The Home Circle.

MRS. HARRIOT T. CLARKE, EDITOR.

In the days when blue chins abounded -On tables and not on the wall—
A lady there lived with ungrounded
Dislike and contempt for it all.

She hated those three weeping willows,
And was hearfily tired of the sight
Of those somewhat conventional billows
Which rolled toward the bridge on the right

She thought it so very old-tashioned, So common, so rough to the hands, And she'd talk in a way quite impassi Of the beauty of simple gold bands.

Her granddaughter, fair Angelina When she married August Van Pruyn, Had a full set of Haviland china, Of madly esthetic design. She has also a few cherished dishes,

Which are carefully guarded from whacks In crimson plush frames, and she wishes Them all to be mer tioned as "plaques."

Yet with all this assortment of faience, Angelina is far from content, She has many a day-dreamy seance, In which visions ceramic are blent.

For small are Angust's earnings, And all modern china he hates, So her life is embittered with yearnings, For some old-fashioned blue Cauton plates

THE WORK BASKET.

Oak Leaf Trimming.-I will send di rections for oak leaf trimming which is very nice. Use two needles. Start with fifteen stitches, knit three and then throw your thread over and narrow; then knit within six stitches of the other side; then throw your thread over and narrow; throw it over and narrow; then throw it plain on the other side and so on. Always knit within six stitches of the end before you narrow. When you have knit twelve times across, skip and bind off the pointed end till you have fifteen stitches left.

Directions for Making Diamond Edg ing .- Cast on seven stitches, knit across plain.

1-Slip one, knit one, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, knit

2-Slip one, knit two, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, knit one. 3-Slip one, knit three, over, narrow,

over, narrow, over, narrow, over, knit one. 5-Slip one, knit five, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, knit one.

6-Slip one, knit six, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, knit one. 7-Slip one, knit seven, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, knit one. Bind off seven; repeat from first row.

A correspondent asks what will remove the "shine" from black silk. This cannot always be done; it depends on freshened surprisingly by sponging with cold coffee and ammonia—a teaspoonful mincement with. Bake for an hour of ammonia to nearly a cupful of coffee. Use a very soft sponge or a flannel cloth; rub very gently; and, if possible to get along without so doing, do not iron the

sponging, and iron it. The progress of science in relation to health is seen nowhere inclearer light than in all matters pertaining to children's clothing. The long-sleeved, high-necked knit wrappers, a perfect fit for a boy of five months, would doubtless astonish the child's great-grandmother. The price. also, at which they are o lered is surprising, making it cheaper to buy them than to make them out of old ones, when one considers the waste. If they are put enough, in consequence of the frequent washing necessary, to be worn all summer, and the mother who adopts this sensible way of dressing her child will be rewarded by its freedom from cold and

twenty. Double braid; count seven points in the rings, sew the eighth and ninth together; slip the thread down the side and fasten the tenth and eleventh together; button hole stitch every point in the circle; gather all the thread on the needle and draw it in a little star and fasten. Count seven more points and fasten just as before. Will have a very pretty edge. I have some very pretty patterns, and will exchange with any one for some other patterns of fancy work.

CHOICE RECIPES.

Pies Boiling Over.-The trouble many cooks have with pies boiling over and can be greatly obviated by baking them in a slow oven. Green apple pies (which are among the worst to boil over) are much better flavored if the baking is not hurried. Some deem it advisable to fill the crust with apples and bake without direct and get a receipt from the office.

for \$18, and which could not be bought at a store for double the money. Enpaper for one dollar a year. I will answer Lenora 8. Markwood's riddle if I worked to fill the crust with apples and bake without direct and get a receipt from the office. losing their best portion in the oven

seasoning; then, as soon as done, remove the upper crust and after adding sugar, butter, cinnamon and water, return the crust to its place. Others bake the pies without water, and add it through the holes in the crust as soon as done. Neither of these methods is quite as satisfactory as baking slowly with all the ingredients, although if desired very juicy, a little water can be added after baking. To keep the edge from braking apart, wet with sweet milk, and press for the state of the same Fermi state of the same stat firmly together with the fingers. For this, use if possiple a small, flexible brush, in shape like a varnish brush; but if this is lacking, the milk can be applied with the fingers.

Lemon Pies .- For two pies: Three good sized lemons, two cups of sugar (less if the lemons are not very juicy), three eggs well beaten, two cups of sweet milk, four teaspoons corn-starch wet with other milk. Put the sugar in the bowl, and strain the lemon juice upon it; add the eggs, then the milk, then the corn-starch and a little salt; have the crust all ready to put this in. Put an upper crust on tight, turning one over the other and pressing.

And toiled again and last night, bearing calls, upper crust on tight, turning one over the other and pressing.

Within the carth-made walls.

A Rice Dish with Fruits.-Put a teacup of rice in a quart of milk, and boil it very slowly to keep it from burning. When done, add a little salt, a teacupful of cream, and sugar enough to sweeten it. Have ready, in deep dish, fruit that is in season—cherries, blackberries, apri-cots, apples or peaches, cut up well and sweetened, but uncooked. Spread the rice roughly over the fruit, and bake it slowly two hours. It may be eaten with ream and nutmeg, and is quite as good cold as warm.

