# THE HOME CIRCLE.

Conducted by Miss HATTIE B. CLARKE.

SALEM, FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 1877.

### "Blind Spinner."

Lake a blird spinner in the sun, I tread my days; I know that all my threads will run Appointed ways:

I know each day will bring its task,
And, being blind, no more I ask. I do not know the use or name Of that I spin;
I only know that some one came,
And laid within
My hands, the thread, and said, "Since you
Are blind, but one thing you can do."

Sometimes the threads so rough and fast
And tangled fly,
I know wild storms are sweeping past,
And fear that I
Shall fall, but dare not try to find
A softer place, for I am blind.

I know not why, but I am sure
That tint and place,
In some great fabric to endure
Past time and race
My threads will have; so, from the first,
Though blind, I never felt accurat. I think, perhaps, this trust has sprung From one short word Said over me when I was young—

So young, I heard
It, knowing not that God's name signed
My brow, and sealed me His, though blind. But whether this be seal or sign

Within, without,
It matters not. The bond divine
I never doubt.
I know He sent me here, and still,
And gentle, and blind, I wait His will. But listen, listen, day by day, To hear the tread Who bear the finished web away, And cut the thread,

And bring God's message in the sun, "Thou poor, blind spinner, work is done.

#### CORRESPONDENCE,

ED. HOME CIRCLE: As we ladies have a portion of the FARMER set apart have a portion of the FARMER set apart still, only more so. Is it any wonder for our especial use, we ought by all means to use it, and I do not know of a better way to do so than to give you a look of the platform, and sept high tide the business part of the town look of the platform, and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform, and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform, and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform, and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform, and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform, and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform, and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform, and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform and sept over the water eternally ebbing. At high tide the business part of the town look of the platform and the plat little sketch of what the Grangers are doing up here in the land of grainfields.

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It is not hard work, to sit back and tell how things should be done. I found that out a great many years ago, and the control of the fight before missed the channel and stuck on a bar, costing the company \$3,000 to start the ponderous steamer.

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GREASE IN WALL PAPER.—House-the night before missed the channel and stuck on a bar, costing the company what seems unpardonable carelessness in the pain is in the arm or shoulder. like many of the rest of you, have prac- and I thought it was about so, though ticed it some. It is very easy to tell I didn't express myself in the same icate all foul weeds, how to have every | gave an exhibition, most of his scholars thing snug and nice, and move along were new beginners on the stage, but just right with scarcely any trouble, acquitted themselves in a very creditbut to do the work, that's what's the able manner; their school paper was the highest peaks all visible at once, matter. It is aslo easy to find fault with the management of the business affairs of the Grange and to forget the good we have already derived from it, both with an enormous cake by a young lady social and moral and financial. It is of the school and the teacher's wife; only since the organization of the the prospect of something to eat so Grange that the farmer is beginning to understand of what use he is in the wor.d, that he is the real foundation of the wealth and prosperity of the had not been reading any Congressionnations, that his work and his success al reports, nor almanacs, nor nothing, underlies all. I tnihk Aunt Hetty's opinion of the farmers of Oregon will do to apply to them elsewhere. Farmers have been taking things too easy his piece like a man, and then they in more things than letting their grain cracked a tune all to pieces, and the get destroyed by the rain. I will right here tell her of some things that I recollect, if it did happen in Ohio quite a number of years ago. My father's farm was what was called by the drovers, a collecting station; a cattle buyer land. I rather think she has been atwould come into the neighborhood, hire two or three men to collect his cattle, while he was scouring the country buying of the farmers their small surplus of cattle, for the great majority I know that you will be glad to hear is the event of Oregon. Everybody of the farmers in that part of Ohio that my old eyes are giving out, for goes or if he don't is snubbed for havowned small farms, and only kept from two to six cows; as the cattle were brought in, sometimes their former owners would come with the men to help drive them to our place; as you might expect (for a native born Yankee are all Grangers, and I hope they did particular star is "Mariar," the eldest is always inquisitive) the first question asked would be: How much did you get for your cattle? The very low price | youngster of mine, that has been peeprather astonished us, as we were taking | ing over my shoulder while I have a Philadelphia paper that gave a very been writing, says what I have written full report of the state of the market is like Timothy Teapot's debate in the clemerce and Donkey Dialogues, so I stock of every description higher than usual. At that time four cities, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and

