THE HOME CIRCLE.

Conducted by Miss HATTIE B. CLARKS.

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A WOMAN'S ANSWER.

You have written my lesson of duty out, Man-like have you questioned me; New stand at the ta of my woman's soul, Until I question thee.

You require your mutton shall be always

hot. Yours seeks and your shirts be whole; I require your heart to be pure as God's stars, And pure as His heaven your soul.

You require a cook for your mutton and beef, I require a far greater thing;

A seamstress you're wanting for socks and for shirts, I look for a man and a king.

A king for the beautiful realm called bome And a man that the maker, God, Shall look upon as he did from the first, And say, "It is very good."

I am fair and young, but the roses will fade From my soft young cheek one day— Will you love me then 'mid the falling leaves

As you did 'mong the bloom of May" Is your heart an ocean so strong and deep may launch my all on its tide A loving woman finds heaven or hell

On the Jay sae is made a bride. I require all things that are grand and tree All things that a man should be; If you give this all I would stake my life To be all you demand of me.

If you cannot be this- a laundress and coo You can hire, and a little to pay: But a woman's heart, and a woman's life Are not to be won that way.

GIVE HIM A LIFT.

Give him a lift! Don't kneel in prayer, Nor moralize with his despair; The man is down, and his great need Is ready help—not prayer and creed. One grain of aid just now is more To him than tomes of saintly lore. Pray, if you must, in your full heart, But give him a life—give him a start!

> "JOE." BY JESSIE G. D.

" Who ?"

"Guess," "Jerry Morgan?"

" Alfred Johns?"

"Mr. Ormes?" "No, it's the new Principal of our

Academy-Paul Ainsly." "Lucky he didn't ask for me, what did you tell 'im?" queried Joe.'

"I told him that Miss Emma was engaged, but would be in presently. Now Em, go and get that ridiculous rig days went to the academy to recite off, while I go and entertain the Professor."

The girls ran up stairs, while Hattie started for the parlor.

"I say, Hattie!"

"Well what is it Joe?"

"Bring him in here, and introduce me as 'Grandma Wilder,' I'll be a little deaf; let down that curtain and he'll never suspect; Oh, won't it be fun!"

"But Joe-" "Oh, yes, do Hattie."

" Well."

"Hattie crossed the hall and entere the parlor, saying:

"The parlor's quite chilly, won't you come into the Library where there's a good fire? there's no one one in there but old Grandma Wilder," he arose and accepting her invitation they entered the library.

"Grandma, this is Professor Ainsly," said Hattie in a loud voice.

"How d'ye do Mister Ainsly? 'scuse my risin', I,ve got the rheumatiz; are ye troubled with the rheumatiz, Mr. Ainsly?"

That gentleman colored and said with a faint smile, that he thought he was rather young to be troubled with that

"Are ye married Mister Ainsly?" "No Madame;"

"Aha! an ole bach hey?" (with a shrill laugh) "My grandaughters will be settin' their caps fur you, though I don'no 'bout Josephine, she's most too young, bein' only fifteen."

The school teacher said nothing, but he thought:

"What a garrulous old lady! but I'm glad I found out that lovely mischief's age; how I wish she were older, I'm thirty-one now."

" Hattie I hear Emma a comin' down stairs, wish you'd go an tell her to bring my black shawl."

Hattie was nearly choked with laughter at Joe's clever acting and shrill voice, so gladly left the room, and meeting both girls (Georgia still wore her dandy suit) told them of Joe's mischief, which caused a merry peal of laughter' then they heard Joe say:

"Law sakes, jest hear them gals larf! young critters like them are so happy like; seems to m? I'd like to be young

agin onct more." They didn't hear the Professor's answer, and Hattie and Emma entered the library, Georgia whispering:

"I'll ring the bell, and some of you must present me as: 'Augustus D'

Orme'." Accordingly when they had seated themselves and Emma had just got into an interesting conversation, on the

latest book, with the handsome Paul, ing "Grandma" to start out of a seeming nap ann exclaim:

"La sakes who may that be!"

