

The Home Circle.

Conducted by Mrs. Harriet T. Clarke.

Twenty-One.

Grown to man's stature! O my little child!

My bird that sought the skies so long ago!

What have they been to thee? If thou wert here

Standing beside thy brothers, tall and fair,

With bearded lips, and dark eyes shining clear,

I should look up into thy face and say,

Wavering perhaps between a tear and smile,

But—up in heaven—how is it with thee, dear?

Doest thou count time as we do, year by year?

And what of all earth's changes hast thou known?

Thou hast not learned to love me, didst thou take

Any small germ of love to heaven with thee,

That thou hast watch'd and nurtur'd for my sake,

Waiting till I its perfect flower may see?

What is it to have lived in heaven always?

To have no memory of pain or sin?

Was God, then, kinder unto thee than them,

O thou whose little life was but a span?

Ah, think it not! In all His diadem

No star shines brighter than the kingly man,

Who nobly earns whatever crown he wears,

Who grandly conquers, or as grandly dies;

And the white banner of his triumph bears

Through all the years uplifted to the skies!

What lofty crown shall the victor greet?

What crown replendish for his brow be fit?

O child, if earthly life be bitter-sweet,

Hast thou not something missed in missing it?

—Julia C. B. Dorr.

WAITING.

Learn to wait—life's latest lesson,

Conced, perchance, through blinding tears:

While the heart-torments sadly echo

To the tread of passing years;

Learn to wait hope's slow fruition:

Faint not though the way seems long;

There is a joy in each condition,

Hearts, though suffering, may grow strong.

Constant sunshine, however welcome,

Ne'er would ripen fruit or flower;

Giant oaks owe half their greatness

To the scathing tempest's power.

Thus a soul untouched by sorrow,

Aims not at a higher state;

Joy seeks not a brighter morn'g—

Only sad hearts learn to wait.

Human strength and human greatness

Spring not from life's sunny side;

Heroes must be more than driftwood,

Floating on a waveless tide.

[Victoria Magazine.]

Diphtheria and its Cure.

Diphtheria has always played havoc in Great Britain; but hitherto no more attention has been paid to it than to scarlet fever or any other acute disease.

The death of Princess Alice has excited general alarm. Now that a daughter of the Queen has been carried away by it, the disease is being investigated.

The papers are full of popular essays and letters on the subject, some of which are not without interest for American readers. For example:

Diphtheria is essentially an inflammatory action of the mucous membrane of the throat, back of the neck and windpipe, excited by a parasitic organism. Its most remarkable characteristic is an exudation from these membranes of an adhesive character, so that they become coated with a layer of toxic material resembling a very thin shaving of chamois leather, whence the name "diphtheria"—"the leather disease."

This membrane blocks up the entrance of the windpipe and causes suffocation—the most immediately threatening feature of the malady. If, however, the danger of suffocation is escaped, there will supervene a specific nervous affection of a paralytic character, which affects the organs of speech and the neighboring parts, accompanied by the most utter prostration of the general system.

These latter characteristics distinguish diphtheria from a much more common yet less dangerous disease, namely, croup. It is, moreover, of all its forms the most insidious, and has suspicious relations with scarlet fever. The question which has been so often asked as regards the cause or causes to which it can be referred seems likely to receive an answer from the case of the Princess Alice. That august lady resided occasionally in the old mediæval palace of the Grand Duke of Hesse, in the lower part of the town of Darmstadt, in preference to the new palace built for her husband, present Grand Duke.

This venerable structure is honey-combed with drains and cesspools, and the most common cause of diphtheria is the influence of the air or sewage products, whereby bacteria are generated, and although the disease itself is highly infectious, sewage may be said to be the *fungus origo mali*. The remedy which has been found most effectual in England is sulphurous acid, a specific which must not be confused with sulphuric acid, i. e., oil of vitriol. If the patient inhales sulphurous acid constantly, and applies it to the membrane with a spray, the chances of recovery are almost certain, and whenever this specific has failed the result has been obtained by a neglect of using it with sufficient frequency. The effect produced is the destruction of the parasitic germ.

Tried Recipes.

BY MRS. WARREN.

