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A modest, demure, A fit for a wife young girl. A sought everywhere young girl; A future most fair young girl, An ever discreet, We too seldom meet,

This queen among queens young girl. -Summerside Journal'.

Rag Carpets and Rags. Scio, Or., Jan. 4, 1884. Editor Home Circle :

Some two months ago I sent a few good recipes, which were printed in your paper. I hope they will prove as valuable to some other young house-keepers as they have to me. Those of us who want a new rag carpet to put down after the "spring cleaning," find ourselves sorting over old clothes. Our long winter evenings are employed in tearing, cutting and sewing until our fingers are sore and our eyes are tired of the sight of the rags. But after all is done and our new carpet home from the weavers, how proud we feel, (especially if it is our first one) and we are ready to say indeed, it does pay to make your own carpet. A good rag carpet, made entirely of cotton rags, mixed with light and dark, is much better for the "living" room than any other kind.

me, that for cheapness, durability and of butter, and pepper and salt if it beauty it is unequalled. I take my old two inches wide, ravel out three threads an hour; serve hot. on each side, which leaves a small fringe. Sew these strips together as you Eight pounds prepared in this way will pleasanter it is to work with, and the nicer it is the prettier the rug will be. are cheap, but not a cheap-looking affair done. at all. If made of good material they are nice enough for any room in your I think them superior to any rug I ever

If the cold snap has wilted your flowers, sprinkle cold water on them and keep in a cool place. They will come out all right. AUST MARY.

Poultry and Eggs.

Editor Home Circle: I am always interested in anything regarding the raising of poultry, and am quite successful in it. Our groceries are mostly got in this way, by exchange with our stores at the nearest station. But I do not near get the price that I ought to do, for I take my eggs to the cents at this time of year, then I take my pay in goods, on which he makes a great profit. I intend after this to put my eggs up, or rather down, in dry salt, till I can take them to headquarters, for the jar, and not be scalded with them.

fifty cents a dozen. It is just so with

butter; I only got twenty cents for some

"Jersey butter," while my next neighbor

In the East I never was bothered by mites, it must be that our Oregon winters are so mild, that it is favorable to insect life. Well these same mites or hen lice are the worst enemy to poultry raising, for it is the reason why so many little chickens just hatched droop and die. No success can be had if these mites are plentiful in the chicken house. Now for the remedy: I find cold water the best, if one has hose it is better, but to use plenty of cold water thrown up by a dipper till the whole house and roosts are well drenched, will exterminate them. Hot water only helps to hatch the Then he wiped his bill and wiggled his wing, nits, but cold water chills them. Kerosene costs money, and with my experience is not as thorough as cold water. Along camea boy. "Now, somehows nuther, The season for setting hens will soon be Said he, "that nut has got to come down, hints we can, and I should be glad if Come down it did; while squirrel and bird some sister would do as I have done, tell | Sat so still not a hair or a feather stirred; something of personal experience. I The kink was all out of Sir Frisky's tail, sprinkle sulphur in the nests of setting And Nut-hatch's bill felt blunt as a nail. hens. While poultry and eggs are in Tisn't best to be too certain, you see, such demand, with cash prices, there is About the plump nuts in the top of the tree. profit in raising them. I teach the children how to attend to them, so that I really take few steps myself, and the children love to run after them. H. T.

Hops in Tea-Knitting Stockings.

Editor Home Circle:

While visiting a friend not long ago I saw her put a couple of hop blossoms into her teapot. It did seem to give a flavor to the tea. While we all know Something can be learned every day if we will but notice.

My friend was knitting stockings for the grandchildren, and she gave me a new idea in that line. Now, children's stockings are made to come above the knee, which is an admirable thing, together with the present way of supporting the stockings by elastic bands from culation and making the child's feet seam down the back. The advantage is be turned, bringing the old knee on the under side, as the knee is the first to give out. Our home factory yarn is not worth knitting, but at all the stores can be found a yarn which seems to be made of goats hair, which is strong and wears exceedingly well, while there is a finer called Saxony, which is nice for baby stockings. RUTH.

