

The Home Circle.

Conducted by Mrs. Harriet T. Clarke.

Old Kitchen Reveries.

Far back in my musings, my thoughts have been cast To the cot where the hours of my childhood were passed; I loved all its rooms to the pantry and hall, But that blessed old kitchen was dearer than all.

AN OREGON BOY

Has painted a most beautiful picture of Mount Hood, that excels any other painting that we have seen of that grand old sentinel of the Cascade range.

Starching Shirts.

If there is any one piece of household work that we dislike to do more than another, it is to "do up" shirts. With twenty years of experience we are not perfect yet, but we will give a few hints that may help some younger sister out of difficulties.

CHOICE RECIPES.

MUTTON HAMS CURED

Are nearly as good as venison hams, and where people live so far from market, it is well to lay in a little supply of wants that are always handy in an emergency.

HAMBURG PICKLE.

Take one gallon of boiling water; one pound of common salt; one pound and a half of brown sugar; and two tablespoonfuls of salt.

TO MAKE DUTCH CHEESE.

I was given this recipe some years ago and give it to you, as it proves to be excellent, and the cheese will be appreciated by all who are fond of this cheese—and who are not? It is as follows: Allow the milk to thicken; then heat gently over a fire in a large kettle till the curd separates from the whey.

TOMATOES.

The season for this excellent vegetable is at hand, and we give some good recipes that we have tried.

SCALLOPED TOMATOES.

Peel as many ripe tomatoes as required; cut into slices, and place in a pudding dish, first a layer of tomatoes, seasoned with butter, pepper and salt, then a thick layer of bread crumbs, also seasoned with butter, pepper and salt.

A "Cluck" and Six Kittens.

Mr. Aarvin, of West Leesport, Pa., has a "cluck" which tenderly cares for six kittens about three weeks old. The cluck had been deprived of a brood of young chickens, and feeling the loss very keenly, she no doubt considered the taking charge of the kittens a just compensation.

Do not give a tired horse very cold water, as it often produces colic. Many allow water to stand for some minutes in buckets. On the road horses should be watered once in ten miles at least.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

To a Baby.

Well, dear little mortal, Set down on life's portal, With never a question of choice or of will, Small pilgrim, set out On a journey of doubt.

LETTERS FROM LITTLE FOLKS.

Scio, Or., July 5, 1879.

Editor Home Circle: In reading the FARMER I have seen a number of letters written by the girls. I have often wanted to write a few lines, and have read all the letters which have been published.

We live about six miles from Scio, on a foothill of the Cascades. Scio is our nearest post office. We have been living on a farm for two years, and like it very much.

Mamma says she would like to know Aunt Hetty, because she writes sound sense. This is my first attempt to write for a paper. I send my best wishes to the FARMER.

LILY D. HALL.

CHEYCOE, OR., June 24, 1879.

I am a reader of the FARMER, and I like to read the girls' letters, but I think it is harder to write them than to read them. I live on a sheep rancho 20 miles from Ellensburg.

Your valuable paper is received every week, and we don't know how we could get along without it.

There are a great many sheep and dairy ranches here. We milk a few cows and make some butter to sell. Ellensburg is a very pretty place, but would be very dull if it was not for Hume's Salmon Cannery, which makes it pretty lively in the fall.

I guess I had better close, or my letter will be put in the waste basket. I will close by wishing you much success with your paper.

MIRA FORGEY.

A New Secret Order.

The other day, after a strapping young man had sold a load of corn and potatoes in the market, and had taken his team to a hotel barn to "feed," it became known to men around the barn that he was very desirous of joining some secret society in town.

The young man thought he had struck a big thing, and after eating a hearty dinner he was taken into a store-room above the barn to be initiated.

The boys poured cold water down his back, put flour on his hair, swore him to kill his mother if commanded, and rushed him around for an hour, without a single complaint from his lips.

"Now I'm one of the Cavaliers of Coveo am I?" "You are," they answered. "Nothing more to learn, is there?" "Nothing."

"Well, then I'm going to lick the whole crowd," continued the candidate, and he went at it, and before he got through he had his two dollars initiation fee back and three more to boot, and had knocked everybody down two or three times a piece. He didn't seem greatly disturbed in mind as he drove out of the barnyard.

On the contrary his hat was slanted over, and he had a fresh five-cent cigar in his teeth, and mildly said to one of the barn boys:

"Say, boy, if you hear of any cavaliers asking for a coveo about my size, tell 'em I'll be in on the full of the moon to take the Royal Skyfuge Degrees."

A COACHMAN was often obliged to wait long hours while his mistress made calls. He determined to improve the time; he found a small volume containing the Eclogues of Virgil, but could not read it, so he purchased a Latin Grammar.

Food for Young Turkeys.

In some cases, even the best of care fails to secure a good number of young turkeys. Before they have fully feathered up they are the tenderest of birds, but when they have put on a full dress of feathers, nothing in the way of poultry is more hardy or less liable to disease or disorder.

Silenced.

Madame Patterson-Bonaparte, the American wife Jerome Bonaparte discarded at the command of his brother, the great Emperor, was noted for her sarcasm.

When Madame Patterson-Bonaparte was in Vienna, she was invited out to dinner by Lord Dundas, the British Ambassador, who had been rather offended in the drawing room by the lady's championship of Napoleon I.

He asked the lady if she had read Mrs. Trollope's book on America. She said she had.

"Well, Madame," continued he, "what do you think of her pronouncing all Americans vulgarians?" "I am not surprised at that," she said.

"Were the Americans the descendants of the Indians or the Esquimaux, I should be astonished; but being the direct descendants of the English, it would be very strange if they were not vulgarians."

The subject interested the Englishman no more.

MR. BEECHER'S HORSE.—An amusing incident is related of the recent visit of Henry Ward Beecher to this city as chaplain of the Thirtieth New York regiment. The horses for the field and staff of the Thirtieth were furnished here, and when the stout and solid looking bay selected for him was led out Mr. Beecher inquired whether he was perfectly safe. The stable proprietor replied in the affirmative.

"Perfectly safe and reliable?" asked the Chaplain. "Perfectly so," replied the proprietor. "He will go anywhere, and is not afraid of the military or cars. There isn't a mean thing about him."

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