

## The Home Circle.

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### OVER THE RIVER.

AUNT KATTIE.

Over the river they beckon to me—  
Loved ones who've crossed to the further  
side;  
The gleam of their snowy robes I see,  
But their voices are lost in the dashing tide.  
Over the river the boatman pale  
Carried one, the household pet;  
Her brown curls waved in the gentle gale—  
Darling Lona! I can see her yet.  
She crossed on her bosom her dimpled hands,  
And fearlessly entered the phantom bark.  
We felt it glide from the silver sands,  
And all our sunshine grew strangely dark.  
We know she is safe on the further side,  
Where all the ransomed angels be;  
Over the river, the mystic river,  
Lay household idol is waiting for me.  
And there's one, whose worth cannot be told,  
My husband, so kind loving and true;  
He crossed mid storm-clouds grey and cold,  
And the pale mist hid him from mortal  
view.  
We saw not the angels who met him there,  
The gate of the city we could not see;  
Over the river, just over the river,  
My husband stands waiting to welcome me.  
Over the river the boatman pale,  
Came for another, my noble Fred,  
His song grew faint as he crossed the vale—  
The echo I hear, for his life has fled.  
Yes, none return from those quiet shores  
Who cross with the boatman, cold and pale,  
We hear the dip of the golden oars,  
And catch a gleam of the sunny sail,  
And ho! they have passed from our yearning  
hearts—  
They cross the stream and are gone for aye,  
We may not sunder the veil apart.  
That hides from our vision the gales of day.  
We only know that their bark no more  
May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea;  
Yet somewhere, I know, on the unseen shore,  
They watch and beckon and wait for me,  
And I sit and think when the sunset's gold  
Is flushing river, and hill, and shore,  
I shall one day stand by the water cold  
And list for the sound of the boatman's oar,  
I shall watch for a gleam of the flapping sail;  
I shall hear the boat as it gains the strand;  
I shall pass from sight with the boatman's  
pale,  
To the better shore of the spirit land.  
I shall know the loved ones who are gone be-  
fore,  
And joyfully sweet will the meeting be,  
When o'er the river, the peaceful river,  
The angel of death shall carry me.

### A Closet Shelf.

If there is anything that adds to one's  
comfort in an emergency, it is a closet  
shelf prepared for emergencies. That  
is clear. Accidents, nervousness, sudden  
pain, midnight calls for help, parcels  
that want doing up, broken crockery or  
ornaments, all find a ready answer to  
their calls on this carefully prepared  
shelf. It is so easy to prepare and keep  
in order, can be small or large, as one  
decides to confine its contents to a few  
things or enlarge to many. I intend to  
give a list for the smallest one that I  
think it advisable for any one to keep,  
be she keeping house or boarding.  
First of all come the things that are to  
be ready for illness, sudden or otherwise:  
Camphor, for faintness, headache or a  
sudden attack of diarrhea, although,  
for the latter, there is nothing equal to  
a tablespoonful of raw flour in a glass  
of cold water, to be taken in two doses,  
half an hour apart. A closely covered  
little box of raw flour is easily kept on  
the shelf, to be often renewed, lest it get  
musty. A small tin can of flour and  
mustard, mixed in equal parts, ready to  
make into a paste for a mustard plaster,  
is to me a pleasanter arrangement for a  
hastily required mustard plaster than  
the "mustard leaves" ready at the drug  
stores. In a little box beside this can  
should be old linen and cotton rags for  
the other half of the plaster, as well as  
for cuts or bruises; also a strip of flannel  
a "finger" broad and three-quarters  
of a yard long, to put upon the outside  
of a cotton cloth, several times folded  
and wet in cold water, for a compress for  
a sore throat. Keep your case of court  
plaster in this box of rags, and a spool  
of white linen thread, both conveniently  
near the necessary pair of small scissors.

Camphorated oil, which is best when  
made at home by dissolving camphor  
in warm olive oil until no more  
will dissolve, is invaluable for sore  
throats and chest or a cold on the  
lungs. Rub in well, and there will be  
no cold taken afterward, as there is  
after the old-fashioned "goose grease."  
Vaseline is good for this purpose also,  
as well as for many others that every-  
one knows about. There is nothing for  
chapped hands equal to glycerine and  
tincture of hydrastis, fifteen drops of  
the latter to an ounce of glycerine.  
Wash the hands in warm water thor-  
oughly, and, before wiping, rub in a

little or good deal of the mixture, ac-  
cording to the need.

