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The Home Circle.

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THE BONG OF THE HEN.

A minstrel am I of a single lay, But I sing is the whole day long, In the orowded coop or the breezy way I warble my simple song. Only an egg, with its clear white shell-The sea hath no pearl more fair-And over that spheroid I cackle and yell, Aud hallo and wrestle and rear.

O, a frail, weak thing is my ovate gem, As it lies in my straw lined nost; And it raketh the orator, stern and stem, When it estcheth him on the crest. There is might in its weakness and when it goe Down in the afternoon of its life. It can lead a strong man by the nose When it mixeth itself in the strife.

I am no slugger; the hawk that socope Must hunt for me under the thatch, And yet in the field, or the noisy coops, I always come up to the scratch. So I sing the only lay that I know, In numbers becomingly meck ; Because, tho' " my son never sets," I know That my life will be ended necks weak. -Burlington Hawkeye.

VISITS AND VIBITING.

When a lady is doing her own work he extent of a visitor adds to the burien of cares even if it be a familiar fiend. One of the pleasant things in lie is this interchange of hospitality, nt if we make trouble of having company in the house it ceases to be a pleasus. We all know that there are houses where we feel perfectly at home as soon as we enter the door, while at other plces we may feel just the opposite, yet my be equally welcome at both homes. Th art of making people feel comfortableis to put our friends on the same focing with the family; if it be a lady, wh is a guest, let her see that any little he) about household matters is welcore, and not seem afraid that she shall vis the kitchen. Any woman of sense knws that there is a routine of work the must be done in every house and if the are no help, the lady of 'he house met do it, so it will scom a pleasure to a sitor to be allowed to wipe dishes, swep and take care of her own room, atnding to it without apologizing at ewy time. This thing of apologizing foevery thing makes one feel very miseple who is the recipient of them. Witing can be make a trouble and a cre, or it may be of mental comfort and smething can always be learned and en it opens the heart to new impulses. There we go on in the same old rounds fairs, forgeting that there are other inprests besides our own. The very fact f trying to make another happy will icct, making the heart open to sunny in-Inences; hospitality should not add to family expenses, there should be the quiet cordial welcome but no effort should be made apparent, or the guest is uncomfortable. What is good and sufficient for a family should be enough for a visitor, and its this way of treating a friend that makes one feel at home. There is a pride in every housekeeper to put the best forward at such a time. Clean table linen, a freshly made bed with clean sheets, and above all fresh towels, do not cost anything, but add most of all to the real comfort of a visitor. This matter of clean towels amounts to more than one would at first think of. We know of a large family, who, though now grown up and seattered, are still suffering to this day, from the using of the same towel which was also used by a friend with bad eyes. Of course, it was thoughtlesances, but if there had been a towel especially for a stranger it would have saved much discomfort. There are many skin disease which are not apparent to the eye and yet are cantagious so that no one out of the family should use the same towel. How comfortable to-any one after a good wash, to bary the face in a good big sweet smelling towel, even if it be but made of a coarse salt sack. One of the best features of the Grange movement is, that visiting one another is the natural outcome of its organization. This meeting together of neighbors and friends is of incalcuable benefit. The interchange of thought, experience, and good will is not all, there are more substantial benefits to be had and it is strange that the farmers generally, do not embrace this opportunity for financial-benefit. '

last the farmer gets his share of what he purchases, instead of letting it go to merchants and speculators. Excuse this little offshoot. A FARMER'S WIFE.

CHOICE RECIPES.

Muffins-Mix with one pint warm milk, two well beaten eggs, one-half teaspoonful melted butter, teaspoonful salt, enough flour to make a thick batter, and yeast to make it rise-yeast cakes are the most convenient in the country; set it in a warm place to rise. Then grease the muffin rings, set them on a hot greased griddle, and half fill them with the batter, and bake them. When they are done break them open and butter them hot and serve at once.

Boiled Suet Pudding .- Stir corn meal into a quart of boiling milk to make a thick batter; add a teacup of beef suet chopped fine and a teaspoonful of salt. Tie it loose in a bag or put in a mould and boil two hours. A few raisins added to it is an improvement. Serve with syrup or a sweet sauce.

