The Home Circle.

MRS HARRIOT T. CLARKE, Editor

MIXED MEMORIES.

A withered flower, worn years ago,
Dry-brown and breaking at a touch—
(I ought to value it, I know,
But then I have so many such!)
Dear memory of days divine,
When I was hers and she was mine.

Poor flower, do you remember now
The summer meadows and the sun,
The green leaves on the dancing bough,
The quiet words when day was done,
The hour you lay—(Oh blessed flower!)
Held in her hand—one long sweet hour.

Stop, though!—I don't remember quite
Which girl it was that gave it me—
I can't be sure it was that night.
It might have been—now, let me see—
It was the girl I met last June
At Mrs. Jones' afternoon!

He went to get some claret-cup
(Of course, found tennis much too hot),
And then—no, stay—I've mixed them up—
It was her sister! No, 'twas not!
I can't remember—so here goes,
The flames may have my precious rose!

CHOICE RECIPES.

To Starch Linen.—To do up shirts take two tablespoonfuls of starch and one teaspoon even full of powdered borax, and dissolve in one and one-half cups of cold water. The shirts must not be previously starched, and they must be perfectly dry. Dip the cuffs, collars, bosoms and neck bands in the starch, then roll up tight in a dry cloth, and let them lie two hours. Then rub off and iron. They will be like pasteboard and have a nice gloss.

White Mountain Cake.—Four eggs, two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one and one-half cups of milk, four cups of flour and two teaspoonfols of yeast powder. This makes two loaves.

White Cake.—Whites of three eggs, one cup white sugar, two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, one of soda, one-half cup of sweet milk, butter size of an egg, three cups of flour.

Apple Meringue.—Prepare six large, tart apples for sauce. While hot put in a piece of butter the size of an egg. When cold, add a cup of fine cracker crumbs, the yolks of three eggs well beaten, a cup of sweet milk or cream, a little salt, sugar and nutmeg to taste. Bake in a large plate, with an undercrust of rich paste and a rim of puff paste. When done take the whites of the eggs, half a teacup of white sugar and a few drops of essence of lemon; beat to a stiff froth, pour over and put bavk into the oven to brown lightly.

Minced Mutton with Poached Egg.—The cold mutton left from a dinner may be converted into a very appetizing dish as follows: Cut the meat into thin slices, and cut these very fine. Melt an ounce of butter in a frying pan, cut up a slice of onion and fry it in the butter; then remove it; add the meat, a little salt and pepper, and soup or water to moisten it; when thoroughly warmed through, put spoonfuls of it neatly on toast; on top of the meat place a poached egg.

To Keep a Stove Clean.—After a stove has been blackened it can be kept looking very well for a long time by rubbing it with paper every morning. Rubbing with paper is a much nicer way of keeping a teakettle,coffee-pot and tea-pot bright and clean than the old way of washing them in suds. Rubbing with paper is also the best way of polishing knives, tinware and spoons; they shine like new silver.

Rice Croquettes.—Thoroughly wash half a pint of rice; boil it in a pint of milk thirty minutes; whip into the hot rice two ounces of butter, two ounces of sugar, salt and the yolks of two eggs. If the batter is too stiff add a little more milk. When cold roll it into neat balls or cones, dip them in beaten egg, roll in fine bread or cracker crumbs and fry as you would doughnuts.

Snow Flake Lace.

Cast on 8 stitches first row. Slip 1, knit 1, thread over, narrow, thread over, twice, narrow. Second row. Slip 1, make three in loop, knit 1, purl 1, knit 2. Third row. Slip 1, knit 1, thread over, narrow, thread over, narrow, knit 4. Fourth row. Knit 1, bind off until 8 stitches remain, knit 2, purl 1, knit 2.

Facts of 1887.

Washington's birthday came this year on Tuesday: St Valentine's day on Monday; All Fool's day comes on Friday; Memorial day on Monday; Christmas on Sunday; Easter Sunday will be the 10th of April; lent begins March 2. There will be four eclipse, two of the sun and two of the moon, one February 8, visible as a partial eclipse in the United States.

Rough Fodder.

