# The Home Circle.

MRS HARRIOT T. CLARKE, EDITOR

### BECAUSE OF THEE

My life has grown so dear to me Because of thee! My maiden with the eyes demure, And quiet mouth and forehead pure. Joy makes a Summer in my heart Because thou art!

The very winds melodious be Because of thee ! The rose is sweeter for thy sake, The waves in softer music break, On brighter wings the swallows dart Recause thou art!

My sky is swept of shadows free Because of thee ! Sorrow and care have lost their sting, The blossoms glow, the linnets sing, All things in my delight have part Because thou art.

### CHOICE RECIPES.

APPLE AND ALMOND PUDDING .- Take about three pounds of apples, two ounces of sweet almonds, one gill of cold water, the whites of two eggs, four ounces of fine sugar and a little lemon or orange marmalade. Put the water and three ounces of sugar in a preserving pan and stir cill it boils; put eight of the apples, peeled and cored but not split, into the syrup, and cook till soft, but do not let them break. Lift the ap-ples carefully on to a flat dish, and fill that part where the core was taken out with marmalade. Pare, core and stew the remainder of the apples till soft, then press all through a wire sieve; pile this pulp over the apples, and make smooth with a knife. Beat the whites of the eggs to a very stiff froth, sprinkle in half an ounce of the sugar, and spread this froth all over the top of the apples, Dredge on the remainder of the sugar and stick the almonds-proviously put in boiling water, skimmed and cut in long, thin strips—very thickly and neat-ly all over the whites of the eggs. Put the pudding in a slow oven until the almonds take on a delicate golden tinge. Use hot or cold.

How to Brott.-Heat and grease a gridiron. Never cook anything on a cold gridiron. Lay on the steak or sufficient time to dress her hair before other food, and cover with an inverted preparing an early breakfast? Never pan to keep in the heat and flavor. turn often while cooking, but do not baby will laugh at the absurd frills stick a fork into meat or juice will escape. Do not add seasoning till you dish it. Fish and spring chicken should be dredged with flour before being placed on the gridiron. Small things require to be cooked quickly over a clear, hot fire. Large things, unless wished rare inside like beefstake, should have a moderate heat at first and increased heat toward the last. Among other ways of managing this, the grid-iron may first be put a good distance from the fire and afterward moved nearer the fire.

pint and a half add a good pinch of salt, three well-beaten eggs, one spoonful of milk, flour enough to roll out in the hands into forms and one teaspoonful of baking powder. Have ready a deep frying-pan half full of boiling hot fat, drop the croquettes carefully in, fry till a rich brown, serve hot. Many a delicious dessert is made of rice, though of itself it is about as tasteless as an es table can be; for that reason it seems undesirable to serve it with, or as, a vegetable, as some do.

CRUMB GRIDDLE CAKES .- The night before using put some bread crumbs to soak in one quart of sour milk; in the morning rub through a sieve and add four well beaten eggs, two teaspoons soda dissolved in a little water, one tablespoon melted butter and enough cornmeal to make them the consistency of ordinary griddle cakes. It is better to beat volks and whites separately. stirring the whites lightly in just before baking.

RICE BREAD .- Rice bread makes a variety for the breakfast-table. Take one pint of well-boiled rice, half a pint of flour, the yolks of four eggs, two spoonfuls of melted butter, one pint of milk, a little salt and a large spoonful of sugar. Beat all these ingredients till very smooth, and then add the beaten whites of the four eggs. Bake in shallow pans and serve bot.

## The Home.

"Home is not merely four square walls."

that should not be approached even by the most audacious of pens. It might talk glibly enough of the prevailing tone of the parlor; suggest changes in the library, and even go so far as to criticise the arrangement of the diningroom, but the home is not of these, not even in all them,-for have not boarding houses the same?-but it is the place which holds that subtle, indiscribable

sense of rest and content that may prevade alike a palace or a cot, and the Pen, to its credit be it said, hesitates and and begs to be excused, and succumbs at last only after being plunged repeatedly into the cold and pitiless ink.

There are some things, to be sure, in this intangible world to be talked about; some things that perhaps must sooner or later be agitated until such agitation bring reform. But as the world goes we may rest assured that the pioneer Pen or pens who puff and fume and work diligently at such agitation will perfume a most thankless task, will be called cranks and all manner of undesirable names, and-when the reform comes-will be entirely forgotten. But nevertheless, like the persevering spider, these same Pens will keep right on scratching away, simply because-well, perhaps, because a pon, like a hen, was made to scratch. And in both cases something is sure to come of it.

So this pen,—and by the way, a miserably stiff-backed and obstinate one will probably go on scratching regard-less of epithets or forgetfulness.