Crullers .- Take one-half pint sour milk or butternilk, one teacupful of butter and two of sugar beaten together, three well beaten eggs, and one small teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little hot water; add a teaspoonful of salt, a little nutmeg for those who like it, and a little ground cinnamon. Work in flour for a smooth dough, work well, roll out thin, cut into shapes and fry in a deep vessel of boiling hot lard.

Baked Custard .- Beat six eggs light stir them into one quart of milk, sweaten to taste, flavor with nutmeg and vanilla. Butter a pudding dish, set it in a pan of water and put into the oven. Bake one

Apple Dumplings .- Peel, quarter and core the apples, make a pie crust, or rich buttermilk dough, roll it to one-half inch thickness, cut it in round pieces the size of a tea-plate, lay in each, as many pieces of apples as it will contain, gather up the edges and press them togellier to enclose the apple. Then drop them into a pot of boiling water, cover the pot and Or put boil gently for nearly an hour. them in a covered steamer over the fire. Eat with a rich, sweet sauce.

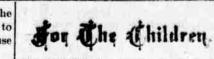
Potato Scallops-Boil and much the potatoes soft with a little milk or cream. Beat up light with melted butter-a dessert-spoonful for every half pint of the potato-salt and pepper to taste. Fill some patty-pans or buttered scallop shells with the mixture, and brown in the oven when you have stamped a pat-tern upon the top of each. Glaze while hot, with butter, and serve in the shells.

An excellent vinegar is made, by putting clippings and parings of applesfresh or dried-in a crock, covering with soft water, and setting in a warm place. Inefits. The interchange of visits is ineficial to children and the young of family it introduces a new life; sionally.

Pressed Beef .- Boil beef of any good kind till the bones fall out; pick it over the towns there are not many wild lay after day, we get rusty, are apt to carefully, removing all gristle, chop it get to thinking too much of personal fine, season with salt and such herbs as taste suggests, press in a pan with a heavy weight. When cold, cut in slices and serve.

Two Patterns for Lace.

Diamond Lace-Cast 10 stitches. 1st row-Knit 2, thread over, narrow, men are very fond of chickens and ducks 13 TOW



A LEGEND OF THE STORK AND THE BABIES.

Have you heard of the valley of babyland, The realm where the dear little darlings stay Till the kind storks go, as all m-n know, And ob, so tenderly brings them away ? The p the are winding and past all finding By all save the st rks, who understand The gates, the highways, and intricate byways That lead to Babyland.

All over the valley of Babyland Sweet flowers bloom in the soft green mo-And under the blooms fair, and under the leaves there,

Lie little heads like +p ols of floss, With a soothing number, the river of Slum Flows over a bed of silver sand. And angels are keeping watch o'er the sleeping

Babes of Babyland. The path to the valley of Babyland Oaly the kingly white storks know. If they fly o'er m untains or wade through

fountains-No man sees them come or go. But an angel, maybe, who guards some baby Or a fairy, perhaps, with her mag c wand, Brings them straightway to the wonderiu Gateway that leads to Buoyland.

And there in the vall-y of Babyland Under the mosses and leaves and terns. Like an unfledged star ing they find he daring For whom the heart of a mother verns, And they lift him lightly an tuck bin tightly In feathers as soft as a lady's band And off with a rock a way step they anlk away

Out of Babyland.

As they go from the valley of Babyiand Forth into the world of great u rat. ometimes weeping he awakes from s ceph Before he reaches his mothers breast Ah, how she blesses him, how she carceses h Bonniest bird in the bright home bard, That o'er land and water the stork bro': her From far off Babyin d.

-Ella L. Wheeler in Good Cheer.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Another little girl says that she has committed 477 verses. We are glad if in the Willamette valley that is worth there are only two who have taken up taking up? This is father's question. Aunt Hetty's offer. Daisy was the first Mother's question is: Does anything to write and tell us. We are waiting to bother in raising chickens there? Our see if there are others. Jennie says she is cleven years old.

These verses will be a great comfort to her in all coming years. Yes, Jennie shall have a book too.

