

The Home Circle.

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ETERNAL REST.

A little while we'll tarry here, A little while our crosses bear, With hearts oppressed;

Life seems a drear, beclouded day, Where seldom falls illumining ray, To break the mist;

Though from the bitter, bitter cup, Of mingled sorrows we must sup, 'Tis but to test

It matters little, though our lot Be cast in dreary d serpt spot; For life, at best

Although we cannot understand The chastening of God's dear hand, It rules for best.

But sweet 'twill be at close of life To leave this weary world of strife! And with the blest

CHOICE RECIPES.

Delicate Cake.—Whites of three eggs, one cupful of white sugar, two-thirds of a cupful of softened, not melted, butter,

Plum Pudding.—Six small or five large eggs, one cupful of good sugar, one cupful of dry bread grated fine,

Jumbles.—Rub a quarter of a pound of butter into half a pound of flour, add the same quantity of moist sugar,

Muffins and Eggs.—A little less than a quart of sweet milk or water thickened with a pound more than a quart of graham poured into a hot muffin pan,

Delicious Cream Cakes.—Made without butter or lard. I take one heaping teaspoonful of the Hersford baking powder phosphate,

Farmer's Tea-Cake.—To two cups of sour milk allow one large teaspoonful of soda; dissolve this in a little hot water,

A delicious cake for layer cake is made by taking two whole eggs and the white of the third egg; beat the whites and one large cup of sugar until light,

fore putting it in the tins; flavor to suit yourself. It is a good plan when making nice cake to bake a little bit of the dough in a patty pan before trusting the rest of it in the oven;

FROM Willamina, Yamhill county, comes the particulars of another of those horrible accidents of boys handling pistols. On New Year's day two daughters of R. M. Gilbert, aged twelve and two years, respectively, went over to the house of a neighbor named Wilson.

WOMEN seem to enjoy the use of franchise as granted them by the Washington Territory Legislature, as we see by the Olympia Courier that ninety-nine women voted at the late municipal election.

THE Oregonian of the 15th says: Last Tuesday the wife of John E. Mattson, living on Brush prairie, was taken with an epileptic fit and fell into an open fire place on a bed of coals.

THE Dairy is authority in stating that a hen has but so many eggs in her body to lay in a lifetime. Skilled work will get most of these eggs out in two years,

One of our country exchanges has discovered a youth who possesses business qualifications which will yet make of him a millionaire. He purchased a hen on credit for fifty cents.

America is not the only land of adulteration. Government inspection in France showed in butter alone there were only eleven samples pure out of sixty-two examined.

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For The Children.

BE IN TIME.

Be in time for every call; If you can, be first of all; Be in time.

If your teachers only find, You are never once behind, But are like the dial, true, They will always trust to you;

Those who aim at something great Never yet were found too late; Be in time.

Listen, then, to wisdom's call— Knowledge now is free to all; Be in time.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Still we continue to get letters, so that we begin to feel confidence that more will come if we print them all, as you will remember Aunt Hetty had to be very careful last summer so as to save one letter at least for fear that no more would come for the next week.

Annie is a new writer; she says she belongs to the Good Templars. That is a good step to take, and we are glad to see so many of our young people beginning life with this hatred of intemperance; we wish to see you all not only sign your names, but be workers, outspoken helpers in the temperance cause.

Ermangrade writes her first letter to the FARMER this time. She has taken pains to write nicely and compose it correctly; it is this which we wish to encourage in our dear little friends.

Ira lives in Washington Territory. We seem to get a good many letters from that part of the country. Ira says there are no saloons in Pine; he forgot to send his name to the roll.

Next we open an envelope that contains two letters, which we judge came from a sister and her little brother. That visit East to old friends is well told and will be interesting to every one who did not have a chance to go.

Our little friend speaks of the tall corn she sees, and of the hickory nuts, walnuts and hazelnuts. It sometimes seems to Aunt Hetty that the children of Oregon and Washington do not know the pleasure and fun which children had who lived in the Eastern States.

We keep for the last the good cheering words of Mrs. W., who so kindly speaks of our feeble efforts to help the children.

We must now tell you about our trip East. We started the last week in September; there were seven in our company, Mr. Watts and lady, Mr. Griffin and ourselves and two children. Mr. Griffin was up in the mountains just before he went back home and killed a deer with rocks; he took the hide back with him, he was

wrong doing just as surely brings sorrow and trouble as that the sun rises and sets. One mistep may wreck a whole life time. The tender minds of these little ones are as plastic clay in our hands; our own actions and our own thoughtless words will influence them more than we think of.

CHAMPOEG, Or., Dec. 30, 1883. Editor Home Circle: I thought I would write a few lines to the Home Circle, as I never have written to it before.

As I have never seen any letters from this part of Oregon I guess I will write one and let you know something of King's valley.

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MACLEAY, Or., Jan. 6, 1884. Editor Home Circle: This is my first attempt to write you a letter; I am a little girl ten years old.

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out on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. McDougall. We started back East together, had a nice trip, and were just a week on the road from Oregon to Illinois. I had not seen my folks for nine years. We stayed five weeks, gathered walnuts, hickorynuts, hazelnuts, all we wanted; saw lots of my old schoolmates, had a nice visit with them; they pieced me a friendship quilt and put their names on their own blocks that they pieced.

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