Death of Matthew Price.

One of the number in our circle has left us. Matthew Price was thirteen years old; he was one of the first to send in his name to the temperance roll, and was a frequent correspondent. It seems sad to see the young taken just as life is opening with bright hopes, and it is sad for the parents; but for him, the transition is an entrance to another and a more beautiful life, where there can be no pain, care or sorrow, where he will wait o welcome the rest of his dear ones as one by one they cross the dark river.

CHOICE RECIPES.

-Try this for tea some night: Pick up one teacupful of codfish, let it sonk in Now let me tell the "sisters" how I lukewarm water while you mix two cups make my rugs. If you will only follow of cold mashed potatoes with one pint of my directions I wink you will say with sweet milk, two eggs, a good-sized lump necessary; then add the codfish, mix all well, and bake in a buttered pudding ingrain carpet, cut it into strips about dish for from twenty-five minutes to half

A delicious prune pudding is made by stewing a pound of prunes till they are would carpet-rags, and wind in balls. soft, remove the stones, add sugar to your taste, and the whites of three eggs make a handsome rug two yards long, beaten to a stiff froth. Make a puff Of course the cleaner your carpet, the paste for the bottom of a pudding dish After beating the eggs and prunes together till they are thoroughly mixed, is not included in every day school life your friend. spread them on the crust. Bake half an Any weaver will weave it for you. They hour, or until you are sure the crust is

A Valuable Recipe for Colds.—This is a good recipe for colds, coughs, croup house. I would not be without them, as and chills, which will be of incalculable value to many readers: Ammonia wine, one ounce; apple vinegar, one pint; parigorie, one ounce; honey or syrup to sweeten. Cost only about thirty cents a quart at any drug store. We have tried this and know it to be good. Dose-Tablespoonful three times a day after

Cucumber Pickles.-Pare them, cut out the centre containing the seeds; let them lie in salt and water two days, then rinse them with boiling water; let them remain in this until it cools; then pre-pare the vinegar; if it is very strong, weaken it with water; add sugar and pices until the right taste is imparted. Put the cucumbers in this vinegar and ought to do, for I take my eggs to the merchant, he allows me say, twenty-five to follow for the seasoning is this: To a quart of vinegar allow one teaspoonful each of cloves, cinnamon, allepice, nut-meg, and-black pepper. A little grated horseradish root is a good addition. This should be put in after the pickles are in

in Salem or Portland eggs are forty and Cold Frosting for Cakes.-To the white of one egg; beaten very light, add nine heaping teaspoonfuls of powdered sugar, with one teaspoonful cornstarch. sugar, with one teaspoonful cornstarch. fore something amused me better, and cess. Please put my name on the tem Stir all well together, and flavor to taste. Christmas came and no more verses persence roll. ALICE DARNEWOOD. ent his to Salem and got thirty-five cents.

Jog The Children.

FEEDING THE BABIES.

A SQUIRREL, A BIRD, AND A BOY.

A head nut hung in the top of a tree; 'Ha," chirped Sir Squirrel "that fellow fo

Then he whisked his tall high over his back, And began to map out his plan of attack. "Suppose, Mr. Frisky you take it now."

Piped Nut-hatch up from a handy bough: Ready the minute Sir Squirrel should spring As the two sat sharply eying each other,

here, and we should try to get all the And, just for a change, take a trip to town."

St. Nicholas.

OUR LETTER BOX.

A Happy New Year to all once more Aunt Hetty is happy to see the new year start with so bright a look for the Home Circle. Here is the letter box brim full of charming letters, then here is the long the heart of all who love children glad that hops are healthful and beneficial to see so many on the right side anxious to begin a career of usefulness by taking this first and most important step of signing the Temperance Roll. Our boys and girls are honorable, and we are sure not one of them will break this pledge. Just think how much this little band, which now counts more than a hundred names, can do; then we hope to have another hundred by next New Years; then, to cast your vote on the side of temper-letters ourselves. We wish the FARMER cold. In shaping the stocking leg she ance and the best men. Every one of narrows on two sides, instead of the one you whose name appears will have an influence, and you must be sure that this: in footing the stocking the leg can this influence is used in the very best way.

