

THE HERALD.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1880.

Prepare for Pleasant Winter Evenings.

"Back East" one of the most delightful incidents of private life in families of refinement is the annual making up of the reading list for the winter's evening entertainment, and the enjoyment of the fruits of the mails that deliver the select reading matter each week and month.

An unfading flower of beauty is the memory of those pleasant winter evening hours when the curtains were drawn to shut out the night, the cold, and the storm without, and the family circle met around the bright fireside to rest after the day's labors were all dutifully completed, and one of their number read aloud from the teeming pages of a new periodical, or each one quietly read his or her favorite, happy in the presence of those best beloved of all earth's people.

Too many of us dwelling to-day on the barren borders of social civilization, who can look eastward beyond the frozen peaks of the Rocky mountain range, or westward over the lofty Cascades, and see such homes that blessed our early days, let excuse of "can not afford" shut out from our children the chance for such visions of a happy home life to comfort after years of, perhaps, penury and toil that may fall to their lot.

Now, let us turn over a new leaf and do as many of us are already doing: Make Home this winter the bright center of affectionate desire, as well as natural places for "bed and board," and the children and younger members will, indeed, "rise up and call us blessed" for the effort made in their behalf; and the cost will be trifling, compared with the usual Christmas and New Year expenditures.

Here it is in a nut-shell: A fire, a light, a round table with bright cover; on the table a copy of THE HERALD, a Daily Examiner, a West Shore, a Century, a fashion magazine like Demorest, Godey or Peterson, a family paper either the Detroit Free Press or New York Ledger, and Alden's Manifold cyclopaedia for reference; around the table let the members of the family circle be grouped with cheerful faces, the cares "that infest the day" forgot in the bright present.

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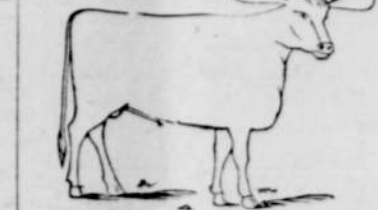
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