"Hattie dropped her worsted, and obeying the summons, soon reappeared Mr. Ainsly. Up went the eye-glasses, and dainty fingers were tipped out to that gentleman, while she said:

"Aw how do ye : oaw Misteaw Ainsly, gauad to see you."

and after a fifteen minute call " Augustus" rose and after expressing his (her) and assuring her of her devoted leve that he could be so witty and entertainkissed her hand, and bade them "good afternoon." "Grandma" was taken that she had been even more mischievbly requested Emma to assist her upstairs. Metninks the Professor would have opened his eyes had he beheld "poor feeble grandma" chasing Mr. Augustus around, in the upper hall, at the gate. and Miss Emma sitting helplessly in a chair convulsed with laughter. Presently she returned to her caller, and excusing Hattie at her own request, they once more resumed their conversation on books.

When at last Professor Ainsly bade Miss Wilder good evening, as he passed in the hall to get his hat and umgloves, and a hat, that looked suspi- day?" clously like those worn by "Mr. D' Orme. He stopped a moment and heard some one say:

"Oh, Joe! I've lost my eyeglasses, do you suppose I left them in the hall with my gloves?"

saw "Miss Georgia Ames" Inscribed Georgia and ask them about it. The on the inside, with indelible ink; then | counsel of four decided to tell Mr Ainsturning to leave the hall, he heard that ly that 'Grandma' had gone and 'Auyoung lady laugh merrily and say:

"Oh, Joe! don't you think I can enact the 'dandy' to perfection?"

himself, and he laughed all the way home, and whenever he thought of Georgia. That young lady, and Emma Wilder had not yet finished their education, and on Mondays and Thurstheir lessons. The day following the girls masquerade, the Principal walked to the academy, still thinking of Georgia's acting, and her farewell to Grandma Wilder came to his mind, this thought struck him:

"Either Grandma knew that 'Augustus' was not what he seemed to be," or else she was also acting; was it possible? yes she did resemble Joe;" and wise: Emma Wilder was going to give he walked to his desk puzzled yet resolving to sift the matter thoroughly. and a couple of days previous the girls After prayers he went around to Em- were gathered around the stove disna and Georgia who sat together.

"Did you solve that problem Miss

"Yes sir, I had no trouble with it." "Ah! I'm pleased of your success, I have a question for you that puzzles caller. Joe and Georgia remained me considerably but you, I think can answer it without any trouble." Georgia's eyes drooped under the

steady searching gaze. "I wonder if he does su pect me?"

she thought quietly. He turned to her companion. "Did you have good success with

your examples Miss Emma?" "Some were quite easy, but Cousin

Joe helped me with the others." "Ah! your cousin is farther advanced

than you!" he remarked pleasantly. "Oh, yes! she graduated three years

"She must have been quite young;" "No, she was eighteen," returned Emma innocently. He only asked one more question, watching her face close-

"How is Garndma Wilder, this morning?"

Georgia's suddenly busy fingers on her slate, and Emma's blush, and the look of merriment that stole into her eyes as she answered: "She's quite well thank you;" helped to confirm his suspicions. That evening Joe received a note from him, asking permission to accompany her to a concert, to be given

the next evening. "Will you go?" asked the girls. "I don't know, do you suppose he'd think he was condescending any?"

"No, of course not!" "Well, I'll go then if Mamma's willing." Of course "Mamma" was willing that Joe should go with the handsome well off Professor; he was so grave and gentlemanly, she would not be likely to get into mischief if he were with her; so Joe wrote and accepting the note, the following evening found her walking demurely by Mr. Ainsly's side, clasping his arm lightly with her little gloved hand.
"How's Grandma this evening?" he

queried, in the course of the walk.

there was a loud peal of the bell, caus- in the thought of having acted so cleverly, but at his next words she felt a little alarmed. You are about the same height are you net?"

"I believe we are."