Boston, set the price for all North America. My father told the men they were getting swindled, they said they had heard from different drovers that it was as much as any of them were giving, and one man who owned quite a lot of cattle said he had just received a letter from a brother in Illinois and they were only getting half as much it was as much as any of them were giving, and one man who owned quite a lot of cattle said he had just received a letter from a brother in Illinois and they were only getting half as much in the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of they were only getting half as much in the balance of those frisky lines and the boys raised and sold twelve thousand bushels last year, (wheat.) The old woman she coaxed me to come to the fair, so we camped out here. These hotel fellers think a chap is made of money, chargin' four lengthy wetness long drawn out of they were only getting half as much in who does the water come down at Lodore?" For Lodore read Portland, and the boys raised and sold twelve thousand bushels last year, (wheat.) The old woman she coaxed me to come to the fair, so we camped out here. These hotel fellers think a chap is made of money, chargin' four lengthy wetness long drawn out of the sold twelve thousand bushels last year, (wheat.) The old woman she coaxed me to come to the fair, so we camped out here. These hotel fellers think a chap is made of money, chargin' four lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the coast have I heard of the lengthy wetness long drawn out of the lengthy heard had the balanc they were only getting half as much there; my father made a proposition that they band together and drive their own stock. The answer the man made was, that it would kill the drovers' business and that would kill the prasperity of the country, as it was through them all the money came, and he could not be made to see any other way that they could do any better, and only a few hyadred miles from a good market.

"Webfoot," but one experience was a could, but I carry two pertaters in my pocket, and that's sure thing to keep it off."

Early in Septemher a party of friends passed through the Golden Gate, en route for Oregon. An opposition line of steamers has recently been put on, reducing the fare from \$30 to \$7.50— to see the keers kum are crowded. The Geo. W. Elder, a new steamer of the regular line, carried our flying from his button-hole. He is always on hand, "to see the keers kum in." If he lives within a short distance of Salem he brings his coffeepot, skillet, our crowd, eleven in number, at \$5.00 to the fair displays some fine cattle. few hundred miles from a good market with no railroad steamboat or other monopoly interfering with them. The trouble was it was something new, they were afraid of the risk, and then it was more work than staying at home and have some one do it for them. But as a matter of course the subject was talked over before the cattle buyers; one of them who had made our house his stopping place for years said, you will injure our business, putting such things in your neighbors heads, and it will injure you; here we have been buying all such thing that you would have to haul to market, if it was not for us; what would you do without us, I would like and set the price that you were all to managed, and the farmer had no say came to port in Astoria. \* in the matter, and it is the same way still, only more so. Is it any wonder talked of in our late meeting. Our

motto is "Live and let live." I believe I began to tell you about tales out of school, so I will see if there is any town news to send you.

We had a nice social entertainment at the Academical school, the teachers dren, and invited guests, and the children gave quite a number of declamations, recitations, and dialogues; there was plenty of music, there being a formers on both, beside the brass band; formers on both, beside the brass band; erly souls. The less said about the men you would know by looking at them the better. At the heathenish hour of that they would be on hand where ever that out a great many years ago, and a way up entertainment, didn't he?" farm should be managed, how to erad- of the district school the teacher quite a success. That same irrepressible brass band was on hand, they did not get a supper, but they were presented overcame the leader, that when he received the cake he hid behind it and when called upon to respond he said he and had no speech ready, but one of the members of the band thought that would never do, so he arose and spoke last that I saw of them they were rnnning down street following that cake.

> my doubts on one point, and that is about her being a new comer in our that nobody uses, runs up the principal tending our State Fairs for a considerable spell, and I think she has lately returned from a trip south, any how I should like to see her, I like her letters. you are thinking to yourself is she ever going to stop? Well, yes I am, but hundred miles, bringing tent, provi-want to inquire where all these vege- sions and utensils, camp on the grounds not get frost bitten, like some of my house plants did. An irrepressible

Tell Aunt Hetty for me that I have

will sign myself
MRS. TIMOTHY TEAFOT. Lebanon, Dec. 12, 1877.

Oregon, as Seen by a Kansas Girl.

[From the Topeka Commonwealth.] PORTLAND, OR., Nov. 6, 1877.

each, and a total of two hundred and seventy souls. Three days we sailed, seldom out of sight of land. Those who were able to be on deck found great amusement in tracing the dim lines of the coast, in watching the fes-tive whale, and the incidental features

is a narrow channel in the mouth of the river, dangerous to pass, and as the night promised to be dark, we were compelled to anchor outside "the bar" some brick capital, with a hand-some brick capital in process of erection, until daylight. O, that night! My berth it rained so constantly that I had little was a foot too long at each end. The vessel rolled from side to side, back your sur, lus corn and hay, and every and forth, the waves swished-swished Willamette valley, is lovely on a bright with a melancholy strain, the passen-gers grouned and grumbled and swore, autumn garb, the river below, the dark I slid up and down and bumpe i my rich green of the firs beyond, the moun-forehead and feet, and before morning tains still back and the blue green sky to know? Feed it to my own stock and drive them to market myself; do like drive them A clear, cold morning brought every- more like the waters of the lower Pabody on deck. We passed over the give and take. That was the way they bar into smooth water, and soon after turn train is delayed six hours in the The village is most picturesque in ap

