOON. 2:00—Music Chautauqua Chorus.

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MORNING. 8:12—Classes. AFTERNOON. 1:30—Band Concert. 2:00—Solo. Introductory Address. Lecture, "Our Patriot Painters of the West," Mrs. Marian A. White, of Chicago, Illinois.

AFTERNOON. 1:30—Band Concert. 2:00—Lecture, "The Age of the Young Man," Hon. Lou J. Beauchamp, of Columbus Ohio. 3:30—Baseball. 7:30—Band Concert. 8:00—Special program given by Mrs. Harriet Colburn Saunderson, and her Assembly pupils, assisted by Miss Jennie F. W. Johnson, contralto, and Miss Veda M. Williams, accompanist.

PIONEER DAY. Eleventh Day, Friday, July 22.

MORNING. 8:12—Classes. AFTERNOON. 1:30—Band Concert. 2:00—Piano Solo, Miss Veda M. Williams, of Oregon City.

MORNING. 8:12—Classes. AFTERNOON. 1:30—Band Concert. 2:00—Introductory Address, Rev. W. C. Kantner, D. D., of Salem, Oregon.

Thirteenth Day, Sunday, July 24.

MORNING. 10:30—Sunday School under the direction of Rev. W. J. Walls, of Woodlawn. AFTERNOON. 2:00—Chautauqua Chorus. Solo, Miss Jennie F. W. Johnson, of Chicago.

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