

The Home Circle.

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THAT LINE FENCE.

Old Farmer Smith came home in a miff From his field the other day, While his sweet little wife, the pride of his life,

At her wheel was spinning away. And ever and anon a gay little song With the buzz of her wheel kept time;

And his wrathful brow is clearing now, Under her cheerful rhyme.

"Come, come, little Turk, put away your work, And listen to what I say;

What can I do, but a quarrel brew With the man across the way?"

"I have built my fence, but he won't commence To lay a single rail;

His cattle gettin', and the food gets thin— I am tempted to make a sale!"

"Why, John, dear John, how you do go on! I'm afraid it will be as they say."

"No, no, little wife, I heard that strife In a lawyer's hands don't pay.

"He is picking a flaw, to drive me to law— I am told that he said he would—

And you know, long ago, law wronged me so, I vowed that I never should.

"So what can I do, that I will not rue To the man across the way?"

"If that's what you want, I can help you haunt That man with a scepter gray.

"Thirty dollars will do to carry you through, And then you have gained a neighbor;

It would cost you more to peep in the door Of a court, and as much more labor.

"Just use your good sense—let's build him a fence, And shame bad acts out of the fellow."

They built up his part, and sent to his heart Love's dart where the good thoughts mel- low.

That very same night, by the candle light, They opened with interest a letter;

Not a word was there, but three greenbacks fair Said—the man was growing better.

A Determined Woman.

One day last week the watchman at the Washington Monument was astonished by a lame woman leaning on crutches asking permission to go to the top. She had not provided herself with a pass, but the watchman thought he would spare her the journey to the War Department and back because of her infirmity and let her go into the monument without it.

Besides, he had no idea that she would go very far up the steep stairway. She was confident enough for both, and told him she would "get there all the same."

She could not carry a candle, as it took both of her hands to manage her crutches. So she hired a boy to go ahead of her to light the way. Two hours afterward she re-appeared at the bottom, having made the ascent and descent without more evidences of fatigue than is customary with those who are in perfect physical condition.

She was very proud of her morning's work, and said that perhaps wooden legs were better for climbing monuments than those of flesh. At any rate her wooden ones were not the least tired.

Mrs. Stanton will have to put this case among the records of womanly courage and persistence. Up to date no lame man has climbed up to the top of the Washington Monument.—Woman's Journal.

Clover Leaf Edging.

Make a ch of 6 stitches; join. First Row—Ch 1, 3 lc into circle, ch 2, 3 lc into same circle; turn.

Second Row—Ch 3, 3 lc into the 2 ch of last shell, ch 2, 3 lc into the same 2 ch, ch 5, 1 sc into the 1 ch after joining the circle; turn.

Third Row—10 sc into the 5 ch, ch 1, 3 lc into the 2 ch of last shell, ch 2, 3 lc into the same 2 ch, 1 lc into the 3 ch of the side; turn.

Fourth Row—Ch 3 into the 2 ch of last shell, ch 2, 3 lc into the same 2 ch, ch 5, 1 sc into the 1 ch after the 10 sc of first little scallop; turn.

Fifth Row—5 sc into 10 ch, ch 5, 1 sc between the 5 and 6 sc of first little scallop, turn; 10 sc into the 5 ch, then complete the second little scallop by 5 more sc. This completes one of the whole scallops. Repeat for the others. This edging is very simple, but pretty. A skillful worker can easily widen the lace by adding more shells and scallops.

Word Puzzles.

A word of six letters is the delight of Eastern cattle. Remove the first letters and leave an admirer; the two first and give across; remove the last only give a tropical spice; remove the first and last and we have a human passion.

A word of six letters is the home of our dumb friends. Remove the first

and we have an article of furniture; the first two, and we have power to do; the two last, and we have to inflict a wound. A word of five letters, and a musical instrument, remove the first, and still a musical instrument, remove the first two and leave a tribe of Indians.

A word of five letters, an article of furniture. Remove the first and leave an ornament for the head; remove the first two, and give an element necessary to life.

Six letters which signify possessing skill. Remove the first and we have one of mechanical powers; the first two and leaves all the time, remove the last two and we have to sever.

A Neglected Food.

One most valuable article of food is strangely neglected in the houses of many working people—rice. It is cheap, wholesome and nutritious, and it may be cooked in a great variety of ways. All vegetables and farinaceous foods are nutritious, and, when properly prepared, digestible. They are not equal to animal food in nutriment, weight for weight. Chemists say that a pound of meat is about equal in nourishment to a pound and a half of rice or bread. But the cost of a pound of meat is equal to that of four pounds of these.

CHOICE RECIPES.

Buttermilk Biscuits.—To three cups of buttermilk add one of butter, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, half a teaspoonful of soda, a dessert spoonful of salt, and flour enough to make the dough just stiff enough to admit of being rolled out into biscuits.

Soft Gingerbread (without eggs).—One tablespoonful butter, one table- spoonful ginger, one-half cup of brown sugar, two cups molasses, two cups water or milk, one and a half teaspoonful soda; do not stir very long; bake in a moderate oven.

Pork Cake.—Half a pound of salt pork chopped fine, two cups of molasses, half pound raisins chopped well, two tea- spoonfuls each of cloves, allspice and mace, half a teaspoonful of saleratus or soda, and flour enough to make a stiff batter. The oven must not be too hot.