First and formost of all desirable things for home-making is mutual love and respect. And these things, like rare exotics, require constant care and culti-

There's a stereotyped set of rules bear-ing on this subject that have been going about the papers since ever I can re member. I read them but yesterday in Peck's Sun, I think, but I cannot find the paper to-day or I should produce them entire. However the substance of the whole is of course advice to women. 'Keep your hair always combed; dress neatly and becomingly, just as you did before marriage; always meet your hus-band at the door with a smile," etc., etc.

Very well, but does this do it all? Have you never seen people who were the embodiment of neatness and order, and who, notwithstanding, made very uncomfortable, unhomelike homes for their families? In order to be a good home-maker, one must first have a big warm beart. All things come easy after

No matter if the house now and then gets topsey-turvey, the father will find a cosy corner to rest in; and the children will come rollicking in, all the better pleased with the novelty of occasional confusion. Has the home-mother not mind, slip on a big dust cap, be cheery and smiling over a good breakfast, and while the papa will enjoy a "home" feel-ing that he never dreamed of in the days of courtship when leasure insured fin-

I do not wish to be understood as ad vocating disorder, but I do affirm that every last one of that old, much-printed set of rules can be strictly lived up to, and yet the home be found very unpleasant, and the state of the family affections verge uncomfortably close to

Kindliness, unselfishness, cheerfulness, these with a little money are the things that go to the making of a homey RICE OR HOMINY CROQUETTES .- Boil home. But there are other things that the rice or hominy till well done; then the Pen has begun that it will be more allow to become perfectly cold. To a than liable to scribble about in the days that are to follow.-Housekeeper.

## Every Day Talk.

IL:A, W. T., March 15, '87. Editor Home Circle:

time of trying to write something that ple. might interest someone.

I will commence on the unpractical subject of hog killing. Although it is its fun, if it is not carried on too far, so to be a large town. I will close for this past for this year. Still if we live the time will roll around another year. There are the jowls you know; how they will pile up when a number of noy others. Now some children will Editor Home Circle hogs have been killed; and when there tease others because they see that it is plenty of pickle pork and well cured becon, jowls are not much in demand, even in greens season. So I do not take the trouble of salting them, but trim them closely and fry out the slices a light brown, or until the lard is out of effect of making oneself happy. A cat them. I pack that away with the rest of the cracklings, which I stir up occasion. if the broom is continually shown a cat, ally with dough made of shorts or corn it will soon get to have a sneaking look. meal, seasoned with pepper and baked You will never see a good mouser, or a The snow is to the depth of 15 inches into loaves for the chickens in winter, cat with self-respect, when they are al-The bones left are boiled tender, or until the meat slips off which makes one shows its head in the room. One another dish for the chickens.

Next I will speak of my way of frying potatoes. I have heard a good many is great comfort to be had in the love of different methods in the FARMER, but domestic animals, and Hetty knows for none this way. Put some clear gravy she has cured many a heartache with or some nice grease from meat boiling, the companionship and sympathy of her or a piece of butter in the skillet hot. pets. The dogs and cats, pigeons and There is something about these two Have ready freshly chopped potatoes; words, "the home," that causes one's put in half the potatoes, a little more untimely graves. Dear children alpen to falter and drop great inky tears salt and pepper, cover tightly, stir sev- ways be kind to all of Gods dumb aniof regret that it should be forced to in- eral times until there is a light brown mals. vade that sanctuary of sanctuaries, and crust; dish up before they become too prowl about amongst the intangibles, dry. This you will find nice for tea with cold meat. Mrs. GEO. BURFORD.

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# Fog The Children.

[Original ]

THE DEATH ANGEL.

(Written by Georgia Settlemire, of Tangent upon the death of her little sister.) Within her downy cradle lay a little child, And a groupe of hovering angels upon her smiled :

A strife arose among them, a loving, holy strife.

Which should shed the richest blessings o'er the new born life.

One breathed upon her features and the babe in beauty grew With a cheek like mornings blushes and an eye of azure hue;

Till every one who saw her was thankful for the sight Of a face so sweet and ever radiant with

ever fresh delight. Another gave her accents and a voice as musical

spring birds joyous carol or a ripling streamlets fall: all who heard her laughing, or her words of childish grace

Loved as much to hear her as to look upon her face.

Another brought from heaven a clear and gentle mind, within the lovely casket the precious

gem enshrined. Till all who knew her wondered that God

should be so good to bless with such a spirit our desert world and rude.

### OUR LETTER BOX.

No one must be disappointed in the letter box even if we think it best to publish all that arrive. Now Johnnie Green sends one does not the name make one think of the distress of pussy cat in the well. John Stout will be writing next. Well this letter of Johnnie Greens, is too good to put in the waste basket; even if there is a doubt about its coming from a juvenile. We will give the little box the benefit of my doubt of its authorship.

