THE HOME CIRCLE.

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THE GOOD OF THE BOY.

BY MARY E. C. WYETH.

Oh ! what is the good of a wide-awake boy, Who whoops and halloos As he ties on his shoes, And who dances s jig
While he's combing his wig
And washing his face with very poor grace;

Who whips on his jacket And makes all the racket He possibly can?

Now tell me, I pray, what's the good of this "Well, a wide-swake boy makes a wide-

awake man.' Oh ! what is the good of a hungry boy, Who elamors for food, As no juvenile should, And, as sure as I live,
Eats all that you give;
Be it fowl, flesh or fish, he empties the dish;
While for soft gingerbread, he
Oh! always is ready;

Prey, what will he make?
What sort of a man will grow out of this boy?
"Why, a very safe man, dear, to put down a
brake!"

Oh! what is the good of a rollicking boy, Who gets into "snaps," And all sorts of haps;

Who nothing so loathes
As a new suit of clothes,
Because the first day they so hinder his play;
For the second—no matter,
He'll have them a tatter

Before set of sun; Have you something to say for the good of this boy? "Yes; for enterprise bold he will surely count one."

Oh! what is the good of a careless boy,
Who won't wipe his feet,
And can't learn to be neat,
Who treads on the cat,
And sits down on his hat;
Yet he's spunky and plucky, this happy go-

lucky,
And cares not a ratile,
But sides in each battle
With him that is down?
Now what is the good of this bold, reckless "In a popular vote, dear, he'll carry the

Oh ! what is the good of a horrid boy Who won't say his prayers,
And mocks at your cares;
Who hears all the news,
Your advice does refuse,
And he jeers and he teases, and he does as he

I wouder if aught he Performs is not naughty?
One thing—he won't lie.
Now what is the good of this terrible boy?
"Why, to speak the truth, dear—a great vir-

So then there's some good in all sorts of a

The jolly and sad. The sorry and bad, The best and the worst, The last and the first, You'll have somewhat to say in his favor alway ! "Why, yes, since you leave !!,

I surely believe it Is best to judge so; For though you may question the good of the

How should tolks fare without him, I'd just like to know?"

CORRESPONDENCE.

ED. HOME CIRCLE: I bave been thinking since I read the letter from the Kansas girl, that I would call and see ing-not being relieved by frequent you again, but did not wish to take up showers as in the eastern states—so if room that could be filled by others, more used to writing than your Lebanon correspondent. "Moss Agate" says that Astoria and Portland are "boarded over." Well, that is our dozen or so, of those sorts which will cheapest and most available material, as Oregon is a well-wooded country.

As for the rain, let me say to ' Moss' that it rains here whenever it is ready to, and it is ready pretty often in the winter season we will have to admit, and occasionally we have a rainy summer, but we Oregonians are not responsible for the rain, and for my part I will take my share of the rain in preference to the snow and sleet and winds of Kansas, not to mention the thunder and lightning and grasshoppers; and do any of these things have a depressing effect on business?

Was it quite right to show up your old Missouri neighbor? Had you not better praised him? Just think how many people his labor will feed-12,000 bushels of wheat! Do you suppose he would have raised that had he stayed In Missouri? More likely he and his boys would have been shaking with the "ager," or have moved over into Kansas and been eaten up by the hoppers. And poor Mariar! she would have had no maroon dress or rich black flowers, nor store hat either. And here let me hint that all people are not born with an artist eye for coloring. Per-haps she had taken two old dresses and made one new one, and thought it would do very well to paddle around in at the Fair. Now, my own experience with Oregonians is that they are rather free with their money at the Fair, and more likely to spend ten or twenty dollars a day than thirty-nine

I will have to thank you for your rheumatic remedy, and will try it the the poultry yard, where we found all next time I camp out. No need of any more liniment or pain-killer—just two potatoes! I wonder if it makes any would hardly dare to call them. or tell difference as to the size of the vegetable, for to have to carry a couple weighing several pounds apiece might be in-

It takes strangers to find out things. I always supposed Salem was the most noted for piety, and all at once I hear that it is Portland, and Portland was not social. You should have come up to Lebanon. We would have asked

Now I think we have fatherly men here, good, kind husbands and fathers. I think I like Aunt Hetty's niece's opinion of the men of Oregon. She knows Oregon and the Oregonians, but is not prejudiced. She understands the good and the bad of our country thoroughly; she sees the natural beauties, but knows that too much of the farming is carried on in a careless manner, and the orchards and gardens are neglected. We take from the land, and return nothing to it. But time will rectify all these things. Every year there ods, and along with the improved farming she sees the improvement of the farmers themselves and their families. With our schools, our general literature, our contact with our fellows, there is no excuse for us to remain boors, no matter where in the backwoods we were born.