Charley, a real boy's letter. To answer father's question? Yes, there is some, though the best land is all taken up in the Willamette valley ; there is good land to be bought, as many people have more than they can cultivate, and are glad to sell these hard times. Tell mother there is a difference in locations; near animals that kill chickens, but out towards the foothills and mountains there are of course troubles of that sort; chickens here do not have the diseases we read of in Eastern agricultural papers. We are paying thirty-five cents a dozen for eggs now, and five or six dollars a dozen' for grown chickens. The Ching-

in a basket in the night, but she was home to breakfast, and got the best of the breaklast before we found her at the kitchen door. Frank writes a good letter, in a real

businesslike way, only he forgot to be put on the Temperance Roll. That is all Frank lacks to commence the world. He is an industrious and wide awake fellow, we are sure.

Next week we give letters from some California girls.

HUBBARD, Jan. 13, 1884. Editor Home Circle:

I read in your paper a year ago that you would give a nice book as a prize to the one who learned the most verses in the Bible. I am a little girl eleven years; I go to Sunday School, Mrs. Goodale is teacher of our class, I like her very well, she gives prizes to the one who learns the most verses, I gained two of them. For the year 1883 I learned 477 verses. I like to read the letters in the Home Circle. Pa has taken the FARMER for eight years. I will close by wishing

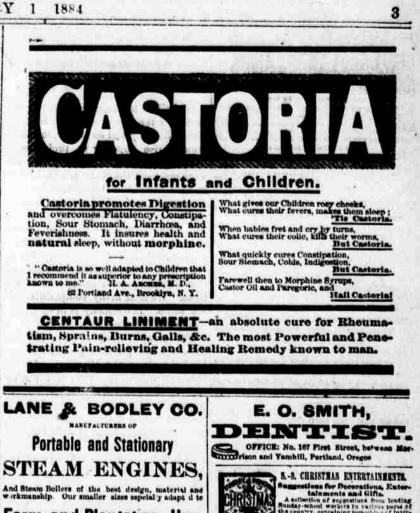
Aun' Hetty a Happy New Year. Your young friend, JENNIE ABBOTT.

KILLDUFF; Jasper Co., Iowa.

Editor Home Circle: This is my second letter to the FAR-MER ; we take five papers but we like the FARMER the best. We have bad awful cold weather, the thermometer stood at 34 degrees below zero. I have two broth- Farm and Plantation Use, ers and myself that raised 82 acres of small grain and 100 acres of corn. I am eleven years old and plow with a mule team all summer. How much could we plow and tend in small grain in your country? We pay two cents to thresh oats and four cents a bushel for wheat. Illustrated Catalogues of Machinery sent Free What do they charge for threshing in Oregon? What do they sell the Studegl7-6m John and Water Sts., Cincinnati, baker wagon at in Salem? Mother has about ten dozen chickens, they are all the Bluff Cochins; I wish we had them all close to Salem, we would have fine fun raising eggs and chickens for the FISHEL & ROBERTS Salem market. Is there any vacant land Clothier, Yours truly, CHARLIE F. SMISER.

DEXTER, Or., Jan. 9, 1883.

As I have not written the Circle for some time I will try and write again. We are having a good deal of rain, but I Money than any other house guess it is almost over with, for awhile in the state. anyway. I will be 13 years old the 17th of this month. My brother who was staying at Comstock's running the telegraph office, has come home on a visit. I have two sisters going to school in Eugene City, one goes to the university and the other to the public school. I think I can answer Florence's conundrum, it is well. We had a very nice Christmas tree at our school house; I got a box of writing paper, a card receiver and a Christmas card. I think Aunt Hetty is ever so kind to have a page in the FAR-MER just a purpose for us little folks.



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ETTA HANDSAKER.

To ramble a little from the subject we would say that nearly all those who visited the East last fall, say, that the Gratge is flourishing there, that co ope-rative stores are doing great good to the farmers, and that the Grange is binding together all farming interests so that at ! at first row.

2d row-Knit 3, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 2. 3d row-Knit 4, over, narrow, ov narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 2. 4th row-Knit 5, over, narrow, ove narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 2. 5th row-Knit 6, over, narrow, ov narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 2. 6th row-Knit 7, over, narrow, ove narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 2 7th row-Knit 8, over, narrow narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 2. Sth row-Bind off 7, knit 10, begin a

Scalloped Lace .-- Cast on 20 stitches 1st row-Knit 1, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow knit 10.

first row.

