THE HOME CIRCLE.

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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.

Before me toiled in the whirling wind A woman with bundles great and smal And after tugged, a step behind, The bundle she loyed the best of all.

A dear little roly-poly boy
With rosy cheeks, and a jacket blue,
Laughing and chattering, full of joy,
And here's what he said—I tell you true:

"You're the goodest mother that ever was." A voice as clear as a forest bird's: And I'm sure the glad young heart had

To utter the sweet and loving words. Perhaps the woman had worked all day Washing or scrubbing: perhaps she

sewed; I knew by her weary footfall's way, That life for her was an uphill road.

But here was a comfort, children dear, Think what a comfort you might give To the very best friend you can have here, The lady fair in whose house you live,

If once in a while you'd stop and say, In task or play for a moment pause, And tell her in sweet and winning way, "You're the goodest mother that ever was

"Not as I Will."

Blindfolded and alone I stand With unknown thresholds on each hand; The darkness deepens as I grope, A'raid to fear, afraid to hope; et this one thing I learn to know, Each day more surely as I go,
That doors are opened, ways are made,
Burdens are lifted or are laid,
By some great law unseen and still,
Unfathomed purposes to fulfil,
"Not as I will."

Blindfolded and alone I wait; Loss seems too bitter, gain too late; Too heavy burdens in the road And too few helpers on the load: And joy is weak and grief is strong, And years and days so long, so long; Yet this one thing I learn to know, Each day more surely as I go, That I am glad the good and iil By changeless law are ordered still "Not as I will."

" Not as I will," the sound grows sweet Each time my lips the words repeat, "Not as I will," the darkness feels More safe than light when this thought stea Like whispered voice to calm and bless "Not as I will," because the One Who loved us first and best has gone Before us on the road, and still For us must all his love fulfil, "Not as we will."

What Girls Shall Read.

ED. HOME CIRCLE: I have been for some time a reader of your valuable paper, and have noticed several differ- elevate them: ent articles about what girls can read; and as they seem to differ greatly in their opinions, I thought it would not be wrong for me to write a line in that show where this degradation has taken regard. I have often wondered why some young lady did not speak out through your columns and tell what plar or Grange organizations? Why she would read, instead of letting the doesn't she produce her specimens of old ladies do all the talking. As I am women, once pure, and womanly, who "only a girl," please allow me to say have cast their virtue into the ballot one word:

Mrs. Cauliflower seems to advise us to attend balls and read Mrs. Duniway's paper, Mrs. Beanpole says read history, Mrs. K. seems to highly indorse woman suffrage, while Novel Reader says "read plenty of sensible novels." Now they all give us different advice in regard to reading. Which one's ad- I should think." vice shall we accept? Almost all perare of different natures and seek different reading matter and amusements. kinds, and have always allowed me to terly opposed to woman suffrage but the only fault of her conduct. A genhave never denied me the privilege of that balls have ever benefited me any. men in giving up a seat to a lady, does I know I was brought in contact there whom no lady should associate. I honestly believe that dancing, especial- dure the fatigue of standing, coupled ly at public balls, is not the best amusement for girls. Reading Mrs. Duniway's paper has never made any impression on my mind in favor of wo-

such an absurd thing as woman suf- the rudeness and faults of our opposers fige! Every one knows that woman's as proof against our cause." boility is much weaker than that of man's, but I don't intend to try to express my sentiments in that respect, talker, if her little girl had not come for I should consume a great portion of in, all out of breath, to tell her the sire to read novels and was allowed, of end, but a consistent woman would not in crowded assemblies where every nevels, many dozens or hundred nov- further the cause of justice, and so she than I was before, only I know what when she was gone for it left me free the teachings of my mother and thankunreassnable untruthful stories people to again read and enjoy Mrs. C's, letter. ed the donor, too. on write. But who have I been read. I think that car scene is perfectly subhave only wasted my time. I only saying to myself, good for him! Serv- always taken by diamonds.

it very difficult to read and recite their lessons well, and could not advance in their studies. Why was it they didn't learn? Simply because they spent their time in reading novels, love stories &c. Novel reading makes no one wiser. There are many good books and papers and every girl can select for herself. I don't think parents should deprive their daughters of reading what they prefer, but never urge them to read novels and attend balls. Now let some other girl express her senti-ments through the FARMER. Don't let your mothers do all the writing. It no more than right that we should read various histories and become perfect in all the branches of education we may receive, but deliver me from novel reading. Give me good books, music and the FARMER, and I think I will progress in a successful manner. I hope to hear more on this subjet re long. Miss J. D. J.

