# The Mome Circle.

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#### PREMONITION.

In a still chamber, a white bed of sleep With soothing pillow, and a cream so deep That it alone reality did seem. And all reality was but a dream-I woke as children wake, in surprise, With soft bewildermeut of lips and eyes, For I had felt upon my eyelids pressed One darling baby kiss; upon my breast A passing breath as of an angel wing Passed above me, fragrant fluttering.

And then I breathed the subtle, sweet perfume Of lilacs, purple lilacs, in full bloom; Lilacs so cool and fresh, the flowers I knew Just plucked-pale purple lilans, damp with

In ecstacy, I to the window flew, Charmed with the garden of my dreams; but no!

There coldly fell the moonlight on the snow.

The snow lat lay like moonlight far below.

Was it memory that chose to bring From my dream garden a forgotten flower Was it a spirit that forestalled the hour And woke me with the first faint breath of spring? -C. W. Stoddard.

#### KITCHEN WRINKLES.

Liquid Glue.-Dissolve good glue in whiskey; keep well corked so it will not evaporate.

To remove paint stains or splashes on glass, moisten the spots with a strong solution of soda, then rub hard.

Rust on Steel .- Make a paste of emery powder and kerosene; rub on and let stand a little while; then polish with

To clean zinc dissolve two ounces of alum in one quart of vinegar; use as form. hot as you can. Rub until dry.

To remove the tops of fruit jars that cannot be started by hand, dip a cloth in very hot water and apply to the outside of the cap; this will cause it to expand.

When you have spilled anything on the stove or milk has boiled over and a suffocating smoke escapes, sprinkle the spot with a quantity of salt : this will

Sleeve Protectors.-Cut off the foot of worn out stockings, turn down a hem and run in a rubber cord at the top and bottom, and you have a nice pair of sleeve protectors.

Empty spools are nice to use to hang towels and clothing on. Drive nails through them so the head will sink in chambers and corridors show that it the end of the spool. No danger of rnst in using them.

A slate with pencil attached is handy to have in the kitchen, on which to jot down articles you wish to buy when you go "to town;" then you will not forget with the Romans, and his victims must the very things you want most, as is

equal parts of amonia and alcohol with powdered whiting. Put on the nickle ideal of a hermit. He will be glad to with a piece of chamoise skin; leave until dry; then polish with a dry clean which he keeps for the purpose. A herpiece of chamoise skin.

To Make Vinegar.-To one gallon of of a mountainous island in the Mediterrainwater add one pound cheap yellow sugar, let stand in the sun with netting over it. If preferred, molasses can be stockton, in St. Nicholas for February. used in the proportion of one quart to seven of rainwater. A very little yeast will hasten the fermentation. Vinegar "mother" can be added also.

# CHOICE RECIPES.

Rag Mats .- I must tell you how to make rag mats. I have one now nearly completed which I think quite pretty. I cut my rags, all sorts, stocking legs best of all, in strips finer than for carpet. and two great rivals in this seductive Sew them together, wind in balls and gait having been brought together for a proceed. Take very coarse crochet hook. If mat is to be oblong, make chain ac- We have changed all that. The gentlecordingly. If round, two stitches will men no longer write their essays. do, and go round and round in single trotting horse will soon, undoubtedly, crochet; that is, draw rag through with hook, put rag over hook and draw hood. He has already, even without the through the two stitches. Arrange colors eight of voting, been styled the first to fancy. The centre of mine is bright red, quite a large space, and afterwards hit and miss. Bright, contrasting colors, or twenty thousand people give afterlight and dark, have a very pleasing noon after afternoon to the contempla-

Molasses Candy.—Put in a saucepan one pint of molasses, half a pint of sugar, brief code of nine laws for the governbutter the size of a small egg and one tablespoonful of glycerine and boil for twenty minutes. When the mixture is alleghenies dealt with the preservation twenty minutes. When the mixture is thick, try a few droops in a cup of cold said of education. The Kentuckian water. If the drops retain their form loves the memory of Thomas Jefferson, the candy is nearly done; try a few not forgetting that he once ran racedrops more; if they are brittle, take off looking the cattle interest, the manufacthe saucepan immediately, and stir in a ture of whisky, and the raising of to-half a teaspoonful of cream of tartar, bacco, will no doubt constitute the fuand pour the mixture into buttered pans. ture determining factors in the history of Kentucky. When it is cool enough pull until it is as white as desired. Be careful not to boil it too much. Alway try the candy at the end of twenty minutes. If flavor which were poisoned with curare over a is wished, pour the vanilla or lemon or any other essence desired on the candy any other essence desired on the candy with them died in half an hour. before it cools.