Tannin, a dry greenish powder, is a  
great comfort where a sudden severe  
nosebleed occurs in the family. Once  
snuffing it up well into the nostrils  
generally ends the trouble. Tannin  
forms, with water, a good gargle for a  
sore throat, as it is a healing astringent.  
It is the best thing I know of for severe  
chafing, especially for infants. The  
effect is almost magical. On principle,  
my emergency shelf always holds olive  
oil, alcohol and ammonia. Hot summer  
days and headaches find me grateful for  
my bay rum bottle.

### The Bedroom.

A hardwood floor is the best of all;  
next, a stained or painted one. If the  
floor is of hardwood, it is an easy matter  
to choose rugs and lay them down; but  
a bedroom furnished with rugs does not  
have quite the cozy effect which we are  
seeking for, and is better adapted to a  
summer residence than a winter one.  
If a carpet is decided upon, it should  
be, if possible, of Wilton or Brussels, as  
they do not let the dust sift through,  
and although the first cost is greater,  
they are cheaper in the long run. In  
summer a straw matting should be  
substituted; this, of course, necessitates  
changing in spring and fall, but in the  
end it will be found to pay. Should it  
be decided to carpet the room, have the  
floor painted, from the mopboard out, a  
strip twelve or fourteen inches wide all  
around the room; if there are bay win-  
dows and recesses, let them be painted  
too, and have the closet floors done to  
correspond. You will then have a  
square or oblong carpet to lay down,  
and will save much cost in cutting, fit-  
ting and putting down, and more labor  
in taking up; it can at any time be  
turned end for end, and the breadth  
easily changed. The color of the floor  
will depend, of course, upon the furnis-  
hings of the room, whether they are to  
be light or dark, and the furniture of  
walnut, cherry, mahogany, ebony or  
ash; but the darker the floor the better  
it will throw up into relief the bordered  
carpet. Before painting, all cracks  
should be carefully filled, and the last  
coat of paint should have an equal  
amount of varnish added. This may  
seem much trouble to you now, but the  
saving in cost of the carpet, the saving  
in wear and tear in moving heavy  
pieces of furniture, and the indescribable  
freshness gained by having no dusty  
corners, will amply repay you; besides,  
it is in the corners and around the  
edges of closely fitted carpets that those  
pests, the moth and buffalo bug, lurk,  
and the sight of salt or insect powder  
strewn along is not suggestive of neat-  
ness or elegance in your housekeeping.  
—Good Housekeeping.

### CHOICE RECIPES.

Chopped Pickle.—One peck of green  
tomatoes, two quarts of onions and two  
of peppers. Chop fine, separately, and  
mix, adding three cupfuls of salt. Let  
them stand over night, and in the morn-  
ing drain well. Add half a pound of  
mustard seed, two tablespoonfuls of  
ground allspice, two of ground cloves,  
and one cupful of grated horseradish.  
Pour over it three quarts of boiling vine-  
gar.

Sweet Tomato Pickle.—One peck of  
green tomatoes and six large onions,  
sliced. Sprinkle with one cupful of  
salt, and then let them stand over night.  
In the morning drain. Add to the to-  
matoes two quarts of water and one  
quart of vinegar. Boil fifteen minutes;  
then drain again, and throw the vinegar  
and water away. Add to the pickle two  
pounds of sugar, two quarts of vinegar,  
two tablespoonfuls of cloves, two of all-  
spice, two of ginger, two of mustard, two  
of cinnamon, and one teaspoonful of  
cayenne, and boil fifteen minutes.

Savory Potatoes.—Mince a quarter  
pound of fat salt pork, add a teaspoon-  
ful of minced parsley, eight potatoes,  
peeled and quartered, cover with water  
and cook until the potatoes are done.  
Drain, mash, mound on a pie-plate, sift  
crumbs over them and brown in the  
oven.