Woman's Rights.

ere long.

Polk Co.

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. I have read it a dozen times, or more, and each time it has furnished new food for thought. Her ideas on woman's rights are most beautiful, and suit me exactly. But what a shame it is that all women don't think about it as I do: There is my woman's rights neighbor, Mrs Mullencup; you ought to hear her go on about it- She says that last article of Mrs C's, is the flattest thing she ever saw in the shape of argument against the woman movement. That in fact there is no argument in it but only a few assertions that the writer cannot substantiate. She says she would like to know what force there is in Mrs C's. assertion that it would degrade women to go to the polls and vote when another person can just as easily assert that it would not degrade, but on the contrary would

"When Mrs C. makes such a statement, why doesn't she bring some facts to prove it? Why doesn't she place in cousequence of women voting? Is it in Wyoming, or the Good Tembox along with their votes, and are no longer recognized as honest women? Wouldn't a few more facts be better than so much fancy"?

She looked at me as though she expected a reply, but I only said;

"What about that scene in the cars? There was more fact than fancy in that

"Yes" she said, "but what does it all sons differ in their opinions, and girls prove? Nothing except that the man was not a gentleman. There was no mention made of any rudeness on the My parents have placed within my part of the lady. She did not ask the reach histories and books of various gentleman to vacate a seat for her benefit. She answered an impertment read what I preferred. They are bit- question, which seems to have been tleman will always conduct himself as reading Mrs. Duniway's paper or any such. A gentleman would no more other I wished, and I assure you they thing of questioning a lady under such taught me to read and regard that pre- circumstances, in regard to her belief cious book, the "Holy Bible, book di- in woman's rights, than he would of vine." I have been permitted to at- inquiring after her politics, her religion tend balls if I wished. Now I can't see or her family affairs. The courtesy of not spring from any of these considerwith many degraded characters, with ations, but from the knowledge that women are weaker and less able to enwith a kindly desire to bestow favors, The same feelings prompt a lady to yield the most desirable place to a sick or crippled man, and induce the young man's rights. There is no lady who to give up the easy chair and cosy correalizes what women would be in men's ner to the old and decrepit. It is so ph ces that can be guilty of advocating strange that people will bring forward up. It would have been an act of gen-

I don't know how much more she would have said, for she's an awfui our paper. In regard to reading nov- yeast was running over. She said she -I would say I once had a great de- should like to pursue the subject to the I have never found it so. I have been jurse, to do so; I have read many neglect her home duties-not even to b, and I dare say I am no wiser now departed for her dough. I was glad g about? I don't know-therefore I lime! I never read it over without

wish I had spent that time reading |ed her right! Only think of the impusome useful book that was placed be- dence of a woman's righter going into fore me; but, alas, it is too late new. a car filled with womanly women and I have spent it reading novels and manly men and looking up and down have not received any benefit. It is for a seat! What a hum of approval true that if a young lady or any one must have passed through the car, gets interested in reading novels (I when that gentleman told her she mean gets in the habit of reading could stand with the rest of the men. them) they will even neglect their du- How the ladies must have admired ties and business. I have known ma- him, and how the gentleman must ny girls and boys at school who found have honored him for his manly cour-

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 that men as their natural guardians, protecters and rules, have marked out for them, let them not be surprised to find that they have aroused the sleeping lion who will pounce upon and destroy them.

JENNY SQUASII.

