

The Home Circle.

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THOU HAST LEARNED TO LOVE ANOTHER.

Thou hast learned to love another; Thou hast broken every vow; We have parted from each other, And my heart is lonely now, I have taught my looks to shun thee, When coldly we have met; For another's smile hath won thee, And thy voice I must forget. Oh! it is well to sever This heart from thine forever? Can I forget thee? Never? Farewell—farewell, forever!

We have met in scenes of pleasure, We have met in halls of pride; I have seen thy new-found treasure— I have gazed upon thy bride. I have marked the timid lustre Of thy downcast, happy eye; I have seen thee gaze upon her, Forgetting I was nigh. I grieve that e'er I met thee— Fain, fain would I forget thee; 'Twere folly to regret thee. Farewell—farewell, forever!

We have met and we have parted, But I uttered scarce a word; Like a guilty one I started, When thy well-known voice I heard. Thy looks were stern and altered, And thy words were cold and high, How my guilty courage faltered, When I dared to meet thine eye! Oh! woman's love will give her, And woman's pride will leave her; Life has fled when love deceives her, Farewell—farewell, forever!

WASHING DAY.

While to some the weekly washing is merely disagreeable work for one forenoon, to many others Monday is the hardest day of the week, and instead of feeling fresh for the ironing next morning, there is so much lassitude that it is put off indefinitely. There are many fluids and powders said to be excellent aids, but as they are seldom to be trusted on colored clothes, they are of little real use, for these are the hardest part of the washing. After trying almost every method, I find this the most satisfactory: Have everything in readiness for the wash, but never pick up or put a-soak on Sunday. If this is deemed necessary, better put off the washing until Tuesday. Whenever a garment is soiled, put it in the basket, that there be nothing forgotten until half through, and no useless "hunting up the washing" on Monday morning. Do not wait until something can be mended; if any garment needs repairing before putting into the wash, better leave it out until next week, or put off the washing another day, rather than begin late and fretted.

One can easily afford to rise early on washday morning. The first thing done should be to assort the clothes in three piles—the fine white, the coarse white, and the colored. Put the white ones in two tubs, and as soon as the water can be heated, cover them with quite warm (not hot) and very soapy water. While breakfast is cooking, the starch should be made, and many other little things attended to that are usually left until the meal is over. After breakfast, pile the dishes away and do whatever else the time demands, but no more, until the clothes are in the boiler. The rubbing will be but a slight task, as the soaking will loosen all the dirt. While the clothes are boiling, rub the colored ones, and if there is time, wash the dishes; if not, make them wait until the clothes are on the line. Soft soap is best for the white goods, hard soap is for the colored. While rubbing them, keep the water as hot as can be comfortably borne, and use plenty of soap. As far as possible, rub them through but one water; the dirtiest will, however, need two rubbings. Many persons always rub garments without turning, not thinking that all undergarments are more soiled inside than out. If any piece shows signs of fading, rinse in a little salt water and hang up immediately. Keep up a good fire, and have plenty of hot water; do not dally—do not hurry.

After the clothes are boiled, they should be "sudsed," rinsed and blueed. Many dispense with the second rinsing, and quite insufficient, as the dirt, though loosened, is not thoroughly removed, leaving a dinginess very apparent after a few washings. The colored clothes may be put through both the rinsing and blue waters after the white. When wrung the last time, lay aside all that need starching. Always turn colored clothes wrong side out, and if there is dust or smoke, turn the white ones also; otherwise it is useless. Have the line put up by one of the boys; or, better still, use galvanized wire. The first cost (\$5 to 75 cents per 100 feet) is but little more than for cotton, while the wire is

much more satisfactory. Keep the clothes-pins in a clean white bag; empty a part of the pins on the clothes and lay the bag in the basket. Each time an article is picked up for the line, take a clothes-pin too. After the washing is done, rest a little. Let the remainder of the day be spent in restful working. If the needle is taken, let it be used on something easy and pleasant; or if sewing is not pressing, Monday afternoon is a good time to write letters, clear out drawers and boxes and look over old trunks.

CHOICE RECIPES.

Baked Plum Pudding.—Chop one pound of suet very fine, removing all the skins and strings; mix with two pounds of sifted flour, one pound each of dried currants and stoned raisins, and one ounce of preserved citron cut fine. Moisten with four eggs, beaten till smooth, and pour in rich sweet milk, stirring hard all the time till the white batter is made (a pint of milk should be sufficient); sprinkle in half a pound of sifted sugar, and beat all well together. Pour into well-buttered tin pans, and bake three hours in a slow oven.