Bottle Yeast .- Boil six large potatoes n five pints of water. Tie a handful of hops in a cloth and boil with the potaover and knit the other two; then knit toes. When done, mash the potatoes, and add one-half cup of sugar, one-half cup salt, and pour the boiling water over. When milk-warm, add one cup good yeast. It will be ready for use in twenty-four hours. One cup is enough for a large baking. To have number one bread in warm weather, one sho ld make fresh yeast once a month, at least

Beef Steak,-If the steak is tough, pound it well and press it together. When everything else is ready for the table, build a quick fire with kindling wood, have a thick iron spider smoking hot, grease it and put in the steak; just before the blood starts sprinkle with salt and turn; let it cook only a minute; cut a small piece in the center and see if it is raw; if not (that is if it looks quite red over, narrow, over, narrow, over, knit one.

Or pink) take it up quickly, sprinkle the upper side with salt, spread with butter, eat while hot. If you have coals and a broiler, use those instead; never cook beef over a slow fire and let it "sizzle," while all the juice runs out; it makes it

A simple but good blackberry pudding is made by taking half cup of butter and lard mixed, one cup of sugar, one egg, one cup of sweet milk, and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Beat the sugar, butter, and eggs together till light; then add the sweet milk and flour enough to make a batter of mediun thickness. how worn it is; but sometimes it can be Then stir in as many blackberries as

Influence of Woman's Society

It is better for you, says Thackery, to pass an evening once or twice in a lady's silk at all. Spread it out smoothly while damp, and pin the edges to the ironing-drawing room, even though the convertable or board, and let it dry in this way. sation is slow, and you know the girl's little boy eleven years old the fourth day two goldfish in a magnatized globe; If it is too much wrinkled or folded lay a songs by heart, than in a club, tavern, or of last July, and I live on a farm three they look nice, so I thought If it is too much wrinkled or folded lay a songs by heart, than in a club, evern, or club, evern, eve their nature. All men who avoid female society have dull preceptions and are stupid, or have gross tastes, and revolt against what is pure. Your club swag-gerers, who are sucking the butts of bil-liard cues all night, call female society insipid. Poetry is insipid to a yokel beauty has no charms for a blind man music does not please a poor beast who does not know one tune from another; and as a true epicure is hardly ever tired of water souchy and brown bread and butter, I protest I can sit for a on in early spring they will become thin whole night talking to a well regulated, kindly woman about her girl coming out or her boy at Eton, and liking the evenings entertainment. One of the great benefits a man may derive from woman's society is, that he is bound to be respectful to them. The habit is of great good to your moral man, depend upon it. Our To make rick rack trimming: Rick selfish men in the world. We fight for rack number seventeen, thread number ourselves, we push for ourselves, we light twenty. Double braid: count seven prefer ourselves and our ease; and the greatest good that comes to a man from a woman's society is that he has to think of somebody besides himself, somebody to whom he is bound to be constantly

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For The Children.

HAVE PAITH.

A swallow in the spring Came toour g suary and 'neath the eves Essayed to make a nest, and there aid bring Wet mud and straw and leaves.

Day after day she toiled With patient art; but, ere her work wa crown'd, sad mishap the tiny fabric spoiled And dashed it to the ground.

She found the rule wrought; But, not cast down, forth from the place sh flew, And with her mate fresh earth and grasses brought And built her nest anew.

But scarcely had she placed The last feather on its ample floor When wicked hand or chance again laid waste And wrought the ruin o'er.

But still her heart she kept

What truth is here, O man! Hath hope been smitten in its carly dawn? Have clouds o'creast thy purpose, trust or Have faith and struggle on!

OUR LETTER BOX.

Such a nice lot of letters as has accumulated in the box is good to see. Aunt Hetty thinks it is best to give all the December letters for fear they will forth sweetness. I will answer it to get too old.

Jessie's letter comes first; we feared she had forgotten the Circle; we must say that the hand-writing is excellent, and can see marked improvement. Aunt Hetty will come some time on purpose to see the toads, but think with a corre spondent of the FARMER that they will be only the little green tree toad and not one of those dark, fat, comfortable looking fellows that sit under cabbage leaves in Ohio gardens.

Eddie sends a jolly letter from Walla Walla. His teachers, he says, have taken land claims-that's nice; we hope they will keep their claims too; women have

a right to land. Mittie has a very appropriate name for her canary, if he is so good a singer, be sure and care for him, and don't forget his feed and water every day; it is so cruel not to attend to its little wants and necessities. Aunt Hetty often wonders how little wild birds do live. God takes care of them in his own way.

Scio must be a good place for boys and girls, for we get plenty of letters from

Fred must be a very live boy to help his father so much. Santa Claus did not find snow enough to get out his reindeers, but nevertheless he found Editor Home Circle: some way of getting to Fred's.

Eva is full of Christmas times too, but inswers Iva's riddle.

things. We hope she will remember the Circle often.

