

The Home Circle.

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MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

There is nothing so cheering To him who has trouble As to stick a bright pin in The obstinate bubble.

You're sighing and brooding, My neighbor, that's certain—Quick! Let in the daylight By lifting the curtain.

At door, or at window, Go out on thought's pinions Forget your surroundings—Enlarge your dominions.

How to Treat an Enemy. If you have an enemy, and an opportunity occurs to benefit him matters great or small, act like a gentleman, and do him good service without hesitation.

Politeness is shown by passing over the faults and foibles of those whom you meet. Cultivate this especially towards relatives.

To Wash Calico Dresses. There is an art about washing dyed goods, which, when once acquired, will never be forgotten.

Filberts. A writer in a Southern journal says: "The shrub which produces the filbert nut is indigenous to this climate.

Florida's Famous Saurian. A traveler in Florida lately wrote: Every lake I saw in South Florida large enough had its family of alligators.

For The Children.

THE EARLY RAIN.

Down through the misty air, Down from the gloom above, Falling, pattering everywhere, The rain comes quick with love.

Drip, drip, drip from the eaves, Pit, pit, pit on the pane, Swish, swish, swish on the drenched leaves, List! 'tis the song of the rain.

Soft is the wind from the west, Softer the rain's low sigh; The sparrow washes his smoky breast, And watches the gloomy sky.

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OUR LETTER BOX.

It is good to see so many of our little readers taking an interest in the temperance roll, being so ready to sign their names to a pledge not to use any sort of intoxicating drink.

Tommy writes again, so we shall consider him a regular correspondent. Oscar does nicely for the first time, and he must try again and see how much he can improve on the last.

Blanche shows that she has taken great care in writing her letter, which is quite perfect. If all boys and girls could only realize how great an accomplishment it is to write a nice letter, they would all try hard to do well in spelling and writing.

We are very glad to get another letter from Emma; she has been silent so long. Aunt Hetty is very sorry that there were no letters published last week, but she was away up in a part of Eastern Oregon.

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We often hear the remark—and justly, too—that the McCannons Pianos are the best, but are high in price. Being the best, they are the cheapest. A poor musical instrument is dear at his piano in his own factory and under his own supervision.

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Yesterday I received another nice book called "Zigzag Journeys in Classic Lands," a present from my ma for learning my lessons. I think it pays to study hard and do your best all the time. I have one hen that has nine little chicks; she had twelve, but a stray cat came and killed two, and one fell in a tub of water and was drowned.

I am a little boy 9 years old; I go to school; I study Fifth Reader, spelling and arithmetic; our teacher's name is Nat. Hudson; we like him very well. I have a little pet dog; his name is Toby; he catches rats. I would like for you to put my name on the temperance roll. I will close for this time, wishing the FARMER great success. OSCAR D. EDY.

I promised to send you some Indian relics some time ago, but I forgot it, so I thought I would send them now. The bones are what they wear on their wrists strung on a string with some beads, and sometimes they wear them in their ears. One Indian I saw had three little brass rings in each ear, one above the other. I have seen them with holes in their noses, but never saw one with a ring in his nose.

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I have a sister in Oregon who is coming up here in a few days; she has two little boys whom I have never seen, and I want to see them very much. You may put my name down on the temperance roll if you please. Neither of my brothers (I have three) nor my father use whisky, and only one of my brothers uses tobacco. Well, I think you must be tired of my busy "chatter," so I will close, hoping you will get the things I sent all right. I am very truly yours, EMMA C. MESSER.

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The diary of Lieut. De Long extends from Oct. 1 to Oct. 30. It is the record of terrible suffering borne with indomitable heroism and ending in death. There is not in literature a nobler or more pathetic story.

De Long and his men died of cold and hunger. They supported life during thirty days by the adoption of every means known to shipwrecked men except cannibalism. No one seems to have thought of that horrible expedient. At first they had a little dogmeat, and they managed to shoot two or three ptarmigan; then they were reduced to tea made of willow twigs and to alcohol.