Tomato Soup.—Two quarts of toma-  
toes, peeled and sliced; three pints of  
broth—veal or chicken is best; one ta-  
blespoonful minced parsley and the same  
quantity of minced onion, one teaspoon-  
ful of sugar; pepper and salt to taste;  
browned flour thickening; tablespoonful  
of butter, fried bread dice. Stew the  
tomatoes in the broth until they are  
broken all to pieces, add herbs and  
onions, stew twenty minutes, rub through  
a colander, season, thicken with a table-  
spoonful of browned flour, rubbed in one  
of butter; boil two minutes and pour  
upon the fried bread in the tureen.

## For The Children.

### WHAT RULES THE WORLD.

They say that man is mighty,  
He governs land and sea,  
He wields a mighty sceptre  
O'er lesser powers that be;  
But a mightier power, and stronger,  
Man from his throne has hurled,  
"For the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world."

In deep, mysterious conclave,  
"Mid philosophic minds,  
Unraveling knotty problems,  
His native sphere man finds;  
Yet all his "isms" and "isms"  
To heaven's four winds are hurled.  
"For that hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world."

Behold the brave commander,  
Staunch 'mid carnage stand.  
Behold the guidon dying.  
With the colors in his hand;  
Brave men they be, yet craven  
When his banner is unfurled;  
"The hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world."

Great statesmen govern nations,  
Kings model a people's fate,  
But the unseen hands of velvet  
These giants regulate.  
The iron arm of fortune  
With woman's charm is purled,  
"For the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world."

### OUR LETTER BOX.

When Aunt Hetty had that little talk  
with her friend, Mrs. Shipley, she did  
not expect to hear so soon from it. Why  
it was like the bread we read of in the  
Bible, that come back after many days.  
We may see just from this the influence  
of a timely word, spoken in season, it  
brings its own fruit. Before writing  
further will not some one of our girls  
explain the meaning of that verse of  
scripture quoted above; it must allude  
to some common occurrence in that  
Eastern country.

We are pleased to get Effie's good  
long letter. She must learn to shape a  
stocking well; it is quite an art to do it;  
it is said that a foot will shape its own  
stocking, but we doubt it. One that is  
not knit with good judgment is not  
comfortable to wear. Knit goods are  
so cheap now that few care to have  
home-made hosiery, but for children  
home made is the best.

Then here comes Winefred—"it never  
rains but it pours," and such a good let-  
ter it is, too; the words come just as if  
Aunt Hetty was listening and watching  
as they fell from the lips of our happy  
little girl. O, it is so nice to be young  
and happy, to have no care but to mind  
mamma and watch the dear little kit-  
tens play "hide and go seek." Yes, we  
do think that animals have little games,  
certainly dogs will often play with ap-  
parent method.

NEW ERA, Sept. 21, 1886.

Editor Home Circle:

As it has been a good while since I  
wrote to you, I will try and write again.  
I read Aunt Hetty's piece in the FAR-  
MER and thought it very good. As  
there were no letters in the last paper,  
I thought I would write and make one.  
We have not many flowers now. I  
have been over to Mr. Shipley's, and  
staid with my aunt while Mr. and Mrs.  
Shipley went to the fair. Mrs. Shipley  
said she saw you, and that you said you  
wished the children would write some,  
so I told Mrs. Shipley that I would write  
as soon as I went home. Aunt Cassie  
is canning tomatoes. We have a good  
many tomatoes this year. Aunt Hetty,  
I don't expect you can guess how many  
cats and kittens we have. Well, I will  
tell you. We have four cats and six  
kittens. Just think, ten in all. We  
have no dog at all. While I was over  
to Mr. Shipley's I went up to their vine-  
yard and had all the grapes I could eat.  
I would like to see Aunt Hetty real well.  
Effie is sick. I went by Aunt Hetty's  
house once. Our little kittens are real  
cute. Some of them will run and hide  
and the others will look around for  
them. We have got a good many  
grapes, but the white ones are mil-  
dewed. Uncle Tom set out some grape  
vines down on the hillside and told us  
children that we might have them if we  
would cultivate them. He said he  
would trim them for us. Effie is going  
to write some, if she is sick. Uncle  
Tom is at New Era attending the spirit-  
ualist camp meeting. I have not been  
over to the meeting yet, but I guess I  
will go before it breaks up. Aunt Cassie  
has got through canning tomatoes and  
has gone to sleep. I am making a crazy  
mat for my doll. Effie is making a  
crazy mat for a chair. Well, Aunt  
Hetty, I will have to close, hoping to  
hear from some of the young folks.  
Yours truly,  
WINNIFRED K.

