

The Home Circle.

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SAVING MOTHER.

The farmer sat in his easy chair Between the fire and the lamp's glare; His face was ruddy and full and fair...

"I'd sell off the best of the cheese and honey, An' eggs is good, nigh about, 's the money...

Dick and Edward and little Joe Sat in the corner in a row. They saw the patient mother go...

"You talk of savin' wood and ile An' tea an' sugar, all the while, But you never talk of savin' mother!"

How harshly falls upon the ear This one sad word—how great the fear, To be, when death to us draws near...

To know, ere many Summers gay, Or Winters drear, have passed away, That we must moulder in the clay...

So all men seek the mystic key Of earthly immortality, In the vain hope of not to die...

But all vain hopes of this must die, No man can flight of time defy; We all within our graves must lie...

Did you ever think of the amount of thought requisite to plan three meals a day for 365 days in succession?

There is baking, sweeping, dusting, and making beds, lunch for the men, maybe dinner, supper to be made ready at the proper time...

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I heard two little girls talking under my window. One of them said in a voice indignation: "If I were in your place, I'd never speak to her again; I'd be angry with her as long as I lived."

"No, Lou," answered the other, in a sweet and gentle voice, "I wouldn't do so for all the world. I'm going to forgive and forget just as soon as I can."

I listened, feeling anxious about the reply. My heart beat more lightly when it came: "No, Lou," answered the other, in a sweet and gentle voice...

Farmers' Homes.

All the thoughts harbored about the occupation of the merchant, manufacturer, or professional man being higher or more honorable, or even more desirable than that of the farmers are fallacious and misleading.

There are many farm dwellings that have been erected during the last two decades, that, if not an annoyance to the parties who constructed them, still are inconvenient, unpleasant, and unsightly...

This class of farmers often excuse themselves by saying that it does not pay to improve the farm with valuable buildings.

But the question is asked, does not the farmer owe something to his children, and cannot their interests be better promoted by saving for them the accumulated amount which would otherwise be invested in a modern farm house?

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It is a false notion to gauge a man's kindly interest towards his children by the amount of money that he has, by a life of self denial, succeeded in accumulating.

The Mystery of Dreams. A man fell asleep as the clock tolled the first stroke of twelve. He awakened ere the echo of the twelfth stroke had died away...

A Year Without a Summer. In the year 1816 there was a sharp frost in every month. It was known as the "year without a summer."

A bachelor too poor to get married, yet too susceptible to let the girls alone, was riding with a lady "all of a Summer day," and accidentally—men's arms, awkward things! are ever in the way—dropped an arm round her waist.

The farmer's oldest boy now puts on his heaviest boots, gets a grip on the plow handles, and, with the "lines" around his neck, yells and shouts and swears because the span don't "have" and "gee" just right in turning corners.

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Editor Home Circle: I am a little girl seven years old. My father takes the FARMER. I read the little letters in it.

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Immigration.

There is, perhaps, no subject of general import affording greater interest to the intelligent retail dealer than the increase of population by immigration.

During April there arrived in this country 99,852 passengers, of whom 95,390 were immigrants, 2,769 citizens of the United States, and 1,793 foreigners not intending to remain here.

Most of the immigrants who are now leaving Germany are between 15 and 40 years of age—an age at which they can be the most useful as producers.

The question is often asked: "I have some outbuildings which I desire to whitewash, and if I could get a receipt for a good, durable, cheap whitewash I would apply it to my house, can you give me what I want?"

When ready to use, heat; if too thick add boiling water; it will not be apt to be too thin; it should be applied hot.

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For The Children.

YOUR FACES.

I know they are rosy, children, I know that your eyes are bright, That your cheeks have the cunningest dimples...

Whenever you fret and quarrel, Whenever you frown and cry, There's a line on your face that tells it, And will tell it by and by.

Still holds a few letters over from one week to another, but we do not have as many as we did last winter.

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I wrote you about and have it now, Papa says it is a mortar that the Indians used to beat their grain in for bread...

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