Salad and Beets.—This salad is particularly good when both beets and potatoes are new and tender. Boil in salted water, equal quantities of both, and set on ice to get cold. Just before serving cut them into thin but regular slices, dress with pepper, salt, oil and vinegar, and garnish with watercress.

Boil five eggs for twenty minutes. While they are cold, melt two table- spoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, add the same quantity of flour and one pint of boiling milk. Season well, slice the eggs into this sauce and serve hot with parsley, and you have a good luncheon dish.

Pressed Chicken.—Cut the chicken into four parts, boil it in as little water as possible; when done tender take out the meat, but keep the broth boiling; pick the meat from the bones, chop it, and add butter, pepper and salt. Take all fat from your broth, then pour over the chopped chicken. Then press it and serve cold.

Try this Layer Cake.—Five eggs, their weight in fine flour, and also in sugar, and half their weight in butter. Melt the butter and mix it with sugar, adding the yolks of the eggs, one by one, beating all the time, and then add the whites, which have been beaten to a stiff froth, adding the flour last. Bake in four jelly-cake tins. Marmalade or quince jam is spread between the layers.

A Great Well.

A. T. Fowler kindly gave us some astonishing figures in regard to an artesian well lately completed in Kern county. It is the property of Menzo Spring, and is located four miles south of the Tulare line and sixteen miles west of the railroad. It has a flow of precisely four feet, that is, the water coming through the pipes shoots up into the air just four feet above the casing and then falls to the ground. The volume of water discharged must be immense, for a six- inch flow over such a casing would cover an acre of ground to a depth of nearly five feet in twenty-four hours. We had heard of this before, but believed the stories in regard to it exaggerated, but Mr. Fowler is a reliable man, and being a civil engineer and having an engineer's level with him, his measurements must have been as accurate as his authority is unquestionable.—Tulare Register.

BLUE VITRIOL.—Cheapest at Port Drug Co., 100 State street.

\$934,883 standard dollars were issued for the week ending Oct. 11.

Miscellaneous.

Hints on Keeping Flat-Irons.

Not long since, while visiting a friend I got a hint on the care of flat-irons that was new to me. Before putting them on the stove to heat, she washed and wiped them carefully, and on question- ing why she did so, said the starch was apt to form a thin crust over them, that it was the safest way to insure entirely clean pieces after they were ironed. As her clothes came from her hands there was never the least soiled spot, as is so often the case, especially in bosoms and starched pieces. Another hint is to keep them, if possible, in a closet, away from the steam of the kitchen, as this is apt to rust them, and will also come off on the clothes, when ironed. Do not let them stand on the stove longer than is necessary, as they get greasy and rusty from cooking food.

A little piece of beeswax tied in a cloth and rubbed quickly over the hot irons will smooth them and remove rustiness. Be careful to iron them off after applying the wax, or they may stain the choice pieces. It is an economy of time to always keep a bit of the wax with the ironing things.

A Word to Boys.

You are made to be kind, boys, gener- ous, magnanimous.

If there is a boy in school who has a clubfoot, don't let him see that you ever saw it.

If there is a poor boy with ragged clothes, don't talk about rags in his hearing.

If there is a lame boy, assign him some part in the game that doesn't re- quire running.

If there is a hungry one, give him part of your dinner.

If there is a dull one help him to learn his lesson.

If there is a bright one, be not envious of him; for if the boy is proud of his talents, and another is envious of them, there are two great wrongs, and no more talent than before.

If a larger or stronger boy has injured you, and is sorry for it, forgive him. All the school will show by their countenances how much better it is than to have a great fuss.

Put the Agreement in Writing.

How many misunderstandings arise from the loose way in which business matters are talked over, and then when each party puts its own construction on the conversation, the matter is dis- missed by each with the words: "All right, all right." Frequently it turns out all wrong, and becomes a question for law and the courts. More than three-fourths of the litigation of the country would be saved, if people would put down their agreements in writing, and sign their names to it. Each word in our language has its own particular meaning, and the memory may, by the change of its position in a sentence, convey an entirely different idea from that intended.—Exchange.

A Perfect Baking Powder.

The great success of the Royal Baking Powder is due to the extreme care exer- cised by its manufacturers to make it entirely pure, uniform in quality, and of the highest leavening power. All the scientific knowledge, care and skill at- tained by a twenty years' practical ex- perience are contributed toward this end, and no pharmaceutical prepara- tion can be dispensed with a greater ac- curacy, precision and exactness. Every article used is absolutely pure. A num- ber of chemists are employed to test the strength of each ingredient, so that its exact power and effect in combina- tion with its co-ingredients is definitely known. Nothing is trusted to chance, and no person is employed in the pre- paration of the materials used or the manufacture of the powder, who is not an expert in his particular branch of the business. As a consequence, the Royal Baking Powder is of the highest grade of excellence, always pure, wholesome and uniform in quality. Each box is exactly like every other, and will retain its powers and produce the same and the highest leavening effect in any cli- mate, at any time. The Government Chemists, after having analyzed all the principal brands in the market, in their reports placed the Royal Baking Pow- der at the head of the list for strength, purity, and wholesomeness, and thou- sands of tests all over the country have further demonstrated the fact that its qualities are, in every respect, unrivaled.

Keeping Cider.

As I never saw my way of keeping cider in print, I will give it to your read- ers. Take cider freshly made and boil and skim as long as anything comes to the top, but don't boil more than fifteen minutes; then bottle and cork, but not seal. It will keep as long as one wants it to keep, and it is better than when first made.—Mrs. J. R. M.

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