

THE HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

Pleasant Evening Reveries.—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

CRUDE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORIAL PEN

For the best and deepest enjoyments that come to us, little we realize how much is due to smiles. Savages do not smile; coarse, brutal, cruel men may laugh, but they seldom smile. The affluence, the benediction, the radiance, which—"Fills the silence like a speech" is the smile of a full appreciative heart. The face that grows finer as it lutes, and then breaks into sunshine instead of words, has a subtle, charming influence universally felt, though very seldom understood.

Don't be cross and hateful because everything in the world don't move to suit you. Of course you are a great deal smarter than any one else, and are justly entitled to mere recognition. While you are fully aware of your attainments your neighbor, who is dull of comprehension, has not found out that you are more than an ordinary individual. You have doubtless told him different more than once, yet in his dullness he has failed to comprehend the many brilliant points you know yourself to be possessed of. So do not kick because you are not appreciated. The best thing you can do is to get a divorce from your big head, come down from your high perch, and be a sensible every-day American.

The fact is; much to be deplored that with most boys and girls the boy who spends the greatest amount of money for them, in furnishing them entertainment, is the boy most admired and cajoled. But, eh, what becomes of him when his money plays out? He plays out too. Consequently, to keep his footing, he stifles his conscience and robs his employer, commits some other theft or gambles, in order to keep in the swim. This same state of affairs is applicable to men and women in society. Many dark deeds are committed through a desire to supply the demands of worldly-minded wives and daughters. And again an honorable man, rather than sell his principles of integrity or meet the taunts and upbraidings at home, when he fails to supply their demands, prefers to send his soul to eternal death and thereby rid his physical self of life's burdens.

"He who would, free from malice, pass his days, must live obscure and never merit praise." So breathed one who has passed through many life battles. He had been a close observer. Malice never communes with the good, "Malice toward none and charity for all" has been the thought of great souls ever since creation's dawn. All along the pathway of life where that thought has been the most dwelt upon there have always budded and bloomed the sweetest flowers. Where that principle has been practiced the most, and applied the most, round about have fluttered in the air the prettiest birds, and with the sweetest tunes. Where that virtue has the most deeply penetrated human souls, there can be found the purest and highest civilization, the loveliest temples and the most beautiful cottages with the most fruitful vines of love twining about.

GOOD RESOLVES.

A very good resolution to make is to attend exclusively to one's own business. The best way to get through the world pleasantly is to go straight ahead. One's own business is always more than he can attend to perfectly. But we must not limit the maxima to merely selfish pursuits. It is our business to do our duty. This is the chief object and to it the making of money and the winning of fame are merely incidental. The business of life is to be useful to your neighbors, to the church, to the country, to the race. Happily a man can now manage all

the demands of his legitimate business and not go a days journey to do it. He can perform all these duties for humanity near and far, without leaving his own home.

Take as much care of your money as you can if your means are limited, but don't try to save your smiles or kind words. The more liberal you are with these the more you will have.

SETTLING DOWN TO MARRIED LIFE.

A husband is forever drawing contrasts between his wife as she is and as she was. He also draws contrasts between his wife and other women. There is nothing particularly sinful in this. It is quite natural and is to be expected. Women are too much disposed to take it for granted that marriage means the extinction of the aesthetic sense in the husband. It does not mean anything of the kind. There is no reason why the aesthetic sense should not be just as strong in a man after he is married as before he is married. In fact, it is so. The average woman is too much disposed to shed her plumage when she marries. The average man is more disposed to keep his, and makes himself proportionately more interesting. The average woman says when she gets married, "Thank goodness that I have come thus far. It is over, and I am fixed for life." Then she settles down. This settling down means a great deal. In it is involved the disenchantment, the disillusionment spoken of above. Too much is revealed. The actuality becomes too bald.

HIS MOTHER.

Capt. Jack Crawford, the poet seer, pays the following eloquent tribute to his mother: "I had a Christian mother, my earliest recollections of whom was kneeling at her side praying God to save a wayward father and husband. That mother taught me to speak the truth when a child, and I have tried to follow her early teachings in that respect. It would require a much larger book than this to tell the story of my life and the sufferings of one of God's good angels—my mother. To her I owe everything—truth, honor, sobriety, and my very life. Her spirit seems to linger near me always; she has been my guardian angel. In the camp, the cabin, the field and the hospital, on the lonely trail hundreds of miles from civilization, in the pine-clad hills and lonely canyons, I have heard in the meaning night winds and in the murmuring streamlets,

The voice of my angel mother whispering soft and low,

"And these sacred thoughts have made me forget at times that there was danger in my pathway. Nor will I ever forget."

The day that we parted, mother and I,

Never on earth to meet again;

She to a happier home on high,

I a poor wanderer on the plain,

"The day was perhaps the greatest epoch in my life. Kneeling by her bedside, with one hand clasped in mine, the other resting on my head, she whispered, My boy, you know your mother loves you. Will you give me a promise that I may take it up to heaven? 'Yes, yes, mother, I will promise you anything.' 'Johnny, son, I am dying,' said she; promise me that you will never drink intoxicants, and then it will not be so hard to leave this world.' Dear reader, need I tell you that I promised 'yes' and whenever I am asked to drink, that scene comes up before me and I am safe."