Condensed Wisdom in B.

Be just, but trust not every one, Be timely wise, rather than wise in time.

Beware of bosom sins. Betray no trust; divulge no secret. Bounty is more commended than imitated.

Bear your misfortunes with fortitude. Be always at leisure to do good. Business is the salt of life. Brevity is the soul of wit. Better to live well than long. Be not too hasty to outbid another,

Building is a pastime that men pay Beware of the geese when the fox

preaches. Better a small fish than an empty

Business neglected, is business lost. Be active, for idleness is the rust of

the mind. By doing nothing, we learn to do ill. Better to slip with the foot than the

Be ever vigilant, but never suspicious. Better to do well late than never. Birds of a feather flock together.

Bacchus has drowned more than Nep-Beggars have no right to be choosers.

"Bear and forebear," is good philoso-Better to be alone than in bad com-

Better to be untaught, than ill-taught. Bad books are the public fountain of

Books alone can never teach the use Bear and blame not what you cannot

change. Beware of him who regards not his reputation.

Believe after trial, and judge before friendship.

Be good betimes, lest repentance come too late.

Be ashamed of your pride, not proud of your shame. Be slow to promise, and quick to per-

Business makes a man as well astries

Be patient in adversity, and humble in prosperity.

An Autograph-Collecting Hermit.

One of our walks in the Island of Capri will take us to a very high point, on which are some ruins of the Villa of Tiberius, the Roman Emperor. This gentleman, having involved himself in great deal of trouble at home, coneluded to retire to this rocky island, where he would be safe from his enemies, and here he lived until his death, in the year 37 A. D. Capri must have been a very different place then as far as the manners and customs of its inhabitants are concerned. The Emperor built no less than twelve handsome villas in various parts of the island, and made all necessary arrangements to enjoy himself as much as possible. The villa which we are visiting was one of the largest, and the remains of vaulted must have been a very fine building. A short distance below it, is the top of a precipice, from which, tradition says, Tiberius used to have those persons whom he had condemned to death thrown down into the sea. This was not an unusual method of execution have met with a certain death.

If any of us really desire to see a hermit, we can now be gratified, for one of To Clean Nickle Plate. — Thicken | that profession has his twee all alone, that profession has his dwelling here. but he does not look like our ordinary receive some coppers, and also to have us write our autographs in a book mit autograph-collector in the ruined villa of a Roman Emperor, on the top

# Fast Horses.

Forty years ago, says a writer in Harper's Magazine, the most distinguished citizens of Kentucky were engaged in writing essays and prize papers on scien-tific agriculture. A regular trotting track was not to be found in the whole country. Nothing was thought of the breeding and training of horses with reference to the development of greater speed. Pacing horses were fashionable; a mighty race over a river-bottom flat! be admitted to manhood suffrage, much as beet once won the spury of knightcitizen. The great agricultural fairs of the state have modified their exhibits with reference to him alone, and fifteen effect, which can be appreciated by be-ing seen. on running faster and faster. By and by time will be no more. One of the

> Some Indian arrow-heads were lately shown at the Societe d'Anthropologie

# For The Children

### ON A NAUGRTY LITTLE BOY SLEEPING.

Just now I missed from hall and stair A joyful trebble that had grown As dear to me as that grave tone That tells the world my older care.

And little footsteps on the floor
Were stayed. I laid aside my pen,
Forgot my theme, and listened—then
Stole softly to the library door.

No sight! no sound! a moment's freak Of fancy thrilled my pulses through; "If—no," and yet, that fancy drew A father's blood from heart and cheek.

And then-I tound him! There he lay, Surprised by sleep, caught in the act, The rosy vandal who had sacked His little town and thought it play

The shattered vase; the broken jar; A match still smouldering on the floor; The ink stand's purple pool of gore, The chessmen scattered near and far.

Strewn leaves of album lightly pressed This wicked "Baby of the Woods;" In fact, of half the household goods This son and heir was seized-possessed.

Yet all in vain, for slee had caught The hand that reached; the feet that stray And fallen in that ambuscade The victor was himself o'er wrought

What though torn leaves and tattered book Still testified his deep disgrace! I stooped and kissed the inky face, With its demure and calm outlook.

Then back I stole, and half beguiled My guilt, in trust that when my sleep Should come, there might be one who'd keep An equal mercy for his child -Bret Harte.

