

The Home Circle.

Conducted by Mrs. Harriet T. Clarke.

MY DYING MOTHER.

As we stand beside thee weeping,
With our faces wet with tears;
We call to memory sadly,
The pleasures of by-gone years.

We are thinking of our mother,
As we stand beside her grave—
Of the many trials and troubles
She fought through life so brave.

When, at last, a voice from heaven,
Came in the hush of night,
Telling her home to Jesus,
To dwell with the pure and bright.

Yet we mourn for thee, dear mother,
And will, for many a year
Of the trials that await us,
Ere we read our titles clear.

G. L. SUTHERLIN.

[The writer of the above verses also sends us a communication concerning the death-bed scene of this beloved mother, and his reflections. We find it too long for publication, and as the sentiment of the whole letter is so feelingly expressed in these lines, we give them to our readers.—Ed.]

Let it Pass.

Be not swift to take offense,
Anger is a foe to sense;

Let it pass!
Brood not darkly o'er a wrong,
Which will disappear ere long;
Rather sing this cheery song—
Let it pass!
Let it pass!

Strife corrodes the purest mind;
Let it pass!
Any vulgar soul that live,
May condemn without reprieve;
'Tis the noble who forgive.
Let it pass!
Let it pass!

Echo not an angry word;
Let it pass!
Think how often you have erred;
Let it pass!
Since our joys must pass away,
Like the dew-drops on the spray,
Wherefore should our sorrows stay?
Let it pass!
Let it pass!

If for good you've taken ill,
Let it pass!
Oh, be kind and gentle still;
Let it pass!
Time at last makes all things straight;
Let it pass!
And our triumph shall be great;
Let it pass!
Let it pass!

Bid your anger to depart,
Let it pass!
Lay these homely words to heart,
Let it pass!
Follow not the giddy throng;
Better to be wronged than wrong;
Therefore sing the cheery song—
Let it pass!
Let it pass!

—All the Year Round.

A WORD FOR OUR BOYS.

The girls have come out bravely in their efforts to help the young folks' column, and are writing interesting letters, giving us an insight into their daily life and occupations. All of this is nice, but we must adhere to our assertion made long ago, that we feel an interest in boys, just a little more than for the girls—bred of a deeper anxiety for them, for they have more temptations before them and less of watchful care and guardianship than is thrown about the lives of girls. So I was glad to see that one woman in the State Grange lifted up her voice for the boys; glad that she thought of it, though we have no doubt but all those mothers echoed her sentiments, yet they had never thought of speaking about them. As a general thing almost any place is "good enough for a boy to sleep in," and while small, are kept out of the house because they are noisy and bring in dirt, while the truth is that boys enjoy nice surroundings as well as anybody. Little pains are taken to teach boys orderly habits, and the girls getting the closets, bureaus and boxes, any odd corner will hold the boys' clothes. Order is the result of early education, and boys can acquire this as readily as girls if there is only some encouragement held out to them.

Mothers would save themselves trouble if they early provided a place for the boys to put their hats and coats, and for books and playthings, always requiring them to keep them in their places. Order is heaven's first law, and if you bring up your boy to habits of order and neatness, you are doing a kindness to him and laying the foundation for happiness in a future family. Poor fences, weedy gardens, neglected orchards, tumble-down buildings and dirty door yards tell of a neglect of early training in this line.

Give the boy a comfortable room, neat bedding and clean sheets, and he will think twice before he takes off his muddy boots. He will leave them out on the porch, and will bathe his feet after coming out of the plowed field at night or from the sweaty harvest field, before getting into a tidy, clean bed. Some think colored blankets are good enough for boys and men folks to sleep in, but while cotton is so cheap, their is little excuse for that way of making up a bed. It is but little trouble to wash sheets and pillow-slips. The trouble is nothing compared to the comfort and luxury of sweet, fresh bedding,

while blankets that "don't show dirt" should be used for outer covering, and not next to the body.

Anything that goes to develop self-respect in our boys is to be encouraged, and a proper care of personal appearance and personal comfort will do much to foster this and make them better men. People that think well of themselves are generally respected by others.

Another mistake often made by parents—and those too who wish to do right by their children,—is in a restriction in regard to money matters. Nobody appreciates having a little money to jingle in their pockets more than the boys. A quarter in change will make a boy more manly, and the promise or possession of one will be a great inducement for good behavior and industry. Yet farmers' boys are not apt to have much money, and yet they work hard, too. They see town boys having money, spending it independently for objects of boyish ambition, and they conclude that town life is more prolific of pleasure, naturally forming a conclusion that farming is a poor business, all work and no play. It is a genuine satisfaction to a boy to be able to plank down his money in the purchase of some article.

Let them earn it first. Give them a pig, a colt—something whereby there may be a feeling of complete ownership. Let him trade, buy or sell his own. Occasionally he makes a bad bargain. Never mind. Let him see his own mistake, and without recrimination put it down to so much experience paid for, only watching that all his transactions are straightforward and honorable.