2d row-Knit 1, narrow, over, narrow over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow knit 9. 3d row-Knit 1, narrow, over, narrow

over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit 8. 4th row-Knit 1, narrow, over, narrow,

over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow. knit 7. 5th row-Knit 1, narrow, over, narrow

over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow, knit 6.

6th row-Knit 1, narrow, over, narrow over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow knit 5.

7th row-Knit 1, narrow, over, narrow over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow knit 4.

8th row-Knit 1, narrow, over, narrow over, narrow, over, narrow, over, narrow knit 3.

9th row-Knit 2, over, narrow, over narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 4. 10th row-Knit 2, over, narrow, over narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 5. 11th row-Knit 2, over, narrow, over narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 6. 12th row-Knit 2, over, narrow, o

narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 7. 13th row-Knit 2, over, narrow, over narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 8. 14th row-Knit 2, over, narrow, o narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 9. 15th row-Knit 2, over, narrow, o

narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 10. 16th row-Knit 2, over, narrow, o

narrow, over, narrow, over, knit 11; begin

and they are the best customers, especially at this season. To-day commences

their New Year, and they all quit work, shave their heads clean and braid up I will write some. We are having mild their queues all fresh and nice and then weather now, it seems like spring. I they spend three or four days in eating live on a farm three miles from Weston and visiting each other at their wash- on Wild Horse creek; my father owns house-they do all the washing for the one section of land ; he was offered \$5,000 towns and cities; no woman anywhere

ever thinks of "doing up a shirt;" all starched clothes are done by Chinamen. It is not possible for any white person

to do as nice work as they do. Children who are not accustomed to see China men would be amused to see them and watch their peculiarities; they some times wear our sort of boots and shoes, and they seem to like "Melican men" pantaloons better than their own baggy think of something more the next.

ones, but they stick to their own costume otherwise, as a rule they are honest and they are not afraid of doing enough work for the pay; so if lazy white men

find Chinamen taking their places they ought not to complain.

Etta has been silent so long that we did not believe she would write again. Aunt Hetty is glad to have a page for mendacious mission. The tale is that children, though she hears sometimes that there are people who de not like it at all, to let so much space be taken up by children; some say that the letters are all alike. Now, dear children, each one of you try next time and see if you can't think of something different to write about, tell a story about anything that happens; if you are observing you can always see the intelligence of animals, even dogs and cats do things that will look as if they understood, anneedotee

Times. of animals are always read with interest. When I was a little girl we had a cat that would open a door and come down stairs-putting her hind foot on the thumb latch and pushing it down ; she ture.

would steal meat, and we gave her away to some gypsies, who took her miles away if w

UMATILLA Co., Jan. 7, 1884. Editor Home Circle :

Transfer steamer connecting with Atlantic Express leaves Ach Street wharf, Portland, daily, at 7:20 P. M As I have not written to the FARMER The Pacific Express arrives at Portiand, daily a 6:30 A. M. MIDDLE COLUMBIA, WILLAMETTE AND YAMBILL RIVER DIVISION.

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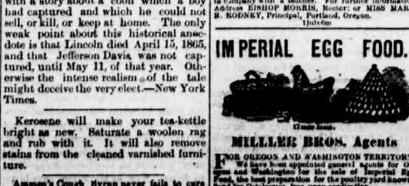
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for the home place. We had to feed our stock three days this winter so far; they are all doing well now on bunch grass

I have sowed 110 acres of wheat this fall, it is all up nice ; we have not plowed General Ticket Offices - Cor. Front and D Ma C. H. Pittscoort, John Muin, Manerer. Supo Traffic. A. L. WTOKES, E. P. ROGERS, As't Sup't Traffic. Gor'l Agent Pass. Dep. A. L. MAXWELL, Ti-ket Agent. much yet, I went out to plow this morning and plowed till noon, when it commenced to rain, and that was all that I plowed. Well, I will close for this time,



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