

The Home Circle.

Conducted by Mrs. Harriot T. Clarke.

MANY YEARS AGO.

By the lake beyond the meadow, Where the lilies blow, As the young moon dip and lifted Her reflected bow...

OUR BOOK TABLE.

Scribner, for April, opens with "Actors and Actresses of New York," and is full of delightful memories of playing people and actors of the past decade...

Recipes.

A friend of the Home Circle sends us the following recipe for making potato yeast, for which we are much obliged.

POTATO YEAST.—Take two large potatoes (uncooked), grate or scrape them into a can, or better, an earthen jar, then add one tablespoonful of salt and one of sugar...

MARIANNE. Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast. This is why we so often see a cross dog with a brass band around his neck.

General Garfield has written to Ohio that he cannot be a candidate for Governor in the next election.

The scarcity of Diamonds, Gold and Silver, and the difficulties met with in securing them, is a sure indication of their value.

CROSSING THE PLAINS.

[From a MS. Journal kept by J. FIELD, JR.]

[CONTINUED.]

Wed. 28.—To-day we lay in camp, as the pilot, with 8 men, went back early this morning to hunt the strays...

Thur. 29.—This morning our camp was visited by 4 Pawnees, with their ponies laden with buffalo meat...

Frid. 30.—Again we lay in camp, awaiting the return of Clark and his company, who returned in the afternoon...

Sat. 31.—Went about 20 miles, camping near a place just deserted by a hunting party of Indians, whose camp, from the abundance of greasy bones...

Sun. June 1.—We camped last evening in two companies, with every evidence of a general split, which accordingly took place this morning...

Mon. 2.—Went 22 miles this day. Saw plenty signs of buffalo, but we discovered none until evening...

Tues. 3.—Went about 18 miles, the road broken with dry water-courses and the land dryer than any yet traveled in this bottom...

Wed. 4.—D. Latfield, the only Yankee in the crowd, and he from old Connecticut too, had to take to the bush yesterday on the dragoons' approach...

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Tues. 17.—Thanks to him who set the prairie on fire, we had to go back this morning to our last encampment for some of our working cattle...

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Fashion Notes.

Persian canvas is a new material for chair backs.

Satsuma is the name of a new shade in cream white.

Twilled satin foulards are among the new suit materials.

The new satin and lace stripes in evening silks look rich.

One large bow and strings constitute an Alsatian bonnet.

Very little jewelry will be worn on the streets this spring.

New evening dresses are made with Marie Antoinette paniers.

Princess pine and tree myrtle are the choicest evergreens.

Old-gold gauze and satin is a brilliant stuff for summer toilets.

In spring woollens are seen the Chud-dah stripes, or herring bones.

A new camel's fabric, as thin as bunting, will be worn this summer.

A shirring of India muslin will bind the edge of new chip bonnets.

Slippers of satin, embroidered with seed pearls, are worn by brides.

Seaside grenadine comes with greatly improved texture this spring.

Chinese blues and Chinese greens are found among the new colors.

Bretelles are again worn, and are pronounced unusually becoming.

Dark navy blue and brown are the most fashionable colors for caubrics.

All costumes are de rigueur contributions of several materials this season.

Outside jackets for suits are still made cutaway, with velvet or silk vests.

Some of the fancy feathers made from humming-bird's plumage cost \$20.

Colors from humming-birds' breasts are woven into spring bonnet feathers.

Woolen goods for spring dresses mostly have a flannel finish without luster.

Half-fitting jackets will be worn with dresses of washing material this summer.

Ribbons for strings are wider than formerly, measuring from three to four inches.

The Psyche coiffure is in the highest favor at present as showing the shape of the head.

Dot-d Swiss muslins are made over colored silica and garniture with lace and ribbons.

Rings and wide bracelets of black enamel are worn by ladies to make their hands and arms look fair.

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FOR THE CHILDREN.

My Good-for-Nothing.

"What are you good for, my brave little man? Answer that question for me, if you can—You, with your fingers ready for fun—You, with your ringlets as bright as the sun; All the day long, with your busy contriving, Into all mischief and roguery driving; See if your wise little noddle can tell What you are good for. Now, ponder it well."

Over the carpet the dear little feet Came with a patter to climb on my seat; Two merry eyes, full of frolic and glee, Under their lashes looked up unto me; Two little hands pressing soft on my face, Drew me down close in a loving embrace; Two rosy lips gave the answer so true, 'Good to love you, Mamma—good to love you.'

PUZZLES.

A friend of the FARMER has suggested to the Home Circle that a few puzzles and enigmas would add to the interest of the young folks' column. The idea is a good one, as the study of these things necessitates study, and so quicken and brighten the mind, cultivating a taste for inquiry, sometimes requiring a good knowledge of geography and history to solve them. Acting upon this suggestion, we give to our young folks a start this week, and will give the answers in four weeks if not solved sooner. We would like some original ones, if any of our readers will take the trouble to give them to us, or to select some for us.

No. 1.—I am composed of 14 letters. My 4, 2, 13, 14 is a slender piece of timber. My 10, 3, 11, 13, 14 is a look of pleasure. My 7, 8, 3 is an articulate sound. My 12, 11, 9 is a box or compartment for grain. My 5, 2, 3, 4 is a rude girl. My 1, 2, 3, 5 is to move toward. My whole is that which can be understood.

No. 2.—I am composed of ten words. My first is used to raise weights, and has 8 letters. My second is a country, and has 7 letters. My third has 7 letters, and pertains to ancient poets. My fourth has 6 letters, and is a tool used by carpenters. My fifth has 7 letters, and is motion. My sixth has 3 letters, and means unanimously. My seventh is a country, and has 6 letters. My eighth has 6 letters, and is a kind of ship. My ninth has 6 letters, and is the name of a Mexican panther. My tenth has 5 letters, and is a race of people. The initials read downward is a patriot, and the finals read downward is a California city.

No. 3.—Where occur these familiar sayings? "The smallest worm will turn, being trodden on." "None but the brave deserve the fair." "She walks the waters like a thing of life, And seems to dare the elements to strife." "The trail of the serpent is over them all."

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