## OUR LETTER BOX.

Yesterday was Easter-the majority of Christian people observe this day which commemorates the rising of our Lord from the tomb. The Friday before is called Good Friday-the day of am not going to school now, school was crucification. Easter is joyful, and its out last Friday. Yesterday I went to a emblems are vanins. Easter flowers birth-day party and had a nice time. are the early lilies and the first of The other day I was cutting wood and spring offerings. Great fun is had by made a mis-lick and cut my foot. the children in coloring eggs which are always eaten on that day. The Strawberry. We have had some pretty little folks often gather and hide all cold weather this last week and are in the eggs they can find to keep for great danger of loosing the fruit crop Easter; cooking them hard and color- on Snake river. My papa works up on ing them. Sometimes they are beauti- Clear Water, one of the small branches fully painted and decorated with verses of Snake river. He brings down timber of scripture alluding to the resurcction, in rafts. He goes up there on horse In some of the olden countries great back and I go up with him and bring attention is paid to the day; friends in back the horses. I like to go up with meeting will say, "he has risen to-day." him. It is sixty miles from where we Special services are held in churches, live on Snake river to his camp on while Easter flowers decorate the Clear Water. I have been helping papa chancel. People who keep days of such plow the orchard, and I like to plow religious observances are happier, more and run on the fresh dirt. To-morrow contented and better than those who will be the 31st of March, and we will are indifferent.

Soon our Decoration Day will come It was very warm here to-day. -the day on which we remember the graves of our own dear ones as well as the resting places of our dead soldiers. While of recent date the day is very generally kept and is each year better

Our staunch friend, Bessie, sends another of her good letters that always tell of bright, cheerful things. She finds so much happiness in nature.

The verses by Rosetta are charming and will appear next week.

Our next is from a Washington territory boy who has had the bad luck to cut his foot. It was luck to the Circle, however, for we fear if that foot was all right there would have not been time to write a letter. The letter is good and very welcome.

Rosa gives a nice letter too. She has aken pains to write neatly. She goes to Sabbath school and is fortunate in OVERLAND to CALIFORNIA living where there is an interest in the teachings of the Bible. It seems as if each year there was less thought about these things which children should be

MILTON, Or. March 20.

Editor Home Circle:

The cold March winds are blowing and the gray clouds cover all the sky, but the valley is so bright with butterups that it seems as if the sun was shining. The stony ground is full of shooting stars and tiny white fringe flowers. I am pressing some flowers of each kind as it comes, and will have quite a collection bye and bye.

My papa found two little rabbits when he was at work in the garden and brought them up to the house and gave them to me. They are very pretty and cunning, with their long ears and bright eyes. I feed them clover. It is funny to see them eat. They have a kitchen and a parlor in their house, and they have a bunch of clover in the kitchen, and behave quite well there, but when they are sleepy they will creep under the parlor carpet in a very uncivilized way. Perhaps they will do better when they are educated. Our blue cat wishes to make their acquaintance but I don't approve of it. I have tried to make her understand that baby rabbits, who live

in a house of their own, are very differ-

ent from the large wild ones which she catches in the strawberry bed, but she looks at me with her eyes half shut as if she did not quite believe me.

The little burrowing owls have begun their strange call at twilight, and our flock of curlews have come back. The answer to Eloise's riddle is a grasshopper. Cannon were first used by the English in 1340 at the Battle of Crecy. They were used by the Chinese in 618, B. C., and by the Saracens in the eighth century, but they were not like the caunons used now, they were not larger than the shot guns of to-day. I will close by asking when the first organs were BESSIE M. SUTTON. used.

GUY, W. T., April 10, 1886. Editor Home Circle:

As I have never written to the FARM-ER, I thought I would write a few lines. My brother takes the FARMER and I like to read the little folks' letters very much. We are having nice weather now. Our school will commence in about two weeks. I go to Sabbath school every Sunday. Mamma is very sick and I have all the work to do. My papa died three years ago, and my grandma died one year ago the 26th of this month. She was 76 years old.

will close by sending a riddle: Brown I am and much admired: Many horses have I tired. Tire a horse and worry a man Tell me this riddle if you can. Best wishes to Aunt Hetty. Yours Truly,

ROSA E. LAWLER.

WAWAWIA, W. T., March 30, 1886.

Editor Home Circle: I am a little boy 12 years old and this is my first letter to the FARMER. I have a little pony and his name is plant our corn, tematoes, and potatoes.

Yours Truly,

FREDDY SHAW.

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