> We are happy to see that even one of our dear little girls has tried to see how many verses of the Bible she could commit to memory. From the little statement that she sent we find that Daisie Geisendorfer has committed 163. Annt Hetty remembers so well that beautiful but three months in my life. It is eight summer day when she stopped at Daisie's home, and of the nice visit with Daisie's mother and father, and are glad to know that we are remembered yet. Daisie must write and tell us just how old she is and what style of reading she likes best, so that Aunt Hetty may redeem her promise of a book in one that shall give Daisie the most pleasure.

Two dear little sisters, Winnie and Effie, got their mamma to write for them, and want to be put on the roll, and as the old roll is all made out, their names shall begin the roll for 1884, and little brother Carroll, too; his sisters must see that he understands what he promises, and help keep him in the right way when he gets older, for there are always easier for girls to keep the pledge.

as it should be.

Clarinda has evidently improved her time well, writing so nice a letter when she has had so little opportunity in the way of school. We are glad to hear from her so often.

Alice, from away up in Colfax, wants to join the band. It is her first letter. but it must not be the last.

Alice D. says they don't take the paper but we are glad she can read the letters and send her name to be put on the roll. She must rustle around and get some them in slices about an inch thick; take others to subscribe and so earn a paper of her own-we know she could if she would try.

ALBANY, Dec. 4, 1883.

Editor Home Circle: I read in your paper a year ago that the Bible. I was on a visit when the paper came, but when I came home my ma told me about it and I commenced to learn verses, and I was attending Sunday School at that time, but I came to the country to spend the holidays and likewise forgot my verses. In September I write to your paper. I wish you a Merry study my Bible, but it happened as be- will close by wishing the FARMER suc-

learned; I am ashamed to send my paper with six blank months. I will send my paper, but I expect there are some others new year with the list of all the names that did not forget like me and will get and then after this publish them once in Christmas present last year and I kept such a list as this. It may be that some them to my sister or mother I would want every one of them down. write the number on this paper. I could say the ninth chapter of Acts, containing John W. Brewer, Mary Weston, forty-three verses, but I think I would have to look over them before I could say the whole chapter.

From your little friend, Daisie Geisendorfer.

CHRISTMAS EVE, TURNER, Or., 1883, Editor Home Circles

We have read the little letters a long

time and now we are going to get mamma to write a letter for us. We are two little girls, one of us is seven years old and the other is nearly nine. We can read good in the second reader, but we can't write very good. We went George F. Reed, to school this winter nearly all the time: we spoke a piece last Friday night at an entertainment given by the school. One of us spoke a "Ship on fire," and the other spoke "The first snow." We had a fine Stella Gillman, time; there were prizes given; the large scholars got all of them; we want them to give the little folks a chance next time. We have a little black dog, his list on the Temperance Roll, making name is Pedro; grandpa has a dog that is smarter than our dog, he will take hold of his tail and whirl around as fast as he can. One of us can sew and knit, but we don't work very much yet. We are going to grandpa's to-morrow if it don't rain too hard. We go to Sabbath school and have the Golden text nearly every time. We want our names put on the temperance roll, and our brother's name also, he is five years old to-day, his name is Carrol. We hope Aunt the waist instead of the garter around if we may anticipate, in a few years more Hetty wont throw this into the waste the calf of the leg, thereby hindering cir- we shall find you all ready to vote and basket; we will try and write the next

> WINNIE KAUFFMAN. EFFIE KAUFFMAN.

PORT ORFORD, Or., Dec. 23, 1883. Editor Home Circle:

and Aunt Hetty a Happy Christmas.