FOR SALE

200 cords of sawed wood, ash, oak, hickory, sycamore and pine, at \$2 a load. Call phone 51. M. F. HOUCK

Wanted
To rent a small one-horse crop of good land. Standing rent or on halves. Address P. O. Box No. 72, Franklinton, N. C.

NOTICE

I offer my services to the public as auctioneer. Will be glad to serve you at any time. See me for terms. E. E. JOHNSON.

For Sale

Eggs for setting from Rhode Island Reds, single and Rosecomb, Barred Plymouth Rock and white Wyandott chickens. \$1 per setting of 15 eggs.

R. O. PINNELL
Franklinton, N. C.

IMPORTANT

I wish to announce to my customers and the citizens of Louisburg and Franklin county that I will continue sending off laundry each week and will be glad to send to your house for and deliver same. Just call me over phone and a boy will be dispatched at once. JNO. W. KING.

TO MY CUSTOMERS

I wish to say to my customers that my bills are due every Monday and please call around to settle same or be ready for them when I send them out, for your orders will be turned down. I have to pay the cash and I must have the cash. W. E. MURPHY.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of George Battle, who was convicted at January term 1908 of Franklin Superior Court for a 2 w., and sentenced to two years work on roads. SPICILL & HOLDEN, Attys. Feb. 15th, 1910.

NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Matthew Eaton, deceased, late of Franklin County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of February, 1911, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please pay at once. This Feb. 4th, 1910. EDDIE H. EATON, Adm'r W. H. Ruffin, Attorney

FOR SALE

Facing Baker square in Louisburg, one new six room cottage, one 8 room two story residence. One two room tenant house. Will sell all, or either. Prices low and terms easy. If not sold privately before, will sell first Monday in March at public auction at court house in Louisburg. MRS. L. H. BATTLE

FOR SALE OR RENT

174 acres of land, two horse farm, in cultivation the above farm is in one and a half miles of the Bunn High School in Dumas township, Franklin county will sell or rent cheap. For further information apply to J. H. BALLEWINE Bunn, N. C.

A Card.

TO THE VOTERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY: As the campaign year of 1910 has opened it will be the object and purpose of the people to select suitable and competent men to fill the various county offices, and in my humble circumstances financially I wish to announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Franklin County, subject to the action of the next County Democratic Convention. In declaring my candidacy I must say if I am nominated it will be through the sympathy of the people. I have not been fettered on public office as my expected opponents have been, consequently I will not have the money to spend as they will have, nor if I had a million of dollars I do not believe I would spend it in a manner to intimidate men to vote for me contrary to their own sense of duty. You remember two years ago I was defeated for nomination for Sheriff. My friends insisted that I announce myself an independent candidate. This I refused to do, because I did not think it right for me to do so. You remember I had a card published stating that I knew the people had nominated a man whose past record would show him worthy the honor they had given him and that I wished to say that I would give him my loyal support as I had always done. Now I am willing to leave my nomination to the consideration of the people. If defeated I will support the nominee and shall ever remain true to the principals of the Democratic party so long as it advocates equal rights to all men and special privileges to none. If I am nominated and should be elected I promise the people that all business coming into my hands as Sheriff shall be promptly and accurately performed without partiality to anyone man or set of men. I furthermore promise the people that every act of mine concerning the affairs of my office shall be performed with the purpose and under the consideration that I am the servant of the people and shall endeavor to act as such. Yours very truly, R. E. HARRIS.

New SPRING STOCK

Arriving Daily

We Have Our Spring Oxfords for Ladies Children and Men.

For ladies we have a large stock of the well known Drew Selby Line. In this line you can find most any style you wish. Patent leather strap Oxfords, Gun Metal strap Oxford and Suede Oxfords. Also Tans. For children we have Wood's line made in New Jersey, one of the best lines of children shoes ever offered in Louisburg. We have this line in all sizes and all styles. For men we have our same lines, Just Wright, King Quality, Beacon and many other lines that we have not space to mention.

20,000 yards plant bed canvass that you can buy cheap. We will give you any number of yards you want.

Our spring clothing is beginning to arrive daily and we expect to have a large line of everything in our line to show our customers this spring. Come to see us and we will treat you right.

P. S. & K. K. ALLEN'S

HORSES AND MULES

50 young, sound and broke Mules weighing from 800 to 1100 pounds each



40 young, sound and broke Horses, all now

At My Stables at Louisburg.

And For Sale on Good Long and Easy Terms or For Cash at the Right Price.

Come to see them before they are picked, and buy your shoes. Come to see them if you don't want to buy, as I will guarantee you have never seen 50 as fine and young mules in one pen. Come and take a look.

K. P. HILL