It too often happens that discipline vanishes among shipwrecked men, and that the selfish desire for life leads to inhumanity, if not to actual crime. There is no such stain in the story of the crew of the Jeannette. Lieut. De Long seems to have maintained his authority unquestioned to the last, and his men evidently shared his generous spirit.

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The band was a hero, knowing how to do his duty and doing it with unflinching faithfulness. In their distress the shipwrecked men turned for help to God. In De Long's diary there is constant mention of religious services. When the faithful Alexy was dying the Surgeon baptized him, and when all hope had gone we are told that "all united in saying the Lord's Prayer and Creed."

Bitterly as we may at first sight regret that so many noble lives have been lost, the men of the Jeannette's crew did not die in vain. Their fate suggests that beautiful passage in the Prayer book where we thank God for those who have departed this life in His fear. De Long and his men have made us prouder of our humanity. They have shown us to what sublime heights of heroism educated officers and ignorant seamen can alike attain.

But let us have no more costly sacrifices of life in the vain search for the pole. It is idle as well as ungenerous to blame the projectors of the Jeannette expedition for its disastrous failure. The vessel was to follow a route hitherto untried, and there was ample justification for testing the question whether the pole could be reached by that route.

Building Barbed-Wire Fences. An Iowa correspondent of the Country Gentleman writes: I put up 700 rods last fall myself, and I can speak from experience. I do not know how high a fence is required in Virginia, but 4 feet is all that is required in Iowa.

Having posts all set, I took a plastering lath which is just 4 feet long, and marked it off as a gauge for the wire. My first wire I put 16 inches from the ground; second wire 32 inches from the ground, and third wire 48 inches from the ground. I then got my gauge, and with a piece of chalk marked on every post the place the wire should go.

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The Spokane Plain. The Spokane Falls Chronicle has the following editorial concerning the great prairie that is traversed for thirty miles by the Spokane river and the N. P. R. R., which has an average width of eight miles. We rode over the plain in May and remarked that a field of wheat four miles or less from the falls, sowed in this gravel, was thirty, in fact as good as any we saw in the upper country. It is claimed that this gravel prairie will produce enormous crops, but thought that water cannot easily be got. If this prairie is valuable it offers homes for a thousand families.

The Chronicle says: Extending to the north and east of Spokane Falls is a large tract of land known as the Spokane Plain. As yet the greater part of this land remains unclaimed, owing to the fact that the best lands near the R. R. are taken first. Now the immigration must go farther back from the R. R. This body of land, the Spokane Plain, is capable of producing better than is supposed. Wherever this land has been cultivated as it should be, abundant crops have been produced.

Having visited all parts of the plain, we can say that the part on which Spokane Falls is situated is the most gravelly of any. Messrs. A. M. Cannon and J. J. Browne have made their homes on this part of the plain and are raising many things much finer in size and quality than can be raised on high prairie soils. The early gardens, planted by these gentlemen, have proven perfectly successful. Peas, beans, corn, radishes, onions, lettuce, parsnips, turnips, tomatoes, squash, asparagus, cucumbers and cabbage have been raised with marked success.

Among the first comers, the question was as to who would get the best land, and now that the available lands near Spokane Falls are gone, the settlers are taking up the gravel. There is yet several sections of it unclaimed. This land will produce a fine crop of winter wheat, and we predict that in a year or two it will be growing large fields of grain. On the north side of the river, opposite town, are two fields of newly broken gravel soil, and parties who did the breaking immediately procured themselves farms on the plain. There are many advantages possessed by this land. It lies immediately adjacent to the railroad and to Spokane Falls, Clifton and Westwood. Its unusual level nature makes it easy to cultivate, and there are no finer roads anywhere than the natural drives on this prairie. It is also remarkably easy soil to subside and cultivate, and when well cultivated holds moisture far better than would be credited without actual experience. There can be no longer any doubt of the value of this land. The gardens and grain produce, the latter especially, establishes this beyond doubt.

If you want the cheapest photographs in Oregon, go to Thwaites, on Yamhill street, between Fourth and Fifth (sign of the Little Gallery Round the Corner), where you can get cabinets for \$1 and cards for \$2 per dozen.

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