And now as to our country: an old friend from Ohlo, who had lived these last years in Iowa, came here on a visit.
As he was looking at the fir-crowned mountains, he asked if their unchanging, everlasting green did not weary me. "Why, your fields are green, your hills and mountains are green, and ing, everlasting green did not weary me. "Why, your fields are green, your hills and mountains are green, and even the ocean and sky have caught some of the same color. I would be afraid I might turn green myself if I remained here." Oh, well, a love of country, as well as love of home, is inherent in our nature: the Laplander loves his frozen country and reindeer, the Esquimaux his dogs and seal-fat, for, or having the manuzement of a the Esquimaux his dogs and seal-fat, and I our everlasting green and lovely

I have taken up so much space talking with the Kansas girl and Aunt
Hetty's niece that I will have to give
you but a short sketch of the doings at
Lebanon. The Masons, Odd Fellows,
and Grangers have each had their installations, with supper, and a social and good time generally. The Gran-gers here have already had four or five dinners lately, and more a-coming.— Lebanon is steadily improving, but I guess we do not have anything the burglars want, as they do not trouble us. Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Bethel, Polk county, paid Lebanon a visit last week, and were agreeably surprised at the busy appearance of the place. Now I suppose some resident of this large city will be pulling out what few scanty will be pulling out what few scanty locks I have on my head, so I will correct myself and not call the place little. I hear some have been accusing a dignified and educated Scotch merchant, who is noted for a novel way of testing the age of eggs, of being Mrs. Teapot. Just think of the idea of his being a garrulouo tea loving old woman. Mrs. T. T.

The Flower Garden.

It is time that we should be getting ready for the flower bed. Onr springs are so much earlier than in the eastern states, that we must not be entirely guided by catalogues. Not many of us have strength or time to care for a great variety, but we must have a few of the old favorites. Our dry summers are a we would nave flowers it must be by diligent watering, which must be no half way affair, but done copiously and with regularity. So it is best to choose a give most satisfaction, and take care of them. Hyacinths, polyanthus, tulips and this sort of hardy bulbs are a ready up, and some buds are peeping out; of course these must be looked after in the fall, and need little or no care after being once put in the ground, but giving much pleasure by coming out so early; every garden should have them. Among the annuals, the pansy, phlox, verbenas and petunias come first, and should be started now, in order to have fine blooms before midsummer. If the winter is not too severe, I would plant pansies in the fall and have good roots for transplanting, so as to have flowers in May or June; these are all free bloomers until frost, and will stand some negleet. A bed of each in their variegated varieties will repay the trouble. Then I should want a bed of asters and chrysauthymums for autumn; we must not forget sweet mignonette, and candy tuft, they should be planted at intervals, so as to have a succession of blooms. James Vick, of Rochester, N. Y., has reliable seeds. Send for his catalogue, or subscribe for his new monthly at \$1.25 a year.

We received, not long since, a fine pair of White Leghorn fowls from Mrs. Danie! Clark, who is quite a birdfancier. While visiting her last fall, we were much interested in examining would hardly dare to call them, or tell of their individual recommendations, but we do remember the Golden Hamburg, and thought it hardly pessible for a chicken to be so handsome, with

to Lebanon. We would have asked you where you came from, and how long you were going to stay; how old you were; and told you all about our employment, it seems adapted to the

ty of motherly old women. You say you found plenty of good women, but the less said about the men the better.

Now I think we have fatherly men found a ready cash sale. We should be a week before the appetite for glad to have an article on this subject any kind of stimulant will disappear from Mrs. Clark.

Poultry.