The rough fodder which is annually raised is often fed to the great disadvantage of the stock, as well as to the farmer's pocket book. Every farmer should attach great importance to the fact that rough fodder such as corn stalks, wheat, oats, and barley straw should be cut as early a possible, after the grain has become full and plump, in order to retain as much of the natural juice of the fodder as possible. Fodder cut early and well cured will be worth at least twenty-five per cent, more than if allowed to stand until the fodder is "dead ripe." I have found it great economy in feeding out straw to stock to mix it with hay in about equal quantities and run it through a cutter, which puts it in a condition that cattle can not separate the straw from the hay, and they are obliged to take the dose as it comes to them. This seems to be far preferable to feeding our coarse fodders clear, with such unsatisfactory results as are usually attained. Experience has proved another thing in feeding straw to stock, even when it is mixed with good hay, and that is that provender of some kind should be fed to keep the animal in a good growing condition. There is not heart enough in the straw after the grain is threshed out to maintain the animal economy and to keep it in a thrifty condition without it is supplemented with meal of some kind,

A Study of Hair.

Fine, silky hair, especially if it has a tendency to curl, is an indication that the animal will fatten easily, and that its flesh will be fine-grained and of good quality. Coarse, stiff hair, is invariably found on an animal slow to fatten and of coarse flesh. This applies to cattle, hogs or sheep, and irrespective of breed. The shrewd feeder, and also the shrewd breeder, will reject an animal with very coarse hair. Such hair usually accompanies a bad disposition. A coarse-haired cow generally gives poor milk; a fine-haired cow generally gives rich milk. But usually coarse-haired sows are the better sucklers. Staring hair indicates an unhealthy condition of the body; but when cattle lick the hair—in the wrong direction—they are thrifty. By studying the peculiarities of the hair of our live stock, much of the internal structure and of the disposition of the animals may be learned.

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Hay!

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For The Children.

I AM GREAT AND YOU ARE SMALL.

A sparrow swinging on a branch
Once caught a passing fly;
"Oh, let me live!" the insect prayed,
"With trembling, piteous cry.
"No," said the sparrow "you must fall,
For I am great and you are small.i'

The bird had scarce begun his feast
Before a hawk came by;
The game was caught. "Pray let me live!"
Was now the sparrows cry.
"No," said the captor, "you must fall,
For I am great and you are small."

An eagle saw the rogue, and swooped
Upon him from on high;
"Pray let me live; why should you kill
So small a bird as I?"
"Oh," said the eagle, "you must fall,
For I am great and you are small."

But while he ate, the hunter came;
He let his arrow fly,
"Tyrant!" the eagle shrieked, "you have
No right to make me die!"
"Ah," said the hunter, "you must fall,
For I am great and you are small."

OUR LETTER BOX.

It is quite spring like to-day, our short time of snow and cold has passed for this year. Though short, it has left many a bleaching skeleton on the great range of Eastern Oregon and other territories. We would wish that every stock man should be compelled to keep feed and shelter for the cattle he has about him. It is as much of a sin to let dumb animals suffer and die, as to murder—and a punishment will follow such neglect and cruelty. We may kill and use animals for our comfort and support, yet even in taking the life, it must be done mercifully and quickly.

Our first letter this week is from Frank. He will always be glad when he gets older and reflects upon his boy life, that he did try and help mother by keeping plenty of good wood for her convenience. No doubt, Frank thinks about the kindling wood too—all mama's appreciate the value of this; it is so nice to feel sure that there is plenty of dry wood in the box. Some boys will be very faithful in this respect for a time and then will get neglectful again. A boy that is good to "mother" is never a bad boy. Our Boys are coming out bravely, for here is another coming from Southern Oregon. Guy is certainly improving, both in writing and composition. He has shown an observant mind and an interest in nature. Then it will be interesting to many to know something of the food used by the Aboriginal people of this coast. Some, indeed most people, look upon that race with hatred and contempt, yet before they had the example of the white race, before the "Boston man" came, they were a noble, happy people; in their way they were an industrious, practical people. They prepared for winter, just as we do. Each tribe had productions of its own locality, which at stated times they took to points where all would meet to exchange and trade. They held something like our Fairs where they traded ponies, salmon, venison, bows and arrows, etc.; they ran horses, bet and gambled, just like white folks, only they had no whisky and it was our bad whisky and it was our bad liquor that degraded them. Many old stone mortars may yet be seen in which acorns and roots were pounded for bread. Guy's letter is interesting.

