

THE HOME CIRCLE.

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THE WOODMAN'S CRAFT.

O, the woodman's craft is a goodly craft, He sings through sun and showers; As strong and brown as his hatchet's haft, As simple as the flowers; Of pleasure or toil he nothing lacks, As he carols his song and swings his axe In spring decked forest bowers.

My Visit to the Fair.

SALEM, Oct. 23, 1877. MY DEAR MARY ANN: I got your letter yesterday and in answer say that I shall continue to give you, now and then, my impressions of matters and things in Oregon, as you seem to be so much interested.

Oregon needs an immigration of thrifty families from our Eastern States where the women folks know how to make good butter. Why, here you see plenty of it for sale, all patted out and worked by hand, with finger marks all over it.

There seemed to be a small showing of jellies and canned fruit, not near so fine as I had expected to see.

There was a mighty poor batch of bread on hand. I should think more of having a good exhibit of these and other articles of home comfort and less of the fancy work department, though that is well enough in its way, of course.

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ments hanging up that I was told were hung there at the first State Fair, and took the first premium for hand sewing from that time till now, though for several years, the ladies of the awarding committee have protested that they ought to be ruled out; yet the men who manage these women's affairs insist on keeping them in.

I heard about the "Aurora," and about the settlement of Germans on the rail road, and somehow Dutch folks and good eating always seemed to go together, but this time I was mistaken, for the only thing I liked was that the victuals was set on rather clean like, but the victuals themselves was miserable poor, and so was the tea and coffee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DRAINS STATION, Oct. 15, 1877. I think if women would discuss subjects of more importance than have lately found room in the Home Circle, we might reap more benefit.

CHEAP GIRLS.—A girl who makes herself too cheap is the one to be avoided. No young man, not even the worst, excepting for a base purpose, wants anything to do with a cheap lady.

AT HOME.—The highest style of being at home grows out of a special state of the affections rather than of the intellect. Who has not met with individuals whose faces would be a passport to any society, and whose manners, the unstudied and spontaneous expressions of their inner selves, make them visibly welcome wherever they go, and attract unbounded confidence towards them in whatever they undertake.

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will may have been paramount at home; but school-boys are democratic in their ideas, and if arrogant, he is sure to be thrashed into a recognition of the golden rule. If worthy of being a leader, he will soon be installed into the position of a leader; if not, whatever his opinion of his abilities, he will be compelled to fall back into the rank and file.

Our Country's Origin.

Our fathers came hither from a land to which they were never to return. Hither they had brought, and here they were to fix their hopes, their attachments and their objects.

A new existence awaited them here; and when they saw these shores, rough, cold, barbarous and barren, as they then were, they beheld their country, before they reached the shore they had established the elements of a social system, and at a much earlier period had studied their forms of religious worship.

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CHOICE RECIPES.

FRENCH HONEY.—To one pound of white sugar put the yolks of six eggs and the whites of four, the juice of three lemons and the grated rind of two; of butter, one quarter of a pound; stir over a slow fire until the consistency of honey.

RAISED CAKE.—One pound of butter, two pounds of sugar, three pounds of flour, one nutmeg, one teaspoonful of cloves, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, one cup of yeast, one teaspoonful of soda, milk enough to make it as thick as you can stir it.

SPONGE CAKE.—Sift with four cups of flour two teaspoonfuls royal baking powder; beat six eggs, whites and yolks separately; stir in three cups of white sugar, one cup of cold water, the juice and grated rind of one lemon, and lastly the flour; mix all well together and bake in a quick oven.

BUNS.—Two cups of milk, three cups of sugar, two cups of butter, two eggs, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one-half cup of yeast, a little nutmeg, and flour to make it stiff enough to roll; let it rise over night; in the morning roll, cut small, set them close together in a pan, let them stand and rise again. Bake in a moderate oven.

SWEET APPLE PRESERVES.—Take part quinces and part apples, say about one-third quinces and two-thirds apples and white sugar the same as for other preserves, pound for pound, you will have a splendid sweetmeat. Cut the apples in halves, and the quinces the same, take the core out, boil them tender, first in water enough to cover them, and dissolve the sugar in it before they are mixed; then add them together and boil thoroughly. They will keep well, and you will want to try it over again another fall if you have good success.

BREVITIES.

An evil nature wants an occasion. Better the feet slip than the tongue. He begins to die who hath no desires. Few of us are fools always; all some times.

A modest woman should often neither see nor hear. Why this paragraphic war upon cats? It is purely lamitous.

A Clergyman of ordinary abilities asked for a license to preach. "I grant you permission," said his bishop, "but nature refuses it."

The most interesting thing in a Toledo golden wedding was a dance by the bridegroom's father, aged 103, and the old man's great-great-granddaughter aged sixteen.

Many young people who fancy prose and poetry of lasting fame, can be produced without days and weeks of earnest thought, need to be reminded that Goldsmith considered four lines a day good work, and was seven years beating out the pure gold of the "Deserted Village."

PITHS.

Eat slowly. Be content. Love leisure labor. Never start your fire with oil. It is fashionable to economize. Try lemon juice on cucumbers. Fruits are delicious for breakfast. Use a cloth for washing potatoes. Quiet workers accomplish the most. Variety is the very best culinary spice.

Air pillows in the wind, not in the sun. Use blue tissue-paper for wrapping up silver-ware.

The work-basket is often a spectacle for gods and men. Rub your kitchen table with a ripe tomato to remove the grease.

Make your home as bright and cheerful as possible on rainy days. Do not use silver spoons to scrape kettles or silver forks to toast bread.

Never start napkins; they were intended to wipe the mouth, not to scratch it. Wash matting with warm salt water—one pint of salt to two-thirds of a pail of water, and dry with a soft cloth.

To sweeten a sour sponge; rub thoroughly in lemon juice, then rinse several times in warm water.

First boil ashes in a new iron kettle, then scrub with soap and sand; fill with clean water and boil two or three hours.

When servants do not wait upon the table, let the lady members of the family take turns in serving. It is much pleasanter than for this one, that one, or all to jump up every time an article is needed.

FRIENDSHIP AND CIVILITY.—Be civil and obliging to all, dutiful where God and nature command you; but friend to one, and that friendship keep sacred, as the greatest upon earth, and be sure to ground it upon virtue; for no other is either happy or lasting.

The growth of a plant is simply the aggregate result of the enlargement and multiplication of the cells which compose it. In most cases the cells attain their full size in a short time. The continuance of growth depends chiefly on the constant formation of new cells.

The value of the Bible and the extent of its influence must be learned by its history. By it the degraded have been elevated, enemies have been reconciled to each other, profligates have been reclaimed, drunkards reformed, and Infidels converted to the faith of Christ. Domestic peace has been restored, the altar of domestic worship reared, the Sabbath consecrated; religious congregations gathered, and churches of the living God planted. Give us the Bible and let all the people read.

When the flowers are full of heaven-descended dews, they always hang their heads; but men hold theirs the higher the more of the world they receive, getting proud as they get full.

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