pearance, reminding one of the picturfisheries. Immense canneries are built along the shore, that, during the season, from May to September, employ If there comes a dry spell in the winter I believe I began to tell you about several hundred men and women, be-our Grange meeting, but you know I sides the Chinamen. By a couple hun-no fun at all. We are always sorry cannot tell you much without telling dred miles of railroad into the heart of when dry weather comes." De gustithe commerce of Oregon, and become for the length of this epistle, shall write the largest grain market of the Pacific. you soon of our trip up the Columbia. The whole town is boarded over, I sup-pose to prevent the citizens from sticking too closely to their native soil, or vice versa. Behind the village rises the darkly-grand fir-covered mountains, forming a background that brings the white cottages into strong relief.— Four days we sojourned, finding very nice people. All through Oregon I have noticed such good women. social, mothfive a. m. we take the river boat for Portland. The Columbia river is here mouth of the Willamette. (Please lam how a house ought to be kept, how your style. At the close of the term Here is the finest bit of scenery on the The largest river receiving one of but little less volume, the Coast Range mountains, of Oregon on one side, Washington Territory on the other, the snowy summits of four of though they take in an area of four hundred miles—Mt. Ranier and Mt. Adams stand a hundred miles from the coast, forty miles apart, and look like twin peaks side by side. Mt. Jefferson's venerable tip is visible over the intervening hills of a hundred miles. Mt. Hood, highest and nearest of all, sends up 14,000 feet of rugged beauty. Mt. Hood is as dear to the Webfoot heart as the landmarks of "the hub" to the native Bostonian. To be born and buried under the shadow of Mt. Hood, are two inducements to immigrants. Mt. Hood saloons, hotels and pleasure resorts are found in every village in sight of its noble summit. Portland, the city of Cronin, is a bustling commercial town of 12,000 people, very pious, very unsocial, very industrious. They have a fine market-house that would do credit to any city in the United States. Portland, like Astoria, is planked throughout. One line of street cars, street. The hotels are "O. P. H." -no gas-all crowded. One week of bright weather allows us to see the men wise; poets, witty; the mathetown and then we go to Salem to the matics, subtile; natural philosophy, town and then we go to Salem to the

## THE FAIR

ing neglected a religious duty. The as ugly as it was venomous. "Befarmers come in their wagons two cause you shine so brilliantly." This hundred miles, bringing tent, provifarmers come in their wagons two daughter. She wears a maroon colored dress with black flounces, store-hat, trimmed in pale blue with long streamers, green ribbon on her hair, and a pink necktie. She is usually a blonde. The father is proud of Mariar, and read-ily falls into couversation. "I don't live to kum to the fair next year; cost me nigh on a hundred dollars to rig up the gals. I live outen Yamhill county, over a hundred mile. Yes purly good us." And he departed.

land out thar. I kem to this country from Missoury, right arter the war. Hain't never lost a crop since I took up my ranch. Me and the boys raised and sold twelve thousand bushels last year,

The fair displays some fine cattle. Oregon certainly surpasses any part of the coast for grain and fruits. The day after the opening, the rain "opens for the season" and falls in torrents during the entire week. How these people live through it is a question unanswerof the sea voyage.

Portland was our destination; we reached the mouth of the Columbia on the evening of the third day. There
Otherwise the fair is much like other

> opportunity to see the place. The trip from Salem to Portland, through the cific than anything I know of. The renight by seventeen carloads of wheat off the track just ahead. Then the campers loomed up to advantage, for they took their blankets and camped

Moss Agate.

### CHOICE RECIPES.

RICE JELLY.—Boil one pound of rice with a half pound of loaf sugar in a quart of water, until the whole becomes a glutinous mass; strain off the jelly and let it stand to cool. This is nutritious and light.

A simple remedy for neuralgia is horse radish. Grate and mix it in vin-

Nearly a hundred miles we sail, the in defacing wall paper with oil or iver narrowing to two miles at the grease; particularly are the marks made by the head obnoxious. There are few articles which may be used to extract such spots, which will not at the same time destroy the texture of the paper, but the simple plan of plac-ing fresh blotting paper on the place and pressing powerfully with a warm flat-iron is fully as efficacious as anything that can be tried.

FRENCH PANCAKES.—Two eggs, two ounces of butter, two ounces of sifted sugar, two ounces of flour, half a pint of new milk. Beat the eggs thoroughly and put them into a basin with the butter, which should be beaten to a cream; stir in the sugar and flour, and when these ingredients are well mixed, add the milk; keep stirring and beating the mixture for a few minutes; put it on buttered plates, and bake it in a quick oven for twenty minutes. Serve with cut lemon and sifted sugar, or pile the pancakes high on a dish, with a layer of preserve or marmalade be-tween each. Sufficient for three or four persons.

## BREVITIES.

Forgive thyself nothing and others

Chose your friend early because life is short.

Reading maketh a full man; confidence, a ready man; histories make deep, moral, grave; logic and rhetoric able to contend.—Bacon.

"Why do you attack me?" said a brilliant glow worm to a vile little insect, dislikes and rancorous feelings.

There are moments of despondency in every life, moments when Shakspeare thought himself no poet, Raphael no painter; when the greatest wits have doubted the excellence of their happiest efforts.

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