"Your resemblance is apparent, I with Georgia, whom she introduced to think you are only a younger image," "I was not aware that we looked alike, you must think that I am very o d."

"Indeed you look quite young, and I always supposed you quite young 'till Then followed a short conversation a little bird told me your exact age " Joe adroitly changed the subject.

As they returned from the concert, "wegwets" that Miss Josle was not at she found herself thinking how very home, went over to that young lady agreeable he was, and she didn't know and begging her to call before long, ling. Always before he had been sarcastic, and critical and so very proper with a violent fit of coughing, and fee- ous and childish than she really was; but to-night she was a lady, he a gentleman, and thus her enjoyment.

"Have you enjoyed the evening?" he queried, as he bade her good night.

"Yes, very much."

"May I accompany you to church, Sunday evening?"

"Certainly, another good night, and she ran up to her room where Emma sat reading.

"Had a good time?"

"Yes, he isn't so stupid as I thought; and Emma, do you suppose that he susbrella, he noticed a cane, a pair of pects me of being 'Grandma' the other

"I don't think he does. Why Joe? She related the conversation of the early part of the evening. Emma listened attentively, and then told her what he had said to Georgia the previous day. They had a long conversa-He took up one of the gloves, and tion and decided to go to Hattle and gustus' accompanied her, and thus put an end to polite questions. Sunday evening when Professor Paul called for "I think you can," laughed he to Miss Josie, he put the following query: "How's Grandma Wilder's' health

> this evening ?" "Oh! she's gone home and that young fop Augustus D'Orme went with her,"

> said Emma with a smile. "Yes, and we all miss Grandma" said

Joe as she drew on her gloves. "I am ready Mr. Ainsly," and on the walk to and from church Joe was so engaging that Paul never once thought of Grandma Wilder, or any other Grandma. A few weeks later the Principal of the Academy overheard a conversation which served to fulfill all of his suspicions. It happened in this a party on her eighteenth birthday, cussing the coming event.

"Are you going to have charades?"

asked one, "Yes, Joe got up a splendid one once and we were acting it when we had a dressed up and he never recognized them, we don't want him to find it out or they'd act it again," said Emma.

"Oho! who was the caller, laughed several, but the girls wouldn't tell. But Mr. Ainsly overheard the con-

versation, and wrote the following note "Burton Academy, Sept-

DEAR LITTLE JOE; I thought that you were present when I called on your cousin one day not long since but your disguise was so complete that I was not sure until to day. I fell in love with 'Grandina' and want her for my wife, do you think she'll consent? Yours Truly Paul Ainsly.

"Joe where'd you get that ring" asked Hattie the next day.

#Hattie dear, Grandma Wilder alias Joe W. is going to marry Paul Ainsly next Christmas." And she did.

The American Woman of To-Day.

American women take vastly better care of themselves than formerly. They have more acquaintance with hygienic laws, and hold them in far higher esteem. The days when they exposed themselves to dampness and wintry cold in thin slippers and silk stockings; when they abstained from flannels next the skin; when they pinched their waists to semi-suffocation; when they sacrificed comfort and health to what they conceived to be appearancesthose foolish and unhappy days have go ie forever, and have barely been known to the rising generation. Our women now have few mawkish and morbid notions as to themselves; they no longer think that to be unhealthy is to be attractive; that invalidism and interestingness are synonymous; that pale faces and compressed lungs are to kens of beauty. They dress seasonably; they wear thick boots and warm clothes in had and cold weather; they allow themselves to breathe freely, and they find their looks improved, not injured, by the wholesome change. There are exceptions, many of them doubtless, and the exceptions are constantly diminishing. It may be safely said that that will bring the young reople (and all sensible women are becoming, if old ones too) together pleasantly and

"She's well," replied Joe, exulting | they have not become, converts to na- profitably. If some one would interture, and they heed her behests, recog nizing the great principle that what is not natural cannot be beautiful.

