

The Home Circle.

The Autumn of the World.

(By Edmund W. Gosse.) The last wan petals leave the rose, The latest swallows preen for flight...

A Beautiful Art.

(From Pacific Rural Press.)

Some weeks ago, I promised the readers of the RURAL PRESS to give them, during the year, some directions how to make inexpensive, but really valuable Christmas gifts.

Now put in a medicine bottle, holding at least half a pint, an ounce (four drachms) of prussiate of potash, in four tablespoonfuls of the rain water.

These nature printed photographs may be colored true to nature, in autumn tints, or the various hues of spring.

A great many impressions can be made in the same day by economizing time and space on the papers.

THE VALUE OF TROUBLES.—A person is not worth much that has not troubles.

A MAN with an affectionate disposition, who finds a wife to concur with his fundamental ideas of life, easily comes to persuade himself that no other woman would have suited him so well.

Sensible Advice About Boys.

We never could understand why so many parents experience such trouble with their boys. We like boys, and think we could select almost any little chap from the street and make a good man of him in time.

How does any one accept parentage without its attendant responsibilities? Is a pure life of no little consequence? We hear parents say, "I cannot manage my boy."

The Family Circle.

The Baltimore Sun alluding to the prevalence of crime among boys, very properly asserts that one of the main causes of the decline of morality is the decay of discipline.

Children are just as amenable to authority as they ever were. This is the main purpose for which Providence has made them helpless and dependent, that they may be trained to obedience.

ROUGH BOYS.—It is always pleasant to see boys well behaved and kind; but rough boys do not always make bad men.

THE PLEASURES OF LAW SUITS.—No man is so full of business as he who has a law suit, and no man does so little.

WEST HOME TOGETHER.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bigelow died at Geneva Falls, New York, a few days since.

THE CAT.—It is an interesting fact, quite recently established, that the cat of the Greeks and Romans was in reality the white-breasted beech marten.

A BIG WORLD.—A Georgia paper knows a man who went all the way from Caswell to Atlanta. On his return he looked solemn with the weight of garnered wisdom.

POOR LAND.—Somebody says of a not very good piece of land, "It is so poor that not even a disturbance could be raised upon it."

Significance of the Finger.

Each finger, and the mount at the base of it, is named after a planet. In the normal hand the second finger is the longest, and the third the next in length.

The Wrong Kind of a Candle.

A Kentucky paper relates that during the Christmas holidays, Starling Curd, an industrious colored man, living near Bristol, in that State, gave an entertainment at his house.

POWER OF BEAUTY.—A lovely woman necessarily exercises a great deal of power; but the foolish girl who relies solely on her own regularity of feature, and neglects the cultivation of her mind, is a melancholy spectacle.

A POPULAR GAME.—Here is a new game, very popular in the country just now: A young man takes a chestnut, cuts round the hull with a sharp knife, and then takes one-half the chestnut in his mouth.

HOW TO EDUCATE PRINCESSES.—The Queen of England's daughters are examples to the rest of the fashionable world in industry and taste.

GREENLET'S DAUGHTERS.—A New York paper says: "It is now nearly two years since the death of Mr. Greenlet, and this season, for the first time since that event, his daughters, Ida and Gabrielle, occasionally make their appearance in public."

WISHED TO BE EXCUSED.—A Detroit young woman tried to be aristocratic and did not look at the money that she gave the horse-car conductor.

A LATTER PHILEAS.—A Boston lawyer sends this: "Twenty years ago, just after I was admitted to the bar in Maine, I called one evening on the young lady who has since become my wife."

A GOOD MAN and a wise man may at times be angry with the world, and at times grieved at it; but no man is ever discontented with the world if he does his duty in it.

Nonsense.

The most striking resemblance of which we have lately heard was that of the hopeful son who "took after" his father with a club.

It is a thing to be wondered at that the advertisements of miraculous cures by the quack doctors are ever read or in any way pay for their being printed.

There was a Mrs. F. So very deaf She might have worn a persuasion cap And been hit on the head without hearing it snap.

Our farm once being in jeopardy from land sharks, we had to attend a term of the District Court of Sonoma County.

The court-room was the law-office of Judge T., and the jury of lawyers duly empaneled.

"Peter Hans C., you came to me to defend you?" "Yes." "Told me your case?" "Yes."

"What was the first thing I said?" "You must bring me a fee of a hundred dollars." "Mine God! I cannot! I have not got one cent. I am a stranger, all alone.

"You gets mat, and ret in the face, and you says to me: 'Git out, you Dutch!' And I say: 'Mr. H., you must defend me, and safe mine case; I gives you what I can, and I pays you sometime.'"

"I did, Mr. H.; you knows I did; because you kicked me out. But I came back." "Well?" "I tried hard. I could not get any monish, so I tried to borrow, but could not; then I begget, but could not; and then I wathet my chance and stole all I could.

A rich man had by an unrighteous law-suit obtained from a poor widow a small field, by the produce of which she was just able to maintain herself.

As he was about to go away to fetch a strong laborer to lift it, the widow held him back, and said: "Friend! stay here; as I am obliged to give up the whole field to you, therefore I will leave you the sackful of earth also."

A NEW INDUSTRY is about to be opened up in Virginia—the manufacture of alleerick, the active principle of madder. Elekerich, as heretofore obtained, has cost \$3.50 per pound; but by the new process it may be made for \$1.25.

Young Folks' Column.

A Noble Boy.

The following touching episode in street life, is a beautiful gem, and should find a place in all memories, surrounded with pearls of sweetest thought and gentlest sympathy.

A Word to Boys.

A writer in an educational journal, the title of which we have unfortunately lost, has the following pertinent and truthful remarks:

Boys, listen! The first thing you want to learn, to develop what force there is in you, is self-reliance; that is, as regards your relations to man.

A CANARY'S LESSON.—The following anecdote was told me by a very sweet and gentle-hearted person, who has found through her life great happiness and good from watching and caring for animals.

BOYS HEED THIS.—Many people seem to forget that character grows, that it is not something to put on ready-made, with womanhood or manhood; but day by day, here a little, there a little, grows with the growth and strengthens with the strength, until good or bad, it becomes a coat of mail.

REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE.—When Wm. H. Seward made his tour around the world, he witnessed some performances of jugglers in India which were quite surprising.

AN AMERICAN GUN IN ENGLAND.—The Maconnor gun (an American invention) was recently tested at Portsmouth, England, and a conical shot, weighing three pounds, discharged at the initial velocity of 2000 feet a second.

MINERAL OIL IN JAPAN.—Mineral oils are found in abundance in Japan and a commission of scientific Japanese is now in Philadelphia to examine into the principles and economy of this industry as developed in that State.