

The Home Circle.

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SPRING CLEANING.

'Tis morn' on leaving home around I glance— All there is luxury and elegance;

The carpets up, the curtains down, fires out, Furniture all neat and piled about;

The dog and cat upon the hearthrug lie, My sweet wife kisses me and says good by, While servants bring my hat, and coat and cane,

The dog, once scalded, from them keeps aloof; The cat has sought for safety on the roof;

But I am not forgot. My feast is spread Out in the woodshed on a barrel head— One slice of bread, a plate of warmed-up beans,

LETTER FROM AUNT MATTIE.

Editor Home Circle: We read so much about household decorations, but these articles of beauty always require some outlay of money. We need more directions for making ornaments and little useful nick nacks, which will cost nothing but spare time in their production.

Remedy for Burns. Editor Willamette Farmer: As I have seen so many accidents caused by fire in the papers of late, I thought perhaps this simple remedy might be of use to some of the readers of your columns.

Messrs. Fishel & Roberts have a complete and excellent assortment of youths' and boys' clothing. They range from the smallest to the largest person, and can be obtained at any desirable price.

"Snobbishness" or "Laziness"

An item going the rounds, says that a young man in Madison, Wisconsin, bought six collars and a neck-tie, weight under four ounces, and through snobbishness or laziness, ordered them sent to his residence; he would not carry a parcel in the street.

A certain lady (?) bought a spool of thread, and ordered it "sent home"—over half a mile. A farmer of our acquaintance was stopped in the rain by a wealthy man, who haggled about the price of turnips for several minutes,

The cavalcade made a tour of the town and three wide circuits before success fully backing up squarely to the purchaser's gate. Four men delivered them in a huge basket, and the farmer refused to receive more than 6j cents, the contract price.

Our Next Commissioner of Agriculture. National Live-Stock Journal. Who shall be Commissioner of Agriculture under President Garfield? This is a question that interests every reader of the Journal in the United States.

Clark's Oregon Seedling Strawberry. This is the time of year when people will be putting out small fruits, and we call attention to the above berry, of Oregon origin, which was reported on by the State Horticultural Society last Summer, and pronounced the best berry for firmness, flavor and hardiness,

How Long Will it Last. Jacksonville Sentinel. During the past three months there has been sold in Jacksonville, alone, over 5,000 deer skins. Deer will average about 60 lbs., so that within a few months the deer slaying population have consumed the 300,000 lbs. of venison. It must have been consumed for, of course, the industrious people who are slaying the noble game by the wholesale are too economical to waste wholesome food and too conscientious to violate law by simply slaughtering deer for their hides.

Spring Cleaning. Messrs. Fishel & Roberts have a complete and excellent assortment of youths' and boys' clothing. They range from the smallest to the largest person, and can be obtained at any desirable price.

For The Children.

WE LOVE THE ABSENT BEST

Oh, the absent are the dearest To a mother's loving heart; And the depth of our affection Is not known until we part.

But if there remains a pillow Too uncrumpled, and too white; And the chair-a-neath the bedside Hold no garments for the night—

Then our hearts yearn with affection For the tower from our nest, And we feel of all our darlings, That we love the absent best.

OUR LETTER BOX

Aunt Hetty took a holiday and went off into the beautiful country to enjoy a little sunshine, fresh air and pleasant sounds which come with opening Spring—the robins are chirping a happy return; the little lambs are calling, and the squirrels are just coming out from their winter sleep—so we wanted to have a taste of all these pleasant things and feel happier for a change.

Editor Home Circle: As I have not written in so long a time, I thought I would write a few lines. Pa takes the FARMER, and we all like it very much. I like to read the letters from the little folks. We had a good school here, but it was out last week; there were thirty-five scholars. I have one sister and five brothers.

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Editor Home Circle: I am a little boy six years old. I cannot write, but got my sister to write for me. Pa is going to town to-day. I will tell you what I do to help my ma: I carry in the wood for the stove and fire place, feed the pigs, calves, horses and chickens, and many other chores.

Editor Home Circle: I live on a farm five miles from Dayton. The land here is excellent; we raise a variety of things, such as wheat, oats, hay, flax, sugar cane and potatoes. We had ten cows last Summer, and sold 675 lbs. of butter. We have 50 hens; we have 131 sheep, but the coyotes and dogs killed all except 14. I have five sisters and one brother.

brother; we all live at home and are quite happy. I am a girl 13 years old. Pa has been taking the FARMER for two years and we like it very much.

Editor Home Circle: I am going to school now; I study reading, arithmetic, spelling, history, geography and writing. I saw a letter from Roy Hadley, who I am acquainted with; and also one from Maud Burford; I wonder if she remembers me yet.

Editor Home Circle: I have not written to your paper for some time, I concluded to write again. I have been going to school, but was out last week; I study reading, arithmetic, grammar, writing, geography, algebra and spelling. I got the prize for the best writing and most head-marks; there were an average of about ten scholars.

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pathy in your deep affliction. It has been but a few years since she laid a loving daughter in the grave, and can realize the gloom that now surrounds your threshold; but we know they have only gone before, and are waiting to welcome us on that bright and shining shore.

HOW HE GOT EVEN. Louisville Courier Journal. Old Mars Major Meaux was a powerful good friend of old General Jackson, and had fit under him at the battle of New Orleans, again them red coat fellows.

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