If the boys are ever to enjoy life it is in youth. Youth is the time to learn. We cannot expect boys to be like old men, and we do like a manly boy.

AUNT HETTY.

Winter Sweets and Summer Sours.

In summer we all relish and feel a craving for something acid. Nature calls for it to keep the system in order. Salads of all kinds are healthful and refreshing. Lettuce is the principal one for the table. It should be grown rapidly to be nice and crisp. Watercress, onions, nasturtium blossoms, cabbage, celery, cucumbers and tomatoes are next in order as the season advances. Lettuce with a dressing of vinegar, salt, pepper and sugar is always nice, but we make a dressing that we think is excellent. A cup of vinegar in a bright vessel put on the stove to heat; put in a large spoonful of sugar, one of butter, and salt and pepper; when hot pour into a bowl in which is a well-beaten egg, stir quickly and pour over the vegetable just before eating. Another way: heat half a cup of thick cream, thicken a little with flour or corn-starch dissolved in a little milk; when a little cool mix in the white of an egg beaten. Beat the yolks of two eggs with a teaspoonful of melted butter, a little mustard, salt and one of sugar; stir in a half cup of hot vinegar. This is particularly nice for cabbage or tomatoes, and won't take as long to make as we are in telling. Many people prefer olive oil for salads, but we much prefer to use butter. When winter comes we will speak of the sweets.

A Pleasant Suggestion.

In looking over our Eastern exchanges we notice a custom that is becoming quite common among the Grangers east of the Rocky Mountains that seems to us so touchingly beautiful that we would like to commend it to the fraternity in Oregon and Washington. The custom alluded to is the planting of a memorial tree at the grave of a deceased brother or sister at the same time of the burial services. An evergreen tree would seem to be one most appropriate for such an occasion, and then it is usually considered that evergreens are more apt to bear transplanting at any season of the year. An elm tree is a beautiful as well as long-lived tree, besides being graceful in shape. It would be well to plant with a view to age.

What Women Say About Women.

A strong, free and happy womanhood seems to demand in addition to moral, mental and physical culture, such a direction of practical energy as will make self-support as easy as it is for men.—Anna C. Garlin.

Whether woman is inferior, superior, the equal, or the complement of man, it still remains true that each human being would thrive best under the fullest culture and with the largest liberty to grow.—Grace Anna Lewis.

Girls in their teens should learn the worth of money and the judicious use of it. If poor, they should earn it honestly, and then expend it in gaining an education, or save it for the emergencies of the future.—Sarah M. Perkins.

The field of literature is conquered for women. There are no longer bars or obstructions of any sort in

the way. A woman who has anything to say is privileged to say it; and if it is worth hearing the world will lend an attentive ear.—Mrs. E. B. Duffey.

What is needed is free, untrammelled access of women to all fields of labor, and equal industrial training with men. No girl should be considered educated for life till she is in possession of a trade, profession, or business that will give her a living.—Mrs. Livermore.

The charitable institutions of the future will doubtless be practically managed chiefly by women. Let us see to it that these women have minds so carefully and perfectly organized that the charity of the future shall not be only emotional, but wise and reasonable.—Anna C. Brackett.

It is often lamented that the female teachers in our public schools change so often, because they leave the schools to be married; but I believe this is far from being an unmixed evil, but that on the contrary, this fresh young element has its value in the schools, and that whatever evil arises is more than compensated by the knowledge of the schools which is thus gained by the future mothers of the community, who can exercise so powerful an influence upon education.—Edna D. Cheney.

Egg-Eating Hens.

"Will Fanny Field tell how to cure hens of eating their eggs? I feed regularly, give plenty of water, but still they are bent on gobbling up the eggs."

G. L. N.

The quickest and most effectual method of cure is to watch your flocks until you detect the guilty ones, then catch them and cut their heads off. Another method is to confine them in a coop by themselves for a month or more, and give one feed each day of raw meat chopped fine, and keep plenty of crushed oyster shells by them. Have two or three nest eggs of something that will not break, in the coop all the time. The hens will try to eat these eggs, but finding all attempts to break them in vain they will finally give it up. The meat and oyster shells will satisfy the craving for animal food and lime, and a month or six weeks of confinement and porcelain eggs will effect a cure. I used to be troubled with egg-eaters among my flock, and cured several by this method, but should not try it again unless the hens were very valuable.

There are several ways by which hens learn to eat their eggs. In cold weather eggs are left in the nest until they freeze and crack open, the hens peck at the cracks and soon learn that eggs are good to eat. Eggshells are thrown to the hens and they devour them greedily for the sake of the lime, and soon learn to peck at the whole eggs. From lack of shell-forming ingredients in their food, hens frequently lay soft-shelled eggs, or eggs without any shells, and as they doubtless feel ashamed of their unfinished work, devour it to get it out of sight.