Here is the third letter and from a boy, too, what are the girls doing? Ernest writes well, his item about the quail is singular. It must be that the quail were not used to chicken feed,—it was too bad that they should die after such protection. Many men would have taken advantage of their hunger and killed them. The conundrum sounds like one we heard years ago, but can't guess it now.

Another letter is opened and here are two more letters from away up near Snake river. Charlie is a capital boy to pack wood for his mother. That magpie would be a great pet if Aunt Hetty had it. Charlie must have kind parents to be allowed pets and a team; Aunt Hetty thinks if all parents would try and make boys happy in this way they would not wish to leave the farm. Merril, we suppose, has a share in that team. Grandma—away in Missouri might be proud of her boys if she could see them.

Oakland, Or., Jan. 29th, 1887.
Editor Home Circle:

I will be ten years old on the 10th day of next month. I go to the public school and study in the Third reader, arithmetic, writing and spelling. It keeps me busy morning and evening doing my chores, as I cut the wood for two stoves, feed the cow and go on errands, so you see I haven't much time for writing a long letter, so I will close for this time. Your friend,

Frank M. Raymond.

Ellensburg, Or., Jan. 6th, 1887.
Editor Home Circle:

As my other letter proved acceptable, I will write again. Christmas and New Year's have passed. This part of Oregon celebrated them with the usual holiday storm. I am going to school this winter, which with milking the cows and feeding the stock keep me busy, as the days are so short. I like our teacher very much; his name is W. S. Bean and he is the first graduate of the State Normal School at Drain, Oregon. The tan-bark that we ship is called by the San Francisco business men chestnut oak bark, but the Rogue river Indians call it sarchen oak, meaning bread-wood, because they gather the nuts and mix it with moss by pounding it with a stone, and then roast it for sarchen or what we would call bread. I don't know that this oak grows in any other part of Oregon, but it does in California, and Curry county is more like California than Oregon in many respects.

Guy R. Merriman.

Salem, Feb. 24, 1887.
Editor Home Circle:

As I have never written to the Home Circle, I thought I would contribute my mite by writing a few lines. I enjoyed the snow very much and had great fun sliding down hill. Although we boys enjoy the snow so much I doubt if the animals and birds do. During that heavy snow two years ago, about fifty quail came to my uncle's place in the mountains and stayed all winter, but when spring came nearly all of them died. As the children have been giving conundrums, I will give one, "What is blacker than a crow?"

Ernest Piper.

Waitsburg, W. T., Feb. 4, 1887.
Editor Home Circle:

It has been a long time since I have written to the Farmer, I thought that I would write again. I have a pet magpie and it talks about me; and I have a pet cat and his name is mouser. I am 12 years old and weigh 131 lbs, I have a brother 14 years old and he weighs 90 lbs. It is very cold up here now. I am going to school this winter and study hygiene, geography, spelling, writing and reading. My brother is going to school, too. My stepfather has a ranch on Snake river. He has 120 head of horses. I saw wood and pack it into the house. I am going to town to-morrow. I have a nice little team and we boys hitched them up and hauled some straw with them to-day. I got a letter from my grandma in Missouri that I've never seen. She is 74 years old and has sent me her picture. I have written enough this time. Yours truly,

Charlie Terry.

Waitsburg, W. T. Feb. 4, 1887.
Editor Home Circle:

As my brother is writing to the Circle, I thought I would write a letter, too. This is my first letter, so if I do not write a good letter you must excuse me. We take the Farmer and we think lots of it. Every Saturday, we boys all look for it and we turn to the letters the first thing. I have no pets to write about, so I will tell you what I do. Brother and I saw wood and carry it in, and help do the chores at the farm. I go to school, it is about 1½ miles to the school house. We have a good school. I expect to plow and harrow and help put in the grain as soon as spring comes. Well I have written enough this time. If this looks pretty well in print, I will write again.

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