

The Home Circle.

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NOT ONE

Dear heart! we've gone through life together, Through bitter storms and sunny weather;

When we set out the sun was shining, And e'en each cloud had silver lining;

Yet through it all, mid sun and cloud, Your loving trust has made me proud,

And now from God I pray one gift, And when these earthly shadows lift,

They bear one both; in life and love, We have been one, and so above,

Such days of long and bitter grief, When sleep alone gives short relief;

CAKE MAKING.

Marion Harland says of cake making: Never undertake cake unless you are willing to give to the business the amount of time and labor needed to make it well.

Soft Ginger Bread.—One and a half cup of molasses, half cup brown sugar, same of butter, same of sweet milk, teaspoonful of soda, same of spice, half teaspoon of ginger; mix these and add three cups of flour; bake in shallow pans.

Cream Short Cake.—Two cups of prepared flour; one tablespoonful of lard and as much butter; one-half cup of milk; three tablespoonfuls of white sugar; one saltspoonful of salt.

Spice Cake.—One cup of sugar, one cup of molasses, one-half of a cup of butter, one-half of a cup of lard, warm and mix, one-half of a cup of water, in which dissolve one and one-half teaspoonfuls of soda, one teaspoonful of cloves, one of cinnamon, a little allspice, a little nutmeg, one cup of currants and one cup of raisins; flour enough to make pretty stiff.

Cake Without Eggs.—One cup of cream, a little sour; one cup of sugar, one handful of currants, one pinch of salt, one-half of a teaspoonful soda, flavoring to taste, flour to make stiff enough; bake in sheet tins in a quick oven.

ARE WIVES SUPPORTED?

Who has cooked your meals, made, washed and mended your clothes all these years? Who made the butter and cheese that you sold and pocketed the money for?

Why Corned Beef Spoils.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing on this subject, says: Farmers who live away from meat markets salt both pork and beef for the annual supply.

THE FRAGMENTS.

As a matter of fact, the one case of melted butter alone excepted, good dripping will be found quite equal to butter for family purposes; indeed, fresh, sweet drippings is infinitely to be preferred to nine-tenths of the cooking butter in general use.

For The Children.

THE RAIN—A PARODY.

Oh! the rain! the rain! the beautiful rain! Wetting the hills and flooding the plain!

Down from the clouds that go floating by, "Oh! what a rain! what a rain! what a rain!"

Is heard everywhere, again and again. But the farmer sings as he follows the plow, For every wrinkle is washed from his brow.

Hurrah! hurrah! for the beautiful rain; It gives us a harvest and turns full of grain; It gives the means for the hungry to feed; It gives us the power to help all in need.

The widow, And orphan For the farmer will pray, For God to pour on him his blessings each day.

And but for the farmer, his plow and the rain, The cities would starve is certainly plain; The vessels would rot at the wharves they lay, But farmers are kings of the country to-day.

OUR LETTER BOX.

The first letter this week comes from Colfax where the weather must be pretty cold. We heard from that part of the country lately when the lady who was writing said she had not seen through her windows for a week—for the frost covered them—even the wood work of the rooms were white with frost too.

It good to get letters from the boys who are not as free in their correspondence as the girls are—why is it? Here are two letters from a couple of brothers who have commenced bravely, writing very neatly written and well composed letters.

We hope Arthur will get to Oregon in the spring, we are sure he will never regret coming to this beautiful country where the climate is so mild and the land is so fertile.

Our young friend from Eola gives a new letter. We think he would make a good "local" for a daily newspaper from the way he writes; he must write again.

Agnes is writing from away back in Iowa—only think when she wrote, the thermometer was eighteen degrees below zero; at that time we, here in Oregon, could find pansies in bloom and Aunt Hetty found a beautiful pond rose in bloom in a corner where she was sheltered.

As I have never written to the Home Circle, I thought I would write. I am a little girl twelve years old; I am not going to school this winter. I went to a five month's school; I got two prizes. I haven't got many pets to tell you about; I have a colt, his name is Billy, and a calf its name is Spot. We came here in 1872. I will close, I remain your little friend, ETTA M. WARMOTH.

COLFAX, W. T., Jan. 2, 1884.

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PRIOR, Roberts Co., D. T., Jan. 30. Editor Home Circle: I have never written a letter to any paper, but I thought I would to the FARMER, I dare not write much the first time for fear you won't publish it.

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of Salem. Mr. Wilson is having a large number of trees grubbed. There is a debating society held every Thursday evening in the schoolhouse near our home. Mr. Hampton has a fine lot of young lambs. Mr. Wm. Putnam, of Eola, is having a great deal of trouble with sick horses. I was fifteen years old on Christmas day.

Yours Truly, RICHARD PIERCE.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, Jan. 21, 1884.

Editor Home Circle: As I have seen many letters written to the FARMER, I thought I would write too. I am thirteen years old and living on a farm; I go to school; we have two miles to walk, but it has been so cold I did not go this week, it was eighteen degrees below zero this morning.

Yours Truly, AGNES V. MYERS.

VIOLA, OR., Jan. 30, 1884.

Editor Home Circle: I thought I would write a few lines to the Home Circle, as I have never written to it before; I like to read the little folks' letters. I am twelve years old. I do not go to school now, but study at home. As all the little boys and girls tell about their pets I will tell about mine; I have a dog, his name is Cap, he is a good dog.

King met King on King high way, "King!" said King, "what is thy name?" "My bridle is silver and so is my bow, I told you my name three times in a row."

Yours Truly, JOHN O. GASKELL.

VIOLA, OR., Jan. 30, 1884.

Editor Home Circle: As I have never written to the Home Circle before, I would like to lend a helping hand to that column. I am not going to school now; our school will soon be out; I have about one mile and a half to go. We had a nice time on Christmas though it rained and blowed all day.

Respectfully Yours, WILLIAM C. GASKELL.

The Pumpummers.

There is a portion of the Yakima Indians who adhere to their old custom of holiday pumpumms. These consist of prolonged dances which are intended to soften the disposition of the Great Spirit and avert his wrath from the tribe.

The improvement in all classes of our domestic animals has been astonishingly rapid, and every way gratifying; but no one can travel over the country or spend a day at the Chicago or other great livestock markets without being thoroughly convinced that much remains to be done.

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