Little more than a quarter of a century ago young American women were ashamed to show a hearty appetite in public. They were infected with the Byronic philosophy; they wanted to be spiritual—as if all true spirituality did not rest on some sound physical conditions-and to look elegantly wretched. many of them had half their wish; they looked wretched, but not elegant. They were charged with drinking vinegar, eating state pencils and committing other monstrous absurdities. They may have been unjustly accused, but their theories warrant the accusation. All such nonsense belongs to the past American women to-day eat as much as they want, and more wholesome food than they once ate; they walk more; court the open air; cultivate their bodies as well as their minds; believe in perfect digestion, unbroken sleep the glow and glory of unblemished health. No wonder their proportions are fuller, their cheeks more blooming, their eyes brighter, their step more elas-tic. The growth of the country and their own common sense are serving them generously.

The scrawny, sallow, peaked woman, if she be educated and fairly placed. will ere long cease to be the type of the middle aged American woman. With the steady developement of the repub lic, the increased ease of circumstances and their complete health, American women will be comelier and rounder, as they are comelier and rounder now than they have been. External and internal conditions assure this. They are not likely to become gross and obese, as so many of their European sisters are; the character of the country, its institutions, and its atmosphere, with their own temperament, will preserve them from that.—Harper's Bazar.

BREVITIES.

An exchange says: "Girls, if you knew how men disliked slovenliness in women, you would keep yourselves as neat as wax all the time." Are men worth taking all that trouble for?"

The most trivial circumstances are able to put an end to our gratifications; they are like beds of roses; where it is very unlikely all the leaves should be smooth, and even one that is doubled suffices to make us uncomfortable.

One Sunday night we were sitting out in the moonlight, unusually silent—almost sad. Suddenly some one—a poetical looking man, with a gentle loving face—said in a low tone: "Did you ever think of the beautiful lesson the stars teach us?" We gave a vague, appreciative murmur, but some soulless clod said: "No; what is it?" "How to wink," he answered, in a sad, sweet

A strong mind always hopes, because it knows the mutability of human affairs, and how slight a circumstance may change the whole course of events. Such a spirit too, rests upon itself; it is not confided to particular objects, and if, at last, all should be lost, it has saved itself its own integrity and worth. Hope awakens courage, while despon-dency is the last of all evils; it is the abandonment of good-the giving up of the battle of life with dead nothingness. He who can implant courage in the human soul is the best physician

CHOICE RECIPES.

Black callcoes shoule be washed with the contents of a beef gall put into one pail of warm water. This will set the color. Stiffen with a weak solution of brown glue. This manner of washing is nice for navy-blue dresses und dark batistes.

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EAR ACHE.—There is scarcely any ache to which children are subject so bad to bear and difficult to cure as the ear ache. But there is a remedy never known to fail. Take a bit of cotton bat-ting, put upon it a pinch of black pepper, gather it up and tie it, dip in sweet oil, and insert into the ear. Put a flannel bandage over the head to keep it warm. It is certain to give immediate relief.

BLEEDING AT THE NOSE.—Placing small roll of paper or muslin above the front teeth, under the upper lip, and pressing hard on the same, will arrest bleeding of the nose by checking the passage of blood through the arteries leading to the nose. It is sometimes cured by sponging the forehead and face in ice water. Raising both arms above the head and keeping them there will often have the desired effect.

Letter from Indiana.

ED. HOME CIRCLE: Being greatly interested in the FARMER, and especially in the correspondence of the Home Circle, I thought I would offer a suggestion that might prove of value to those that support its columns. In every community there is a lack of some literary organization, something

est himself in forming a reading club with a membership of six or eight ladies and the same number of gentlemen, they would find that after a year's work they had accomplished more in a literary and social way than they even hoped for. The writer has belonged to a club which has been very successful; it being over six years since it was organized. The meetings are held at the houses of the different members, every two weeks. Our programmes partake of a literary, musical and social nature. Should any one of your readers see fit to make any attempt in this direction, I would be glad to furnish any further information they might desire concerning the plan of working our S. HEATH. Indianapolis.

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