

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Conducted by Miss HATTIE B. CLARKE. SALEM, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1877.

The Goodest Mother.

Evening was falling cold and dark, And people hurried along the way, As if they were longing soon to mark Their own home candle's cheering ray.

Not as I Will.

Blindfolded and alone I stand With unknown thresholds on each hand; The darkness deepens as I grope,

Blindfolded and alone I wait; Loss seems too bitter, gain too late; Too heavy burdens in the road

Not as I will, the sound grows sweet Each time my lips the words repeat, Not as I will, the darkness feels

What Girls Shall Read.

ED. HOME CIRCLE: I have been for some time a reader of your valuable paper, and have noticed several different articles about what girls can read;

Mrs. Cauliflower seems to advise us to attend balls and read Mrs. Duniway's paper, Mrs. Beanepole says read history, Mrs. K. seems to highly indorse woman suffrage,

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with I had spent that time reading some useful book that was placed before me; but, alas, it is too late now. I have spent it reading novels and have not received any benefit.

Woman's Rights.

McMINNVILLE, April 16, 1877.

ED. HOME CIRCLE: I never read anything in my life that did me so much good as Susan Jane Cauliflower's letter in your last issue.

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ed her right! Only think of the impudence of a woman's righter going into a car filled with womanly women and manly men and looking up and down for a seat!

Sisters if you wish men to be kind and polite to you, you must act and talk, and think as they desire you to. When women so far lay aside their modesty, as to allow their feet, or even their minds, to wander from the beaten path...

JENNY SQUASH.

What Girls Should Read, and Woman's Rights.

ED. HOME CIRCLE: I should like space in your paper to answer some of the ideas advanced by Mesdames Parsley and Cauliflower. Mrs. P. says as she has children growing up and a mother's position is a very responsible one, she would like to hear from others on the subject of "What girls shall read."

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CHOICE RECIPES.

CORN STARCH PUDDING.—One pint of milk, two tablespoonsfuls of corn starch, half cup of sugar, whites of three eggs, salt and flavoring. Beat the eggs to a stiff froth.

COCONUT CUP CAKE.—Take three coffee-cupfuls of flour, one of butter two of sugar, one of cocoanut, one of milk, half a cup of brandy, the juice and grated rind of a lemon, seven eggs one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, half a teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls of the extract of bitter almonds, or about fourteen of the almonds blanched and pounded; this quantity will make two loaves; bake in shallow pans.

CHICKEN FRICASSEE.—Take three onions, one eschalot, two cloves of garlic, one bunch of parsley, one of carrot, all to be chopped separately; pepper and salt. In a sauce-pan put one quarter of a pound of butter, and brown with the above; when done, take two chickens cut up, pour in beef stock to cover, cook slowly for one hour, then pour in a large glass of sherry. Add the yolks of two eggs, and a large tablespoonful of flour to thicken.

SPONGE CAKE.—Two cups of thoroughly-sifted flour, (not the prepared,) two cups of powdered sugar, and six eggs, and half of a large lemon; no baking powders. Beat the yolks with the juice and then beat the sugar with it well together; then beat to a stiff froth the whites of the eggs separately, and then beat all together, leaving the sifted flour for the last, which must be carefully stirred in.

RATS.—A handful of fresh chloride lime sprinkled in rat holes will keep them away for months.

BREVITIES.

Charity under divine impulse may relieve suffering. Charity under divine wisdom will prevent it.

Many persons, after once they become learned, cease to be good; all other knowledge is hurtful to him who has not the science of honesty and good nature.—Montaigne.

"Is Mr Brown a man of means?" inquired a lady visitor of Aunt Betsy. "Yes, I should think he was," replied Aunt Betsy, "as everybody says he's the meanest man in the town."

Jennie June thinks a knowledge of cooking is what the poor need most. We don't like to dispute with a lady, but it seems to us something to cook might be fully as necessary, though we may be wrong.

Work while it is called to-day, for you know not how much you may be hindered to-morrow. One to-day is worth two to-morrows; and never leave till to-morrow anything that you can do to-day.—Observer.

No man's life is free from struggle and mortification, not even the happiest; but every one may build up his own happiness by seeking mental pleasures, and thus make himself independent of outward fortune.—Humbolt.

A cockney gentleman stepped up to give his testimony: "There was a vast crowd getting about 'im, hand one said the man was killed, hand hanother said the same; hand I hex'aimed, with a loud voice, 'Hif the man his killed, why don't you stand back hand give 'im a little hair?'"

An old gentleman always took notes of his clergyman's sermons and on one occasion read them to the minister himself. "Stop! Stop!" said the latter on the occurrence of a certain sentence; "I didn't say that." "I know you didn't," was the reply; I put that in myself to make sense!"

The Duty of a Woman to be a Lady.

Wildness is a thing which girls cannot afford. Delicacy is a thing which cannot be lost and found. No art can restore to the grape its bloom. Familiarity without love, without confidence, without regard is destructive to all that makes women exalting and ennobling.

Nothing? It is the first duty of a woman to be a lady. Good breeding is good sense. Bad manners in a woman is immorality. Awkwardness may be ineradicable. Bashfulness is constitutional. Ignorance of etiquette is the result of circumstances. All can be condoned and do not banish man or woman from the amenities of their kind.

that men shall look up to you for reward, not at you in rebuke. The natural sentiment of man towards woman is reverence. He loses a large means of grace when he is obliged to account her a being to be trained into propriety.

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