Delicate Cake.—Beat together three eggs, a teaspoonful of sugar, one and a half cupsful of flour, three tablespoonfuls of cream, half a teaspoonful of soda, and one teaspoonful of cream of tartar mixed in the flour. Bake in small pans. This quantity is sufficient for a dozen small panfuls.

Delicate Sponge Cake.—Whites of eight eggs, one cupful of powdered sugar, half a cupful of flour, half a cupful of cornstarch, one teaspoonful each of baking powder and extract of rose. Beat the whites to froth, and add the sugar, flour, cornstarch and powder, previously mixed by sifting together, and lastly add the extract. Bake thirty minutes in a quick oven.

Cocoanut Cheese Cakes.—One cupful of grated cocoanut, one cupful of milk curd, one cupful of sweet cream, five yolks of eggs, one cupful of sugar, one teaspoonful of extract of orange. Place all the ingredients save the extract over the fire; when thick, remove, and add the extract when quite cold. Use it to fill patty pans lined with scraps of pie paste; bake in a steady oven ten minutes. These cheese cakes can be made to good advantage, as nothing but yolks of eggs and scraps of paste is needed. If desirable, substitute the cupful of cocoanut for another cupful of curd; this is obtained by putting two quarts of clabbered milk to drain in a bag or fine sieve. When all has been drained away but two cupfuls, it is ready for use.

Very Good Mince Pies.—Two pounds of tender beef, a beef's heart, one-quarter of a pound of suet, four pounds of tart apples, one pound of raisins, one pound of currants, half a pound of citron, one-quarter of a pound mixed candied peel, one grated nutmeg, half a teaspoonful of powdered mace and teaspoonful of cinnamon, one pound of nice brown sugar, and sufficient sweet cider to make the mixture moist. Prepare all the ingredients and put them over the fire to cook. It should only simmer until the apples are cooked through, which it will take only a few minutes to do, they being chopped very fine. This cooking the mixture before baking gives one a better chance of deciding as to the sweetness, flavor, etc., of the mince meat, and then when it goes in the oven it will only need to stay in so long as the paste is baking. This mince meat is not very rich, and therefore will take merely a plain paste.

Nut Cakes.—Buttermilk, a scant pint; cream, two large tablespoonfuls; sugar, two cupfuls; two eggs; soda, two teaspoonfuls; a little nutmeg. Fry in boiling lard.

Sugar Cookies.—Two cupfuls of sugar; two eggs; two-thirds of a cupful of butter; half a cupful of cream; one teaspoonful of soda. Flavor to taste.

Make Home Beautiful.

Make the home beautiful, but not in ways that will render you a slave to its furnishings and use. Adornment is to be condemned that degenerates from the expression of personal taste, and the wise employment of the resources at hand, into a frippery of details and ornament that absorbs time that might be used better in other ways. Some one makes the assertion that the present rage for decoration is impoverishing the intellectual life of women. Material beauty is certainly a poor substitute for that which enriches the mind and increases the capacity of the soul for noble living.

The products of agriculture constitute four-fifths of the entire exports of the country. Agriculture is the greatest and most important industry of this country, although cheap transportation will alone enable its products to command the markets of the world. No other industry has equal claims upon the fostering cares of the national government.

Colorado has no surplus agricultural products for shipments, being obliged to rely on neighboring States for her own supply. A small portion only of the State is capable of cultivation, though it is hoped that extended systems of irrigation which has been inaugurated may make farming more profitable.

The complaints of the season—colds, coughs, catarrhs—may be effectively dealt with by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. To neglect prompt treatment for these ailments is to risk consumption, which is said to cause one sixth of the mortality of all civilized countries.

For The Children.

FEEDING THE BABIES.

A little bird sat, dear child, on a tree, And a song he sang, all for you and me; Grown up folks, go away from here, I'm telling this for the children's ear. He said: "I know a little brown nest, Where sits a bird with soft brown breast, And I am certain that by-and-by Three little brown birds will peep and cry With open mouth, and the mother and I Will feed them every one."

A little gray squirrel sat on a bough, The story he told me, I'll tell you now: "My pretty gray mate is waiting for me In the hollow hook of an old oak tree; And beside her close are lying asleep Four little gray squirrels all in a heap; And they all chatter and chirp for food; I must gather nuts for my hungry brood, And acorns, too, both sweet and good. And feed them, every one."

A woman stood in her pantry wide, Her sleeves rolled up, and her apron tied, And as the sugar-box open she set, She picked out a marble, smiling yet, And she beat, and mixed, and rolled, and stirred, And she sang a song; I will tell each word "I must make up doughnuts and pie right away, And bake bread and cookies, for every day Three hungry mouths come from school away; I must feed them, every one."

