

The Hope Circle.

Conducted by MRS. HARRIET T. CLARK.

WHO KNOWS?

Who knows what life is o'er the silent river, What fertile brain can guess of the beyond; Are pains and heart aches known no more forever.

MAGAZINES.

Scribner's Monthly comes as regularly as the months go by, and this September number opens with an engraving, a copy from Chase's painting, "Ready for a Ride."

St. Nicholas for Sept. is on hand, and is highly appreciated by the young folks—and the old folks always read it too.

Music.—Sherman & Hyde have sent us a sheet of music, "When Twilight Soft is Falling," a song that is quite desirable.

A New Disinfectant.

It has remained for Thomas Taylor, microscopist of the United States Agricultural Bureau, to call attention to gasoline as a disinfectant, which is remarkably effective and cheap.

Mullen as a Cure for Consumption.

A correspondent writes as follows about the flower of a well-known plant: "I have discovered a remedy for consumption. It has cured a number of cases after they had commenced bleeding at the lungs and the hectic flush was already on the cheek."

DIET.—Pimples on the face generally indicate some defect of nutrition or some error in food. Many persons, on the adoption of a wise and reasonable diet, become for the first time free from pimples; therefore, instead of doctoring with medicine, you should look well to your habits of life.

FEEDING FOWLS PROPERLY.

Most people take for granted that they, at least, "know how to feed chickens," and almost everybody has a different way of doing it. My father used to say, "A boy who eats well will work well," and fowls must be taught to eat well—not be over-fed, however, or cramped, but provided with a variety of food to such an extent as to create an appetite for something continually.

A hen was driven from the nest, where she was sitting, by the myriads of lice on her. We found her drooping and weak, and rubbed powdered sulphur all through her feathers, and shut her up in a coop with three inches of dry ashes over the bottom.

CHOICE RECIPES.

TOMATO SAUCE.—Pare and slice one peck of ripe tomatoes, and one quart of onions. Sprinkle with teaspoonful of salt, and let them stand two hours; then drain; next, add one half ounce of black ground pepper; one fourth pound of whole white mustard seed; one large spoonful of ground cloves; one teaspoonful of brown sugar, and one quart of vinegar.

FRIED CUCUMBERS.—Having pared the cucumbers, lay them in very cold water for half an hour. Cut them in slices, about as thick as a dollar, lengthwise. Dry them in a cloth. Season with pepper and salt. Melt some butter in a frying pan and when it boils, put in the slices of cucumber and fry them to a light brown. Send it to table very hot.

Cure For Asthma.

I have been fortunate in finding a remedy for the terrible affliction from which I have been a sufferer for fifteen years (asthma), and since last October have been able to do as much work as I could twenty years ago. Will send you the recipe which I hope you will give a place in your paper, that as many as possible who are suffering from the affliction of which it is relieved may have the benefit without delay or cost.

TO DETERMINE THE WEIGHT OF LIVE CATTLE.—Measure in inches the girth around the breast just behind the shoulder blade, and the length of the back from the tail to the forepart of the shoulder blade. Multiply the length of the girth (in inches), divide by 14.

The United States has carried off eight awards out of twelve for the best agricultural implements on exhibition at the exposition in Paris, viz: McCormick's reaper and binder, Wood's reaper and binder, Osborne's reaper and binder, Johnson's harvester, Whitley's champion mower and reaper, Dedrick's hay press, Chicago hay press, and Deere's gang plow. England took one in this department, and France two.

Kansas claims to be the banner State for grain this year, good judges estimating that it will send fully 45,000,000 bushels to market, or about fifty per cent. above the largest yield heretofore in any one State, California having had the honor so far, with a crop of 20,000,000 bushels.

A MAP 1,700 YEARS OLD.—Harper's Weekly has done a good thing in republishing Ptolemy's Map of the World, from the copy printed at Rome in 1507, and now in possession of the American Geographical Society. Every one interested in the subject may now convince himself that the knowledge of the ancients was astonishingly exact, so far as it extended. Especially in regard to the Nile, it might readily have been assumed that if the Egyptians succeeded in circumnavigating Africa, they must also have been able to trace the course of the one river which makes Egypt habitable.

HOW TO MEET A DOG.—A gentleman gives the following advice in relations to dogs: "If you enter a lot where there is a vicious dog, be careful to remove your hat or cap, and as the animal approaches you hold the same down by your side between yourself and the dog. When you have done this you have secured perfect immunity from attack."

The Reformed Episcopal Church now has 97 pastors, including 6 Bishops, who all have pastoral charges. Of the 97 ministers 64 are in the United States, 14 in Canada, and 19 in England, where the church is increasing more rapidly at present than it is in the United States.

The Rev. William Impey, who has been for forty years a Wesleyan missionary in Africa, has resigned his position as preacher to avoid expulsion for rejecting the doctrine of the endless suffering of the wicked. He is to continue his work with the help of persons sympathizing with him.

A writer from River Landing, Louisiana, says it is wrong to suppose that the negro remains in ignorance, for three-fourths of the negroes have learned to read and write since the war, while the white boys mainly have a pistol and a package of tobacco.

