

The Home Circle.

Conducted by Mrs. Harriot T. Clarke.

A PERPLEXED HOUSEKEEPER.

I wish I had a dozen pairs of hands this very minute; I'd soon put all things to rights—The very duce is in it.

THE APPLE.

Wonderously, O goddess fair, Hast thou kept thy promise rare When thine orchards lit the night With their lamps of pink and white.

MORE HINTS FOR YOUNG HOUSE-KEEPERS.

I would like to impress more firmly on the minds of young girls the necessity of "system" in house-keeping, for if it is not practiced in the early days of married life, it will not be systematic when the cares and growing responsibilities come that every new year brings with it.

these, if system be observed, the work will come easier. Dinner may be in the course of preparation so that it be on the table by twelve. Supper should be only a lighter affair, with little cooking. In this way there ought to be two or three hours left in the afternoon for rest, if it may be called rest to be allowed to sit at the machine, or sew by hand.

A WELCOME LETTER.

[We welcome the following letter from a valued correspondent, who has been silent so long that we feared she had forgotten the Home Circle. This comes timely, for it is just what we have been trying to advocate—that is, get our lady readers to exchange thoughts and experience through this column. We hope the writer will send a recipe for Pork Cake, it is nice, and we know and are sure our readers would like it.]

I hesitated, when I sat down this evening, whether to take up my pen or not. It seemed so cozy and comfortable to sit up by the fire and knit the pretty red and white stockings I am knitting for my boy's winter wear. But I have been wanting for some time to write to you on a subject that interests me very much.

Woman's Vote.

Grace Greenwood says: "That women are going to vote is just as inevitable as the falling of an avalanche from an Alpine slope. It must come. Anybody who looks at it must see it."

An honest Hibernian, in recommending a cow, said she would give milk year after year without having calves, "because," said he, "it runs in the blood; for she came from a cow that never had a calf."

FOR THE CHILDREN.

A MOTHER'S DIARY.

Morning! Baby on the floor, Making for the fender; Sunlight seems to make it sneeze; Baby "on a bender!"

LETTERS FROM LITTLE FOLKS.

LATHAM, OR., Nov. 23, 1879. Editor Home Circle. As I saw no letter in this week's FARMER I thought I would write a few lines. Our school was out last Friday; I am not in as good luck as Otte C. to get to start again in a day or two.

WESTON, OR., Nov. 23, 1879. Editor Home Circle: I would have written before but I have been so busy I have not had time. I am twelve years old; I live on a farm two miles from Weston. We came from the Willamette valley nine years ago; I do not remember much about that country. I like outdoor work much better than in-door work, but I don't have much outdoor work to do.

A WONDERFUL PET.

You have heard of wonderful dogs and horses by the score, but I fancy you have not often heard of a pet elephant. In India where elephants are numerous, they are employed in different kinds of service, and I will now tell you a true story of one who was a pet.

fisherman, too, and might often be seen on the banks of Gauges helping his little friends to catch the Golden catch which abound in that river. One of the boys would bait the hook for him and take off the fish, but he would hold the fishing-rod with the tip of his trunk, and would always know when he had a bite, and would land the fish as well as any one—[Children's Magazine.]

OUR BOOK TABLE.

Scribner for November contains several articles of special interest to our readers. Among them is a timely paper on The Agricultural Distress in Great Britain, contributed by Mr. P. T. Quinn, of the New Jersey State Agricultural Association, who concludes from personal observation of English farming during the past year, that it has irretrievably lost its prominence as an industry of the country of the kingdom.

CHOICE RECIPES.

Take a quart of stewed apples; add to them a pint of milk, four well-beaten eggs, sugar to taste; a teaspoonful of extract of lemon and a little nutmeg; beat together. Line a baking-dish with slices of buttered bread; put in the apples, cover them with slices of the bread buttered side up and bake until brown. To be eaten cold with sweetened cream.

Another nice pudding is made as follows: Take tart apples; pare and chop them fine; put a layer of them in a dish; add sugar and spice, then a layer of bread crumbs, and so on until the dish is full; pour over it a custard and let it bake slowly until the apples are done. This is also to be eaten cold, but does not require cream.

Apples are very delicious and wholesome simply baked. Take good cooking apples, ripe, put them in a dripping pan with the bottom well covered with water; let them bake until nearly done, then add the sugar and cook until the syrup is thick and rich; then they are a dish fit for a queen.

Apple dumplings are much better if the flour is scalded after rubbing in a little lard and salt; pour on sufficient boiling water to make a stiff dough; let it cool a little, and then flour your hands and work a piece of dough until it is large enough to cover the apple; drop in boiling water; eat with butter, cream and sugar.

Fruit Pudding.—One cup molasses, one cup sweet milk, one of each chopped fine, or a half cup butter, one of raisins, half cup currants, two and a half cups flour, half teaspoon soda mix well and spice to taste, and steam two hours.

Dried Apple Custard.—One cup of dried apples, mashed and strained; two eggs beaten with the apples; sweeten and spice to taste; add a half tumbler of cream or rich milk. Bake in paste, and when done cover with a meringue.

WINDOW BASKETS.—Get a medium sized fruit bowl, one that slopes toward the bottom, and, with a scarlet yarn and a bone crochet needle, knit a cover of open work to fit it, and finish it with a narrow flaring border around the bottom edge, a tassel in the center, and three stout cords of the double worsted tied to the upper edge to hang it by; fill the bowl with sand and leaf mold. The plants are...

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