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." Now, the way I have always managed with my children, and I have several grown sons and daughters, was to set them the example of reading myself. Parents can hardly expect to cultivate a taste for reading in their children, when they have none in themselves. As to what boys and girls shall read, the parent's example is as potent in this as in the other case. Furnish your children with interesting cess as a sponge cake. books and papers suitable to their age and capacity, and if they have any talent in that direction you can cultivate it. My husband and I have bought books from time to time on al most every subject, mixed with light literature, besides we take several papers and magazines, and all are read and appreciated, and none more than the FARMER and New Northwest. Mrs. Parsley admits that she knows nothing about the New Northwest, but supposes it filled with woman's rights, "and if they exercised what rights they have they would not be carried away with such silly trash." How does she know it is "silly trash," if she knows nothing about it? She further remarks: "When they get into the habit of reading and thinking about such things, they will ineglect their studies, their work, and likewise their family, and such would not be fit for wives and mothers." My experience and observations are that those women who believe in "equal rights," (I believe in men's rights as well as women's rights) make better wives and mothers, can turn off more work, and will study more than those who do not believe in woman's rights. The woman who has a mind expansive enough to comprehend the broad principles of equal rights will have something else to think about besides the petty annoyances of life, and that keeps her temper smooth and unruffled, and if she does meet with disappointments they are no more than fall to the lot of other folks. Now, for Mrs. Cauliflower. She seems to be afraid she will have to fight if women have equal rights with men. I guess she is one of the "invincible in peace, invizible in war" kind. As far as fighting is concerned I had just as soon fight as to raise sons to fight. And she is afraid women will lose their modesty and refinement. So it used to be argued if women went to political speakings or any such thing they would lose their modesty and refinement, but they have not, as far as my observation goes. The instance she cites of the man who would not give the woman a seat in the car because she believed in woman's rights, only proves that he was a bigot who wanted everyone to see just as he did. He had a perfect right to his seat, had paid his money for it, and no woman had a right to expect him to give it erosity for him to have offered the woman his seat and he should have been thanked had he done so, but for her to expect it merely because she was a wo-

man is not right. So far as to men losing respect for women who believe in woman's rights, man knew my sentiments on the woman question, and I have always had seats offered and I always remembered Mas. M.

Lafayette. In society's game of cards hearts are

CHOICE RECIPES.

CORN STARCH PUDDING .- One pint of milk, two tablespoonsfuls of corn staerh, half cup of sugar, whites of three eggs, salt and flavoring. Beat the eggs to a stiff froth. Dissolve the corn starch in a little of the milk. Stir the sugar into the remainder of the milk, and place on the fire. When it begins to boil add the dissolved corn starch. Stir constantly for a few mo-ments, then add the eggs and let it re-main a little longer, then put it into a

COCOANUT CUP CAKE.-Take three coffeecupfuls 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 teaspoon of soda, two teaspoonfuls of the extract of bifter almonds, or about fourteen of the almonds blanched and pounded; this quantity will make two loaves; bake in shallow pans.

CHICKEN PRICASSEE,-Take three onions, one eschalot, two cloves of garlie, 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. The pan must be ready. The oven must not be too hot, as care must be taken not to have it cook too rapidly. It is better to have two persons to make a sponge cake, as it depends altogether upon its standing a moment after mixing to make a suc

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 do to-day.—Observer.

No man's life is free from struggle and mortification, not even the happlest; 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 gitting about 'im, hand one said the man was killed, hand hanother said the same; hand I hexc'aimed, with a loud voice, 'Hif the man his killed, why don't you stand back hand 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 can-not 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. "The world is wide, these things are small. They may be nothing, but they are all."

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 meradicable. Bashfulness is constitutional. Ignorance of etiquette is the result of circumstances. All can be condoned and do not banish man or result of circumstances. woman from the amenities of their kind. But self-possessed, unshrinking and aggressive coarseness of demeanor may be reckoned as a State prison of-fense, and certainly merits that mild form of restraint called imprisonment for life. It is a shame for women to be lectured on their manners. It is a bitter shame that they need it. Women are the umpires of society. It is they to whom all mooted points should be referred. To be a lady is more than to be a prince. A lady is always in her right inalienably worthy of respect. To a lady prince and peasant alike bow. Do not be restrained. Do not have impulses that need restraint. Do not wish to dance with the prince unsought; feel differently. Be such that you confer honor. Carry yourselves so lottily loregon.

that men shall look up to you for re-ward, not at you in rebuke. The nat-ural 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. A man's ideal is not wounded when a woman fails in wordly wisdom; but if in grace, in tact, in sentiment, in deli-cacy, in kindness, she should be found wanting, he receives an inward hurt.— Gail Hamilton.

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