

The Home Circle.

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INDIAN SUMMER.

BY ROSETTA LUNT SUTTON.

O, lovely Indian summer time! O, wondrous Indian summer time!

O, nights alive with frosty thrills, With lines of flame along the hills,

O, golden, dreamy afternoons Which wake, like half forgotten tunes,

O, rarest time of all the year! Thy tender whispers, voices clear,

THE THREE CENT STAMP.

Good-bye, old stamp, it's nasty luck That ends our friendship so,

You bravely toiled, and better men Will vouch for what I say;

What wonder, then, that at this time When you and I must part,

THE KITCHEN TOWELS.

What is more comfortable to a tired man than a good wash after the day's work is done—a good brimming basin full of clear water,

would be only a few minute's task to scald them up. The sacks which contain coarse salt are most excellent for towels,

Then there are the dish towels, which are more difficult to keep in order. The towels which are used about butter making should be entirely separate from the dish towel,

"Mother's" advice was not heeded, and one of the girls said, "Aunt Hetty knows best."

THE WORK BASKET FOR THE GIRLS.

There are many moments and hours that can be employed, pleasantly too, if but there is a work basket handy, with some sort of work already cut and planned.

We saw a lady making a mat for the floor to place over a thin place in the carpet, just before the glass.

My dear girls, never do one of you look so charming and sweet as when employed in some useful womanly employment,

TOADS.

Reading a few days ago an article of a toad, reminds us of childhood days, when sitting on the porch we watched the homely little toads come hopping out from under the steps to get a bath from the shower.

was a pretty old fellow. The tiny little toads hopped about lively whenever a shower came up—as they frequently come in the East.

ANOTHER LESSON TO BOYS.

It is not many months ago we showed the bad effect to the mind of those boys who read bad books and papers. It was shown at that time in the death of a young boy who committed suicide just because there was something that crossed him.

DOMESTIC HELP.

ROSEBURG, OR., Nov. 11, 1883.

Editor Home Circle: While looking over your last issue I came across the piece entitled "Domestic Help,"

The above letter we publish so as to draw out some discussion in the matter of domestic help. There is much to be said on both sides of the question.

We once heard a wealthy lady in Portland say that she had just been talking to a girl who wanted a place; she was tired of Chinamen and was anxious to get a good girl;

This may be an extreme case, but where a girl is known to be cheerful and willing to do her duty, there is always some one glad to give her good wages.

For The Children.

LITTLE FEET.

Two little feet so small that both may nestle In one caressing hand,

Dimpled and soft, and pink as peach tree blossoms;

These white rose feet along the doubtful future Must bear a woman's load;

Love for awhile will make the road before them All dainty, smooth and fair—

But when mother's watchful eyes are shrouded Away from the sight of men,

Will they go stumbling blindly in the darkness Of sorrow fearful shades,

How shall it be with her, the tender stranger, Fair faced and gentle eyed,

Al! who may read the future? For our darling We crave all blessings sweet,

OUR LETTER BOX.

We are glad to hear from Laura once more, and she sends a good letter too, telling of things that interests all.

Charley has taken such care to write well and spell well that we must mention it. Others can see that he has sent a good letter as it reads well,

The FARMER is making an effort to enlist in its behalf all the reading and thinking portion of the farmers of the North West.

ALBANY, OR., Nov. 4, 1883.

Editor Home Circle: As I have not written to the FARMER for some time I will try and write.

metic and spelling. My uncle from Nebraska made me a visit about a month ago; I never saw him before.

I remain yours truly,

LAURA MATTOON.

ALDA, Hall Co., Neb., Nov. 5.

Seeing my other letter in print and no answer to my riddle, I thought I would write again and tell them the answer to it, it was "Jonah in the whale's belly."

CHARLEY H. LECKENBY.

CHOICE RECIPES.

Jelly Pie.—Beat two eggs very carefully; add to them half a cupful each of baking molasses and jelly,

Cream Pie.—Stir smooth two large tablespoonfuls of flour in a cupful of new milk,

Apple Cream Pie.—To the above mixture add a cupful of grated sweet apple, leaving out one fourth the quantity of flour.

Apple Custard Pie.—Two well beaten eggs, one cupful of grated sweet apple, a pint of sweet milk,

Custard Pie.—Three beaten eggs, three tablespoonfuls sugar, a little nutmeg and salt,

Acid Pie.—Two tablespoonfuls flour, one scant cupful water, one-third cupful molasses,

Lemon Pie.—One tablespoonful flour, one egg, the sliced pulp and grated rind of one lemon,

Lemon Pie, No. 2.—One egg, one and a half cupfuls sugar, two tablespoonfuls flour,

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