FRIDAY SOUP.—Put in a kettle, a piece of butter the size of a hen's egg, when very hot add two onions sliced very thin, cook them until red, then add a half a teaspoonful of flour. Cook again until red; add one pint of boiling water. Let it boil one minute. Set on the back of the stove until almost ready to serve; then add one and a half pints of boiling milk, and two or three well mashed, boiled potatoes. Add a little of the soup to the potatoe at first, then more until perfectly smooth, then stir into the soup. Season with salt and pepper; simmer a moment, and then serve.

BREAKFAST CAKES.—One quart of butter, milk, one heaping tablespoonful of butter, or lard, melted, one teaspoonful of soda, one-half teaspoonful of salt, flour enough to make it as thick as can be stirred with a spoon. Bake like biscuit.

FARMER'S PUDDING.—Two eggs, one cup of sweet milk, one pint of flour, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, two of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Steam from twenty to twenty-five minutes. Serve with a sauce made of butter and sugar, or with sweetened cream. For those who have no steamer, a good way is to turn a basin up side down, in a kettle of water enough to cover it. On this, set the pudding in a covered dish; cover the kettle tightly, replenishing with hot water if needed.

MINUTE PUDDING.—Heat one quart of milk, add a small tablespoonful of butter, when boiling, add one coffee cup of flour; rub smooth in one of cold milk. Let it boil up once. Serve with sugar and cream.

A correspondent of the Boston "Journal of Commerce," writing from this city, tells of another invention which has been kept secret pending the procurement of patents, and which, with power derived from a spring like that of a clock, furnishes an electric light of great brilliancy. It is said that the whole apparatus occupies no more space than an ordinary lamp, that it can be sold for six dollars per lamp, and that the light itself will only cost half a cent per hour.—[Washington Paper.]

A curious report has been received from Europe that leading Jews are perfecting a plan for the purchase of Palestine. Indeed, it is said that the project is completed, and that Messrs. Rothschild, Montefiore, and other prominent financiers and patriots have hopes of success in their undertaking from every point of view. The secretary, who is a Christian in faith, says every evidence of support to the project is manifested by the Jews of the entire world, yet a wise reserve in its details is demanded.

Which Kitty to keep?

BY E. P.

Kitties five had Dimple and Bess,— A basketful of happiness, A basketful of shiny furs, And little tails and paws and puffs.

The merry lives had just begun,— A little week of pretty fun,— And then a voice—'twas mamma's voice—"Come, children, you must make your choice!"

And oh, the little girls knew that that meant! And oh, the Mother Kitty turned so faint! And all three went, as sad as sad could be, And by the sweet cat-basket sat the three.

Down sadly stooped the little, tender Bess, And took one, snow-flake white, with a caress—"I would keep that!" Said Mother Cat!

But Dimple sighed; and then they chose Another kitty, like a soft white rose—"O, do keep that!" Said Mother Cat.

"But see," said Bess, "this purrs like any thing— It is so sweet to hear a kitty sing!" "You must keep that!" Said Mother Cat.

And this—see, Bess—is just as white as milk— So warm, and just as shiny soft as silk!" "But, that, that and that!" Said Mother Cat.

So Bess held up her little apron, and Dimple laid her down in with careful hand—"But, that, that and that!" Said Mother Cat.

Then in her mouth she caught the other one, And ran with it as fast as she could run; And like the oak both Bess and Dimple did, And in the hayrack all the kitties hid.

—Baby-Land.

Charles Kingsley once said to a little girl who asked him to sing to her:— My fairest child, I have no song to give you, No track could pipe to skies so cold and grey; Yet ere we part, our losses I can leave you, For every day, Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever; Do noble deeds, not dream them all day long; And so make life, death, and that vast for ever.

One grand, sweet song. Parental Affection in Sparrows. I saw a touching little incident showing the affection of sparrows for their young on the Kennington Oval cricket-ground last Thursday afternoon, a description of which you may, perhaps, think it worth while to record.

The afternoon was fine and the ground was surrounded by a dense ring of spectators, when a young pale-colored sparrow, under the gaze of both its parents, was trying to acquire the use of its wings. A slight wind was blowing towards the spectators, and the poor little bird, in its weak attempt to fly, was to the evident consternation of its parents, carried straight into the laps of the inner ring of spectators, one of whom caught it gently in his hand and held it.

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