Alice would make a good real estate dealer, for she displays a good interest in Central Point, and I think the place will grow; it ought to. We begin to notice the greater number of people who now throng the streets of Salem. We used to wonder what became of the hundreds of people who arrived by steamships and cars. For many years there seemed to be no showing up; but now the increasing business and busy streets tell of recent immigration.

Lizzie comes from Central Point too. We know there are some bright girls there. They must try to keep up writing. They must try and help make those entertainments interesting. There are many nice pieces to be found that if committed to memory would be good to recite at entertainments of a literary nature, and elevating as well as entertaining. It not only gratifies those who listen, but is of a greater benefit to those who take a part. We always are glad to hear of such affairs, it shows the I have been thinking from time to people of a town, to be of educated peo-

Dora does her best to help keep the letter box full. Yes, snowballing has as to annoy others. We should always time. be careful to respect the rights and feelings of others, and never willingly anarouses anger. There are soms who cannot easily control temper, and we going to school. We have a large should be careful not to vex such as school; the scholars are highly eduhave quick tempers. If each would try cated. There was church here Sunday to make others happy it would have the and Tuesday night. Papa keeps the is a great pet if it is well treated; but ways greeted with "scat!" every time must make a friend of a cat or a dog to have them amount to anything. There birds; the home yard is full of their

POWELL'S VALLEY, Feb. 23, 1887.

Editor Home Circle :

This is my first attempt to write to FOR MIXED VOICES : the FARMER. I go to school, and try to get my lessons good. We have lots of fun at school snowballing, but it is pretty cold. As the rest of the little girls tell of their pets, I will tell of mine. I have got a little lamb and a cat. It can catch rats and mice and rabbits, and brings them in for the kittens. I would like to

see more letters from the little boys and girls. I will send a riddle: Patch upon patch, a hole in the middle, if you guess this riddle, I will give you a gold fiddle. Well, I have written a pretty long letter, but it will help fill up the Letter Box, if nothing else. Hoping to see this in print, I will close. Your friend,

DORA WILLIAMS.

UMPQUA FERRY, OR., Feb. 10, 1887.

Editor Home Circle : Every one is asking, why do you not write to the FARMER? So I will write once and see how a letter of mine looks in print, and in a paper. This is my first letter, though many boys of my size never wrote even to a friend. We have the largest snow I ever saw. In some places it is three feet deep, and in the mountains seven feet deep. A great many sheep are dying. Mr. Geo. Shambrook had a shed roof to give way under the great weight of snow, and crush a chopper and kill a cow or two. It gives Mr. H. D. Thomas a good time to hunt cayotes with his Russian bloodhounds. I think those who have sheep that cay otes kill would do well to get some bloodhound puppies of Mr. Themas. He paid \$100 for his when they were puppies. He went a long way for them-I do not know where. One of them killed a bear which had received a flesh wound I am afraid to let my little dog go outside when they are around. They could do with him like the whale did with Jonah. Some of the young men who do not like to hunt geese, ducks, etc., collect wherever they can find room and music, and have what they call a good time. But, Aunt Hetty, you don't dance, do you? Willie Emery killed thirteen ducks at a single shot. Don't I wish I was big enough to shoot that way! Annt Hettie, would you not have been glad to have had some of those big fat greenheads for dinner? I do love ducks and some of the big boys do too, for I heard them call their sweethearts their little ducks. Cal. Barnard has got too big to write to the Circle. I expect he

is as tall as my pa, now, Wonder why Bennie Shambrook don't write? He is as old as Cal, but is not any larger than I. He can write better than any of us little boys. Aunt Hetty, pa says I have written enough for this time. He says there will not be room for the rest of the little boys' letters.

JOHNNIE GREEN.

CENTRAL POINT, March 2, 1887.

Editor Home Circle :

I never wrote to your Home Circle before, so I will write you a few lines about Central Point. I am going to school. We have a splendid teacher, his name is Mr. J. N. Hall. I have been going to him for two years or more, and will likely go that much more. School will be out the last of this month. We will have a new school Foreign Legal Business. house 62x30. It will be two stories high. It will be north of the old one about 5) feet. Probably C. P. will be a large town some day. There are a good many dwelling houses, two stores, two saloons, one hotel, one drug store two livery stables, two blacksmith shops one meat market; and will some day receive the branch R. R. from Jacksonville. There is no doubt C. P. will grow Yours truly,

ALICE A. HOAGLAND.

CENTRAL POINT, March 2, 1887.

I thought I would write to the home circle as I never wrote before. I am livery stable and blacksmith shop here. The young folks of this place are going to have an entertainment, on the 17th of March. It has been raining. here in the valley. We have a nice time snow balling and sleigh riding.

Yours truly, LIZZIE HAY.

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