As I have not written to your paper for some time, I will now try and write again; this will make the third letter I have written to the Home Circle; I do not go to school; I never went to school miles to our nearest neighbor. It has been raining and snowing for the last three or four days. We are going to have a stuffed goose for Christmas. My Uncle George is here now, he intends to start home to-morrow if it does not rain. Uncle was very sick a short time back, but is much better now. I will close by giving a riddle: There's something or other to my brother, it's holy, all holy and nary hole through. Merry Christmas to Aunt Hetty and success to the FARMER. Your friend,

CLARINDA L. WILSON.

Colfax, W. T., Dec. 12, 1883. Editor Home Circle:

As I have never written to the Home Circle I thought I would try and write. greater femotations thrown about a boy's I do not go to school this winter. We life than a girl's, so it will be so much live five miles from Colfax. We had a few months school this summer where It is a very nice thing to be able to we live, I study United States history, speak well in public, especially for boys, arithmetic, grammar, spelling, geograand confidence is obtained by commen- phy and writing. I have three brothers cing in early years to speak pieces at and two sisters. I think all the boys school; declamations are not common and girls should write to the Home Cirnow in schools, so we have few orators cle, as Aunt Hetty is so kind as to have and fewer still of young men and women them printed for us. My papa takes the who can get up and read in public, giv- FARMER; he likes it very much; I like to ing the proper inflection and minding read the letters from the children. Well the pauses properly. Now this branch I will close this time. Please put my of education is made a special study and name on the temperance roll. I remain ALICE M. WARMOTH.

> COTTAGE GROVE, Dec. 23, 1883. Editor Home Circle:

I thought I would write again as you was so kind as to publish my other letter. We have had a very pleasant fall and winter so far, we have had no cold weather to amount to anything, and but very little snow; there is about three inches of snow on the ground now, this is the second snow we have had. I have but one sister, and she lives at Princville and I don't get to see her, and I get lonesome sometimes; the only child she had died September 21, 1883; I hated to hear of my little nephew's death, but he is in the happy land where pain nor sorrow is. I have a little canary bird, he was given to me, he don't sing, I guess he is too young to sing, his name you would give a nice book as a prize for is Billy. Aunt Hetty, I think your opinthe one who learned the most verses in ion about chickens is right; I never raised any chickens from those hens I wrote about in my other letter. We don't take the FARMER, but I get to read it sometimes; I like to read the little letters very well, though I am not acquainted with any of the little folks that went to Drain to go to school and tried to Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OUR TEMPERANCE ROLL FOR 1883. We thought it best to commence the

Mary Weston,

Leonora Markham.

Lizzie Parker,

Jennie Hartin,

Freddie Powell.

Etta Handsaker,

Annie Powell,

that did not forget like me and will get and then after this publish them once in the book. Pa got me a Bible for a three months. We are proud to see FRUIT GROWER AND NURthis paper in it all the time, and when I ones name has been missed, if so we would learn new verses and would recite hope that we may be told of it, as we

> Anise H. Brewer, Ida S. Munkers. Oscar K. Goodman, Lizzie Lent, Lizzie C. Bryan, Annie Stafford, Mahlen H. Day, Bessie Settlemier, Oscar E. Eby, Emma J. Dimmick, Jessie Withers, Jesse Waldron, Naoma Day, Leah J. Vernon, Emma Withers, Mary A. Shaw. May Parker, John Shaw, F. M. Taylor, Jane Eby, John Jorden, Otis C. Taylor, Tommie Jorden. Robert Hartin, Grace B. Drake, Liency Mote, J. Henry Jackson Addie May Drake, Jane E. Mote, Cynthia J. Reed. Margie McMeekin, Harvey Taylor, M. L. Garoutt, Guy Merriman, Lucia N. Pringle. Fmma C. Misner,

Blanch Adams, Norah Glover, Johnny Williams, Jennie Sutton, J. E. Robbins, Frank Robon, Laura Matoon, Felix Gritzmarker, Alice Martin, Oshkosh, Wis. Frank Robbins.

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