Scto, Or., Dec. 2s. 1883.

Editor Home Circle: As the other little boys and girls have admitted, rely on it, are delaterious to the spring. I drive up the sheep and is going to have a Christmas tree to night sometimes carry in wood and hunt up and are going to charge twenty-five the eggs, and do other things that I can.
I have a pet, and that is a little black
I take my money and buy fire-crackers. If dog. I have two little sisters, and we you print this I will send you another. are expecting Santa Claus will come to-Yours truly, EDDIE EVANS. night and bring us some presents. Can any of the little readers of the Home Circle tell what two chapters of the Bible read exactly alike. My pa and ma are both members of Santiam Grange, so is grandpa and grandma; grandpa is over eighty-three years old. My pa takes the friend, May Cook, and addressed it my-FARMER, and likes it well. Hoping all self; she lives on Pea Ridge, W. T., she the little boys and girls will have a merry is just one month older than I am and I Christmas and get lots of presents, and wishing the FARMER success, I will close. FRED CRABTREE.

NEW ERA, Or., Dec. 27, 1883. Editor Home Circle: I have been silent for a long time, so I thought I would write and tell you where Iva C. Brook's riddle was to be found. If Aunt Hetty, or any of the readers, will look in the Bible at Judges 14 chapte: and eighth verse, and again in the 18th verse, second clause, they will find the answer. We had quite a nice time Christmas, had a Christmas tree and a dinner, and then spoke pieces and sang songs, and had a jolly time, don't you believe it? It has been real stormy here for several days, but is quite nice to-day. My father has been making shingles, he has got two thousand made but has not been working at them any time. I take another paper that has a letter box in it, the name of it is Our

man, woman and child. Father says if Aunt Hetty will give us a visit next summer he will get her some toads out of the garden. Well, I guess I will close for this time. Yours truly, from your little friend JESSIE WALDRON.

PLEASANT HOME, Or., Dec. 24, 1883. Editor Home Circle:

As I have seen many letters written to the FARMER, I will write one, although I have not written. Papa has been taking the FARMER for several years. We have a dairy, and are milking 21 cows now. We have eleven calves, four horses, three farms, ninety chickens, and eight cats. I am twelve years old; I help my mother: I wash dishes, scrub the floor, and cook and make the beds. I am going to school now, we have to walk threequarters of a mile to school. I have a doll that is a year old this Christmas. I have three brothers and three sisters, my oldest brother has gone east of the mountains, he has twenty-one head of cattle to take care of this winter. I am piecing a quilt, they call it a brick block, it will take about two hundred blocks to make it. Please put my name on the temperance roll; I hope there will be more names put on it. I like to read the letters Aunt Hetty prints for the boys and girls. Iva made a mistake and I will correct it: Out of the crater came forth meat, and out of the strong came what is sweeter than honey and what is stronger than a lion. Hoping good success to the FARMER. Yours truly,

SARAH M. KELLY. CENTERVILLE, Or., Dec. 25, 1883.

Editor Home Circle:

As I have never written to the Home Circle before, I thought I would write. My pa takes the FARMER; I like to read the little folks' letters. I have been going to school this winter in Centerville: we live about a quarter of a mile from the school house. We now have a vacation of two weeks. We had a nice Christmas tree last night in the Christian church; I got a Bible, scrap-book, cup and saucer, and a money purse on the tree. I have two brothers, one six years old and the other four years old; one sister at home and two married sisters living 60 miles from here, on Butter Creek. I will try to answer Iva Brook's riddle, it is: Out of the strong lion that was ready to eat Samson, Samson had taken sweet honey for himself to eat. I will close, wishing the FARMER great success. Please put my name on the temperance roll. Yours truly,

EVA STAFFORD.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 23, 1883.

I am a little boy thirteen years old; my name is Eddie Evans; my pa takes the Farmer. I see so many letters from the little folks that I thought I would Sarah is a new correspondent and write one too. I am going to school in sends a long letter full of interesting WallaWella, to the Baker school house; we have seven teachers in the building, and about 350 scholars; our teachers are ladies, and some of them have taken up land out on the hills between Touchet and Dry Creek; they believe in women's rights. Some of our teachers are pretty large, and say if we are not good scholars

FARMINGTON, Or., Dec. 23, 1883.

Editor Home Circle:

My papa takes the FARMER; I am very fond of reading the children's column. As I have never written before I would like to lend a helping hand to that colwas nine years old the 27th of last June I have but two pets, one is canary bird, I cell him Yankey, for he is such a good singer; the other is a little dog, I call him Guess; he is not handsome but he is smart. My Grandpa Landis made me a present of a nice little stool-chair on Christmas, but I was not happy on Christmas for the dear grandpa I have lived by all my life took sick on Wed nesday, the 24th of October last, and grew worse every day until the 31st, about three o'clock in the afternoon, when the good God called him away from us to Him. He was one of the best men that ever lived; his name was R. A Carpenter. But I fear my letter is too long for the first; if I see this in print I will write again. I wish success to the FARMER. From your little friend,



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