When a foreigner finds that plague is a word of one syllable, and a part of the plague, is a word of two, he wishes that the plague might take one-half the English language and the other half the other.

Mrs. Clara S. Foltz, of San Jose, has been admitted to the Bar. She is the first woman in California who has become a lawyer under the Act of the last Legislature authorizing such admissions.

An inebriated man walking along the street, regarded the moon with great contempt. "You needn't be so proud, old fellow," he said; "you're full only once a month, while I am full every night."

There is this difference between a man going away on the cars and pugilist preparing for a fight: The one waits for the train, and the other waits for the weight.

A Paris paper has found a man who by "thrift" has become a millionaire. We don't believe it. That's not the way the word is spent.

The Devoted Mothers.

Many a poor mother in a humble cot, without money or position, has struggled hard to feed and clothe her little ones to train them to be an honor to their country and a blessing to the world. Most of our useful and prominent men come from such homes. Our church yards are full of sleeping mothers, whose hands are folded over their breasts. No worldly eye ever saw the record of their lives; only God and the angels. No tall monuments and high sounding epitaphs mark their resting places. What a responsibility rests on the mothers of this country? Lives too short to be spent in accumulating the things of this world that must perish. The children do not stay with us to waste our hours in the pursuit of fashion and gayety. What we sow now we shall reap hereafter. God gives to all mothers grace and strength to fulfill their duties aright, that their influence may be felt from generation to generation.

A Succinct Account of the Sun.

Professor Rudolph, in an lengthy paper on the sun, says: It is a molten white hot mass, equalling in bulk 1,200,000 worlds like our own, having a surrounding ocean of gas on fire 50,000 miles deep, tongues of flame darting upward more than 50,000 miles, volcanic forces that hurl into the solar atmosphere luminous matter to the height of 160,000 miles, drawing to itself all the worlds belonging to our family of planets, and holding them all in their proper places; attracting with such superior force the millions of solid stray masses that are wandering in the fathomless abyss that they rush helplessly toward him; and fall into his fiery embrace. And thus he continues his sublime and restless march through his mighty orbit, having a period of more than 18,000,000 years.

Dr. Chapman's dissection of the African gorilla, Pongo, as far as it has proceeded, is said to be strongly corroborative of the Darwinian theory. He finds all the muscles and tissues of the arm to be exactly similar to those of the human being, while other portions of its anatomy present equal evidence for the belief that man and the anthropoid apes have a common origin.

There was a time in this country when the man who was sunstruck would strike back, but Americans are losing their taste for war.—Detroit Free Press.

Kerosene is said to be a sure cure for a rattlesnake's bite, for man or beast, by using it freely in rubbing the parts bitten.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A FABLE.

"A hungry fox in quest of prey, Into an outhouse found his way; When, looking up with skillful search, He spied a hen upon the perch. "Thought Reynard, 'what's the reason why They place her on a perch so high? I know not what the use can be, Unless it's out of spite to me.' "As thus he thought, the hen awoke, And thus to her sly Reynard spoke: "Dear Madam, I'm concerned to hear You've been unwell for half a year; I could not quell my strong desire After your welfare to inquire; But pray come down and take the air, You'll ne'er get well while sitting there. I'm sure it will not hurt your cough; Do give me leave to help you off."

How the Nest was Made.

George came running in one day in great excitement. "I say mother! some tramp or somebody's been and stole my jacket." "Where was it?" "Right on the peg in the wash-room, where I always put it; and I guess the fellow took Ella's hat, too. She says she can't find it anywhere. I only wish I had a pistol. I'd give the fellow pepper so I would!" "Don't be in such a hurry, George. Perhaps it has fallen down behind the ice-chest. Let's go and look." "It's no use, mother. I know some fellow's taken it, and I am going to watch for him to-night. I guess he'll come back for the rest of the things. I only wish I had a sword, or a rifle, or something!" "Look here, George! I've found the thief—a two-legged one, too!" "Where, mother?" "Why, right in the keg! Just look in." And there, sure enough, was the pretty little thief. "Why, mother! Nell's been making her nest with my jacket. See the sleeve sticking out under her wing! And there's lots of things besides." "Now, George, you've caught the thief. The next thing is to get your pistol and shoot her, as you promised to do, you know." "Shoot Nell! I guess not—not if she was to take forty jackets! I shall just love Nell better than ever." But still they wanted their things. So their mother gently took the little hen out and the eggs, and the children made a nice warm nest of hay and put her back again. The next morning, when they opened the wash-room door, they saw Nell perched on the keg and very busy. She's pulled George's jacket down, you see, and now she's getting Ella's hat. She looks pretty angry about it; and I shouldn't wonder if she'll take the parasol, and the bag and everything else she can find.—Youth's Companion.

A boy of five years was playing railroad with his sister of two and a half years. Drawing her upon a foot-stool he imagined himself both engineer and conductor. After imitating the puffing noise of the steam he stopped and called out, "New York," and in a moment after "Patterson" and then "Philadelphia." His knowledge of towns was not exhausted, and at the next place he cried "Heaven," His little sister cried eagerly, "Top, I dess I'll dit off here."

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