

The Home Circle.

Home. There is a land of every land the pride, Beloved by heaven o'er all the world beside...

The Golden Mean.

Somewhere, on some fair page, is praised the Golden Mean, and every day I live I find would speak in greater praise of its all-saving power.

hands find to do cheerfully and hopefully, when the heat and burden of the day is past; we shall reap a great reward.

The Discipline of Experience.

Practical wisdom is only to be learned in the school of experience. Precepts and instructions are useful so far as they go, but without the discipline of real life they remain of the nature of theory only.

A BABOON MOTHER.—Mr. Hazely in his African lectures vouches for the following: A woman belonging to a settlement of about 150 souls went one day to gather some wood and left her child on the ground to take care of itself.

STARS IN THE FLAG.—The number and meaning of stars properly placed on our flag are briefly and correctly described by the Philadelphia Ledger.

PHYSICAL BENEFIT OF SUNDAY.—Sunday is God's special present to the workman, and one of his chief objects is to prolong his life, and preserve efficient his working tone.

THE SOCIETY DEFINITION OF A "LADY."—Mr. Hamerton, in the Portfolio, thus defines: "A lady is a woman who clearly understands, and consistently practices, the refinements of a highly-civilized existence; and the most real distinction between a lady and a woman who is not a lady is, that one is more civilized than the other, and more determined to preserve the habits of a high civilization, both in her own person and in all those over whom she has authority.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, in London, has recently discovered that its charter speaks of "persons," and consequently that women are eligible for the examinations and diplomas of the college.

For Farmers' Boys.

Let the boys be encouraged to stick to the farm, unless they are stupid. The most active and energetic boys and young men are needed as tillers of the soil.

PATCHWORK.—There is no other method by which little girls can so easily taught the important and necessary art of needle work, as by this fascinating work.

FUN WITH BABIES.—An Augusta correspondent writes us an Ouida (N. Y.) exchange, tells of the following new and interesting game that can be played with babies.

THE VEST POCKET.—A young man from one of the suburban districts was in one of our tailor shops getting measured for a vest the other afternoon.

FRENCH ENGINEERING PROJECTS IN AFRICA.—The vast engineering project of filling a depression in the Sahara desert by allowing the entrance of water from the Mediterranean, is still discussed in the French scientific journals.

Young Folks' Column.

Letters to Boys and Girls—No. 12.

"I say, Auntie, you hasn't seen any lady 'round here that likes to tell stories to little folks, has you?" quoth my little nephew, Carl, stumbling over my work in his eagerness to look directly in my face.

The Boy Who Helped Make Maple Sugar. Some time ago, in a certain New England city, there lived a little boy named Albert Baker. He was bright and active, always moving about from morning until night.

Bertie was in a great hurry to see the sugar made, so he was very glad to hear his uncle say one morning: "Well, boys, I guess we'll get out the sap buckets to-day. As for Albert, I suppose he won't care to go to the sugar place until we get some sugar for him to eat."

By the time the water was hot the buckets were taken down and set upon the ground, one by one, and Mr. Baker, James and Olin began to wash them. Willie and Bertie watched the fire, threw chips at the squirrels, slid down the hill toward the spring and tried to build a snow man, but his arms would n't stick on good.

THE SEWING MACHINE IN EUROPE.—At the annual survey of the employees connected with the extensive works of the Howe sewing machine company, Glasgow, Scotland, recently held, the chairman stated that the British islands alone had taken a third of the machines (61,124), which the company had made in 1875.

SHAM COFFEE.—We learn from a statement in the Journal of the Chemical Society that sham coffee is manufactured from tough dough, squeezed into little molds and baked until the color becomes dark enough to deceive the eye.

FRAUDS TO NEARLY \$900,000 have been committed in the Government printing, at Washington.

Domestic Economy.

FANCY MATS FOR FLOORS.—Take a piece of canvas, of size desired, such as coffee sacks are made of. Cut a quantity of black and colored cloth in circles of various sizes, making sufficient, when one is laid on top of another, to cover the entire mat.

A HOME-MADE CARPET.—An Eastern lady says: Have any of you a spare bedchamber, seldom used, which you would like to carpet at little expense? Go to the paper-hanger's store and select a paper looking as much like a carpet as you can find.

BE ECONOMICAL.—"Take care of the pennies," Look well to your spending. No matter what comes in, if more goes out you will always be poor.

WASHING DISHES.—A housekeeper makes the following suggestions: I have large dish pan, small dish pan, and a basket made of ordinary flint.

APPLE FLOAT.—A pint of stewed, well mashed apples; whites of three eggs, four large spoonsful of sugar, beaten until stiff; then add the apples and beat all together until stiff enough to stand alone.

BARON DE LESHESPE.—The man who made an international fame in carrying the project of the Suez Canal to a successful completion, Baron de Leshespe, is pleasantly gossiped about by a correspondent as follows: Though 70 years old, he is still a young man, and contemplates grand designs which it is to be hoped he will live to carry out.

RAILROAD CROSSINGS.—A bill has lately been passed by the Massachusetts legislature providing that "no highway or town way shall hereafter be laid out across a railroad at a level therewith, nor shall any railroad be laid out and constructed across a highway or town way at a level therewith, without the consent in writing of the board of railroad commissioners, in addition to the authority of the court commissioners, as now required."

PRICES OF METALS.—One pound of indium will purchase 132,354 pounds of iron, about eight and a half of gold, 23 1/2 of platinum, 135 of silver, 1,018 of nickel, 1,654 of mercury, 6,617 of antimony, 7,780 of tin, 10,180 of copper, 17,650 of zinc, and 24,070 of lead.