

FIRE-SIDE MISCELLANY.

A MOTHER'S GIFT.

[The following lines were written by a mother on the fly-leaf of a Bible—her gift to a son.]

Remember, love, who gave this, When other days shall come— When she who had thy earliest kiss, Sleeps in the narrow home; Remember, 'twas another gave The gift to one she'd die to save.

ALMOST THERE.

"I am almost there," Said a dying child, As he upward looked, And sweetly smiled; "The happy home Of the best I see, And an angel band Awaiting me."

A Mother's Wisdom.

The following letter of advice was written by the Concord People, to a friend of ours by his mother. We recommend it to other mothers' sons who are about starting on life's stormy hills.

To My Dear Son: The world estimates men by their success, and by general consent, permanent success is an evidence of superiority.

It will be safe for you to observe the following rules, which your affectionate mother prays God to strengthen you to do:

- 1. Base all your actions on a principle of justice—preserve your integrity of character, and, in doing it, never reckon the cost. 2. Never, under any circumstances, assume a responsibility you can avoid consistent with your duty to yourself and those dependent on you.

If I were to come to your house by chance, and you were at work in your kitchen I should hope that you would be ladies and gentlemen enough not to apologize.

People who "go in for luck" rarely get it unless they carry with them a stout heart, a determined head, and a working hand.

A NAUGHTY LITTLE GIRL.

I am only a little girl, but I think I have as much right to say what I think about things as a boy.

We get our dinner with the nurses, because the man that keeps the hotel charges full price for children if they sit at the table in the big dining room.

One day I went into the parlor and crept under the sofa, and there was nobody there.

Gus Rogers' mother had a luncheon in her parlor and they had champagne, and they didn't give him any.

Late Party Goes.

The Louisville Journal touches off in merited style, the ill bred practice of going to parties at unseasonable hours.

The silly practice a great many well-meaning people have of going late to parties is getting to be an intolerable bore to hostesses.

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A NOVEL PLAN.—A short time ago at a wedding in South Carolina, a young lawyer moved that one man in the company should be elected as president.

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