The preventives are obvious. Give your hens plenty of lime in some shape—crushed oyster shells, burnt bones or old plaster, and always use porcelain nest-eggs. As soon as an egg-eater is discovered she should be killed at once, or removed from the other fowls until a cure is effected. One egg-eating hen will soon corrupt the morals of the entire flock.

FANNY FIELD.

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SHEEP FARMING IN COLORADO.—Some idea of the extent of sheep husbandry in Colorado may be inferred from the following figures, which are taken from the Pueblo Chieftain: The largest sheep growing counties are El Paso, 220,000; Los Animas, 190,000; Huerfano, 180,000; Elbert, 100,000; Conejos, 115,000; Arapahoe, 90,000; Bent, 80,000; Larimer, 70,000; Pueblo, 63,000; Weld, 50,000. The sheep average in value about \$2.25 per head. The following estimate of capital invested in the business in the State is semi-official: Sheep, \$4,500,000; ranches, improvements, etc., \$1,000,000. Total \$5,500,000.

AN OLD CROP.—This week Rev. J. S. Griffin laid upon our table some very fine red clover which he says is from the first crop ever sown in Washington County, 36 years ago. The question has often been asked, Is clover natural to the soil of Oregon? Mr. G. believes that this crop, which he has several times plowed up and never re-sown, growing prolifically as it has for thirty-six years, fully answers the question.—[Hillsboro Independent.]

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Tangled Threads.

BY MRS. M. A. HOLT, IN WATCHWOOD.

A scowl is on my Annie's face,
And tears are in her eyes,
And I can see the feeble trace
Of anger quickly rise,
In the young heart that has not learned
The lesson of the wise.

Her hair is tangled—that is all,
And yet enough to bear,
No greater mishap can befall
My little girl so fair;
Than smothering out the tangled braids
Of golden shining hair.

My little girl is slow to learn
The olden lesson true,
That patience we should never spurn,
When we are passing through
The smooth out of tangled knots,
Which often come to view.

The mystic warp and woof of life
Have many a tangled thread
Of care and trial, pain and strife,
By which our lives are led,
Although impatiently we stand,
And bitter tears we shed.

If we would learn to patient be,
And let God's gentle hand
Smooth out the tangled threads we see,
And meekly, gently stand—
The world would soon an Eden be,
And life a fairy land.

LETTERS FROM LITTLE FOLKS.

One more letter comes from Cove, Eastern Oregon, and this little friend is very welcome to the Home Circle. We hope she and all the rest will write again some time. We like to know all about the places where you all live, and what you are doing, and what you observe about you. It makes us all feel acquainted.

COVE, Union Co., Or.,

May 28, 1879.

Editor Home Circle:

I have been a reader of the WILLAMETTE FARMER for over two years, and have often wanted to write a few words for your valuable paper. I have read with great interest all the letters that have been published.

We have had a great deal of rain in Eastern Oregon this spring, and farmers have not got quite all their grain in. This is such bad weather they cannot, but what grain is up is looking nice.

You said you would give a nice book to the one who sent you a communication for next week. I hope there will be a great many try for it. Hoping you will print this, I will close for this time.

ANNIE ROBINSON.

Learn to Work.

"You will always have a living, boys," I said, as I stood in the orchard watching their horticultural operations. "If you learn a profession and then find the field overcrowded, there will be nothing to hinder your hiring out to work in orchards, to take care of hot-beds and green-houses, to plant, prune, graft and bud—all the little, nice work of an orchardist, and you may thank a good Father for making these things pleasant and easy for you. To know just when, and how, and why to do things, from the experience of the early part of your life-time will be a recommendation if poor, and in need, and a boy that keeps his eyes open, and his hands willing, on a fruit farm can learn a good deal of use to him all through life. It is a critical period in the life of a boy when he begins to think and talk of the future, and he builds bright air castles that are doomed to fall, but are pleasant in the building."

"I talk as if I expected you were going to be poor, do I? Well, who knows. There are plenty of men who have been wealthy and by a sudden turn of fortune lost it all. Yet none have a better chance of a comfortable, steady living, than the farmer and fruit-grower. Their produce is always needed, it must be had; and, although all years are not alike, the chances of sudden downfall are less than in any other occupation. 'Have to work hard, you say.' Ah! but it is healthful, life-giving work, and I am sure not so wearing to soul or body as to drudge in a dark office, or behind a counter with its opportunities for evil, its petty temptations and perplexities. While you sleep, the trees are growing, the garden is ready to unfold new beauties when you wake, you have God's grand aviary all around you, and a thousand blessings follow your steps. Pure air and water, milk and honey at a trifling cost of money and labor, rich returns of the choicest fruit and flowers, and the influence of a pleasant home.

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