As a general rule we do not think far-mers pay sufficient attention to the pro-duction of poultry for sale. Carefully kept accounts will demonstrate that one pound of poultry can be produced at about half the cost of the same weight of beef or pork, and always meet with a ready market. Another advantage is a decided improvement in our meth- is that it can be attended to quite as well, if not better, by women and children than by men; thus economizing the labor of the whole family, and directing it into the production of profit

for the general purse.

Try the experiment of allowing the children, if large enough, to take care of the poultry for a share of the products, either in eggs or dressed poultry. Charge them with all the food consumed, and credit them with all the eggs and flesh consumed by the family, and note your percentage in the speculation, and the benefit it has been to them. for, or having the management of a flock of poultry, and if the flock is one of any of the pure breeds—there is in addition to the exhilirating influence an enthusiasm that causes what might otherwise be considered a task to be come a pleasure—and therefore profit and pleasure are combined.

CHOICE RECIPES.

APPLE JOHN .- Take stale bread, crumb finely, and spread a layer in the bottom of a pudding dish; then add a layer of sour apples (which cook easily,) sliced. Sprinkle on sugar enough to sweeten, some slices of butter, and nutmeg, or any flavoring you like best. meg, or any flavoring you like best. Then add another layer of bread, apples, sugar, &c. Continue in this way until the dish is full enough; the last layer being bread. Now pour in water until the mixture is full, press down closely, and bake until the apples are thoroughly done, and you will have a dish fit for a king. This pudding is to be eaten without sauce, though if any one wishes to eat sugar and cream on one wishes to eat sugar and cream on it, it will be no detriment to the pud-It is a good plan to cover the top with a brown paper; until nearly

We have wondered, and it seems that somebody else has wondered too, why cheeses should always be made round. We have so charactered to the conflict tong and four mehos high and wide, weighing ten pounds. This is just the cheese for family use. It weighs just about enough, and then the consumer can begin at one end and cut off a slice as thick as required. No fresh surface is exposed except the end drawback on the pleasures of garden-ing-not being relieved by frequent can easily be covered so that flies can not get at it, and meanwhile the cheese will not dry up.

> ED. HOME CIRCLE: I send a receipt for a suct pudding, which is excellent and not expensive. One cup of suct chopped fine, one cup raisins, one of sweet milk, with two spoonfuls yeast powder or cup of sour milk and a spoonful of soda, one cup sirup and three of flour; put in a buttered can, cover tight, and steam three hours. It any is left, it is nice steamed over.

EUROPEAN OPINION OF AMERICAN SKILL.-Prof. Reuleaux, of Berlin, who the Iron Age says is generally regarded as the first of mechanical engineers in this country, if not in Europe, and a man of broad accomplishments and excellent judgment in other branches of industry and art, has just published in book form a series of letters upon the industrial position of the United States, written during a visit to the Centennial exposition last year, in which he says the wealth of our country in coal and iron is such as Europe farnishes no parallel for. In regard to machinery, it is fraukly admitted that the United States has begun to occupy "one of the places in the first rank, in some respects the very first." In tool making, especially they "carry away the palm, not only at the exhibition, but seemingly every where." To this complimentary summing up, Prof. Reuleaux joins an enumeration of the specific excellences which distinguish American tools, which have got far beyond German products in this line, and have even hurled the English out of the saddle." In this connection, particular reference is made to American weaving machines, machines for working in wood, labor-saving machines, machines of all sorts and especially, to printing presses. Of our future development in industry and art, he maintains that there can be no doubt, because we have education, great mechanical skill, know how to use machinery to advantage, and have natural resources far superior to any-thing known in Europe.

A Brooklin man writes to the New York Sun: I drank more intoxicating liquor from the year 1857 to the last day of 1873 than any other person I ever its regal head. We hope Mrs. Clark time knowing this sure cure, did not knew or heard of; and in the meanwill exhibit this fall at the State Fair. practice it on myself, but for fun did Aside from fancy stock, poultry-rais practice it on many others, and effected selves; rnd you would have found plen- " women folks," and, for those who are lows as often as the thirst or craving

altogether, and water be taken to quench the natural thirst. If at any time the victim should feel a craving, let him take the first opportunity and obtain a swallow of water, and he can pass and repass all saloons. When he goes home at night he will feel satisfied and be sober and have money in his pocket. I commenced this practice the first day of 1874, and never think of taking a drink of stimulants.

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