OUR LETTER BOX.

Our first letter this week has no name signed. A card enclosed says Florence Parker, and a nice little book mark with May Parker on it, so it must be from Florence. Yes, indeed, we will be glad if you will keep an account of your chicken business; but we want Florence to make a little account book and keep it correctly, telling how many hens she has, or other fowls, then how many eggs are brought in from that number, and how many are used to "set" with, how many are used in the family, how many eggs are set and how many hatched out. It will keep my little girl busy, but it will learn her to be a business woman. Then she must tell how many sold. Where eggs are plenty a great many are used at home, more than anyone would think. We shall want to know what sort of fowls are kept. Aunt Hetty thinks the Black Spanish are the best for laying, but the Plymouth Rocks are the best to eat. The book shall be sent, Aunt Hetty will not forget it.

Next comes two such nice letters from two dear little sisters; how much they would miss each other if one was taken away, so you keep in mind that good rule, "to do unto others as you would that others do unto you." Just stop and think, "Now how would I like that." Human nature is pretty much alike the world over, and the golden rule was made to suit it.

We wish all our little friends a Happy New Year.

Scio, Or., Dec. 19, 1883.

Editor Home Circle: This is my second letter to the Home Circle. There were a good many letters in the last FARMER; it is getting cold weather now, and all the children are beginning to write again. Aunt Hetty, I will try and keep account of my chickens and eggs if you will send me a book. It is snowing here now; this is the first snow we have had this winter; it will soon be sleighing time and we will have lots of fun then. It will soon be Christmas; if I get any presents I will write and tell you what they are. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We have sold six dozen chickens, and we gathered 2,500 eggs this winter. We have sold our place and I don't know whether we will have any next year or not. I will ask a question and some riddles: Where and how many times is "excuse" found in the Bible? What is it that is as round as a hoop, and as deep as a cup and all of the king's oxen can't pull it up? I was going through a lane and I saw a boy with a red jacket on, a stick in his tail, a stone in his belly; tell me this riddle and I will give you a penny.

Scio, Or., Dec. 22, 1883.

Editor Home Circle: As I have not written for some time I thought I would write again to help fill up the Children's Column. I have no pets to tell about but a sweet little sister baby, 19 months old. My oldest sister has a canary bird, her name is Nell, she is very pretty; my little brother has two little pet pigs, he calls them Dick and John. I don't go to school this winter; our school closed in June; we don't have but three months in a year; I will go to school next spring. Christmas will soon be here—the very best time of all the year. My brother Orange keeps a coffee store in Portland; I have not seen him since last June. The folks

went to the Grange to-day—five of our folks belong to the Grange. I have commenced me another quilt—the XX; I have already pieced two quilts and have them quilted. I saw but few letters in the last FARMER. I will give the little folks a riddle: Round like a rainbow, teeth like a cat, goes all day and you can't guess that. I will close by wishing the FARMER success.

Your affectionate friend, CLARA POMEROY.

Scio, Or., Dec. 22, 1883.

Editor Home Circle: As I have not written to the FARMER for so long a time I thought I would write. It is my second attempt; it has been snowing to-day. I am a little girl eleven years old; I have pieced one quilt and am piecing another. We take four papers but out of them all I like the FARMER the best; I like to read the little folk's letters. Christmas is coming but I do not expect any presents; I do not look for any; I would like to know what all the little folks get. As I cannot think of any more to write will close by wishing success to the FARMER.

Your little friend, EMMA POMEROY.

Gone Before.

East Portland, Dec. 26, 1883.

Editor Willamette Farmer: Death has entered our once happy home and laid his cold hand heavily upon us, silencing one of the happiest and most joyous voices among our members. The light of those sparkling eyes, and glow of that cheerful face has become pale and grown rigid in death. Matthew Price was born in Multnomah county, Oregon, May 19, 1871. He was a regular attendant at St. David Sunday School, East Portland, where he was always well prepared with his lessons and eager to receive instruction from the bible and his Savior. He was universally beloved by all who knew him and his many friends feel the blessed assurance that his departure was one of peace. This chief object in life was to make others happy, lending a helping hand to the needy, and his sorrowing parents will always think of him as a kind, affectionate and loving son.

The mother linnet in the break Bewails her ravished young, So we for our darling's sake Weep all the live day long.

Death oft mine leared thy fatal blow, Now fond we bare our breasts; O! do thou kindly lay us low With him we love at rest.

Dear Matthew, now thy spirits gone From earth to heaven in peace, The anguish of your only ones Death can but now release.

PARENTS.

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