NEW ERA, Sept. 21, 1886.

Editor Home Circle:

As I haven't written to the Home  
Circle for some time, I thought I would  
write to-day. I haven't been at all well  
to-day, and so haven't been working. I  
feel too bad to work. We have a tree  
that is like some children, for it is  
crooked, as some children are, because  
they were not trained when they were  
young. We have been trying to train  
this tree up straight, but it is too late  
now. It should have been trained when  
it was young. The name of the tree is  
the holly. How many boys and girls  
belong to the Band of Hope? I do, and  
I think it is real nice to belong to the  
Band of Hope. I think it would be  
real nice if every boy and girl belonged.  
I will tell Aunt Hetty and the little  
girls that I am knitting my first pair of  
stockings, and I know how to make a  
seam stitch. I guess the little boys and  
girls were too busy to write much this  
year. I staid over to Mr. Shipley's  
with my aunt while Mr. and Mrs. Ship-  
ley were at the fair, and when they came  
home Mrs. Shipley told me that she  
had seen Aunt Hetty, and she wondered  
why we didn't write, so I thought I  
would write. As we do not live near  
any church I do not get to go to Sunday  
school, as I would like to do. As it is  
nearly time for autumn leaves to be nice  
for winter decorating, I expect our coun-  
try boys and girls will soon be busy  
gathering the nicest of leaves to deco-  
rate their country homes. I think I  
shall gather some this fall to decorate  
our home with. They are nice for pic-  
ture frames and a good many other  
things. We haven't many flowers in  
bloom now. I like to live near the  
river, for I get a good many boat-rides,  
and besides, we get to see the steam-  
boats. There are some boats on the  
river nearly every day. Well, as I have  
written quite a long letter, I will close  
for this time. Yours truly,  
EFFIE KAUFFMAN.

### Marketing Fowls.

As the season for shipping dressed  
poultry draws near the following good  
advice from an exchange as to dressing  
and shipping fowls will be seasonable:

It is always bad policy to allow stock  
of any kind to go off the premises in  
poor condition. Feed is cheap and there  
will be no good excuse for farmers and  
poultry keepers sending lean, slab  
sided, scrawny poultry into market this  
season. In hot weather it is almost im-  
possible to fatten fowls, but in cold  
weather they have good appetites and if  
well fed will "plump up" in a short  
time. New corn is better than old for  
fattening purposes. We know of nothing  
cheaper and better for fattening. It  
should be the staple food. Corn meal  
mixed with milk fed once a day, and  
cracked or whole corn the rest of the  
time with an occasional feed of vegeta-  
bles to keep up the appetite, is a capital  
diet. Coarse sand or gravel should  
always be supplied to chickens fattened  
in confinement. A tablespoonful of  
charcoal to each ten fowls given every  
other day in the soft food will also be  
found very beneficial. Turkeys fatten  
very well while at liberty, but chickens  
do better in confinement in a coop.  
Every poultry raiser should have a good  
fattening coop. The best fattened fowls  
may be spoiled in the dressing and we  
are sorry to say it thousands of dollars  
are lost to the farmers every year by the  
careless manner in which this work is  
done.

We know of no market where dry,  
picked poultry does not command two  
or three cents more per pound than  
scalded stock, and yet farmers in some  
sections continue the practice of scald-  
ing, when dry picking is just as easy  
and expeditious. It will pay any farmer  
who raises a hundred dollars worth of  
poultry for market to learn the best  
method of preparing his products. It  
is in the few extra cents that are ob-  
tained for the product of prime quality  
that the extra profit lies.—Exchange.

Lice usually swarm in myriads during  
this month, and unless some extra hard  
work is engaged in they will not be  
easily destroyed. In using whitewash  
an excellent mode is to use it hot, and  
have it of a consistency that it will flow  
through the nose, from the nozzle of an  
ordinary watering pot. First thoroughly  
clean out the poultry house, put a tea-  
spoonful of carbolic acid to every gal-  
lon of whitewash, and then sprinkle it  
freely everywhere, even on the ceiling.  
This forces it into the cracks, and if the  
floor becomes covered with it so much  
the better. Give fresh dust baths, clean  
nests, and dust insect powder in the  
feathers of the fowls. Repeat the  
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