

THE HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

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

RUDE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORIAL PEN

It is said that one night, when some English soldiers were shivering in the cold of a Crimean winter a band struck up the familiar tune, "Home Sweet Home!" then they all burst out sobbing, because the air went straight to their hearts. Yes! "There is no place like home." One of the sweetest words in the English language is that little word, "Home."

Home should be—
"A world of strife shut out;
A world of love shut in."

Home is a haven of rest to a man after a hard day's work. Mother, you may be tired after a trying day with the children, but remember that others have trying days too. Father has been in the office all day pouring over business perplexities or financial problems but now he locks the office door and with a sigh of relief he thinks of his loved ones and turns his face towards the rest and peace of home. Don't meet him at the door with a look on your face that would stop an eight day clock. Greet him with a smile, make him feel that home is the sweetest and most restful place on earth.

Be courteous in the home. Husband, treat your wife like a lady in the home as well as on the street. If you want your boy to be "a little gentleman" when he is away from home, he must have example as well as precept in the home. Example will do more for the boy and the girl than any book on rules of etiquette.

Don't forget that nine-tenths of the happiness you will ever have, you will get at home. We talk about being independent, but the independence that comes to a man when his work is over, and he feels that has run out of the storm into the quiet of the harbor of home where he can rest in peace with his family, is an independence that is real.

Oh! fierce is the heat
And weary is the street,
And all day long
It is work, work, work;
But farewell work,
When twilight's come,
And the heart turns home.
Oh! the nest for the bird
And the hive for the bee;
And home, home, home
For my dearies and me.

It does not make much difference whether you own your house or home but one little room in that house you can make that little room a home to you. You can furnish it with such beautifying thoughts, you can turn it with such sweet fancies, that it will be fairly luminous with their presence, and will be to you the very perfection of a home.

Wife, your power in the home is unlimited. You are its queen. There, at least, you sway is undisputed. There is nothing that can so lift a man up—that can inspire him to great achievement, as the feeling that he has at his side a woman whom he can truly love, whom he can fully trust, and at whose feet he may bow in highest respect. You intensify his joy and blunt the keen edge of his sorrow. It is true that it takes a grand woman to do this, but you can be that grand woman.

Young man when you think of making a home and seek a mate, look for the permanent qualities. Beauty is only skin deep; character is eternal. The Madonna face is beautiful, but when you look closely you find that it is beauty of expres-

DEEP SEA FISH.

If They Come Too Near the Surface They Will Explode.

Ordinarily one would think that a fish in the sea could go where it wished in the water—that is, that it could go as far down or come as close to the surface as it desired. As there are definite natural laws that prohibit this, of course it is not possible.

Take a deep sea fish. It is under enormous pressure at its proper depth. Let it stray too high, however, and on the pressure lessening the fish gets larger and consequently lighter per unit volume and in consequence is propelled upward at an enormously increasing rate by the buoyancy of the water until at last it has to be expelled from the surface of the sea with great force. In the meantime the fish has suffered an internal explosion, as it were, and its eyes have popped out of its head, and its insides have expanded and made holes in the body. This is why there are no perfect specimens of deep sea fish in any museum. The difficulty could be partly overcome by hauling the fish up gradually, but a heavy weight would have to be attached to the line to overcome the buoyancy of the fish.

On the other hand, take a shallow water fish. It dares not stray too far down, for the increasing pressure would tend to make it heavier if it was at all compressible, but as it is not much so it would remain practically the same volume and would find no difficulty in propelling itself to almost any depth. The increasing pressure, however, would make it harder for the fish to move its organs, and its eyes would be pressed into its head.

For all these reasons there are well defined strata of water in which certain fish are found and no others. This is one method of determining the depth of a former sea where fossils of fish are found on the land. The depth of the sea at that place can be told within certain limits by the fossils.—New York Tribune.

MISTAKEN SCIENTISTS.

Newcomb Said the Aeroplane Could Never Be a Success.

Sir Humphry Davy's dogmatic pronouncement against gaslighting is not the only instance of a clever scientist being hopelessly wrong. The early history of submarine cabling furnishes two striking examples. Consulted on the scientific side of the project, Faraday asserted that the first cables were made too small. Then he said that "the larger the wire the more electricity would be required to charge it," and in this quite incorrect opinion he was supported by other eminent scientists. As a result of this dictum the current was increased until the operation "electrocuted" the wire and the cable broke down. It was Lord Kelvin who by sending messages through heavy cables with incredibly weak electric currents proved that Faraday was mistaken.

Airy submitted the project to mathematicians and arrived at the conclusion that a cable could not be submerged to the necessary depth and that if it could no recognizable signal could ever travel from Ireland to Nova Scotia. In aviation the late Dr. Newcomb, one of the most distinguished mathematicians the world has ever produced, declared that he had mathematically investigated all the conditions operating against the heavier-than-air machine and was convinced that the aeroplane would never be any more than a scientific toy, and the possibility of an aeroplane motor being reliable in the reduced atmospheric pressure above 3,000 feet was by several experts said to be out of the question.—Harper's Weekly.

Sour on the Eights.
"Eight cent postage stamps are boodoo," said a postal official. "None of the small offices handle them if they can help it. It's this way: They are just a wee shade different in color from the ones, and it is no infrequent thing for a stamp clerk in a hurry to hand out a lot of eights when ones are asked and paid for. It always costs him 7 cents a stamp when he does it. The clerk here the other day during the rush hour, when the offices are closing, was called upon for a dollar's worth of ones. He handed out a hundred eights instead. Cost him \$7. Then he got rid of all the rest of the eights, and now he won't have anything to do with eights—even says 'eaten' instead of 'ate'."—New York Herald.

Proper Chills.
"I've had cold chills running over me all day," the thin man complained.
"You ought to be glad of that," said his heartless friend.
"I don't think I understand you. Why should I be glad?"
"Oh, well, you know, it is quite an ordinary thing to have cold chills. There's no cause for alarm. Just think what an extraordinary thing it would be if you should have hot chills running over you."

The Modern Way.
The prodigal had returned.
"Father," he said, "are you going to kill the fatted calf?"
"No," responded the old man, looking the youth over carefully—"no; I'll let you live. But I'll put you to work and train some of that fat off you."—Toledo Blade.

One on the Minister.
Rev. Tubthumper—I've been preaching this morning to a congregation of asses. Lily Sugarstick—Yes; I noticed you called them "beloved brethren."—London Tit-Bits.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II.—First Quarter, For Jan. 14, 1912.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Luke 1, 57-80. Memory Verses, 76, 77—Golden Text, Luke 1, 68—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Will some one tell why the visit of Gabriel to Mary, with the most wonderful announcement ever made to any mortal, is wholly omitted, and the Christmas lesson of Dec. 24 again assigned for Feb. 4? It is not ours to reason why, but simply to pray, Lord talk with us by the way and open to us the Scriptures. May each one notice and firmly believe the assurance of the supernatural birth and Mary's acceptance of it, perhaps little dreaming the cost to herself of such an honor (verses 35, 38). Then notice the plain and simple prediction concerning the throne of David and the coming kingdom (verses 30-33). See Elizabeth and Zacharias filled with the Holy Spirit and note all their words (verses 41, 67). Observe carefully the R. V. of verse 37, "No word from God shall be void of power." I have in my mind associated with this Isa. lv, 11. "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." When Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, "Blessed is she that believed, for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord" (verse 45), then Mary burst forth with, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," closing with, "As He spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever." Many of Mary's utterances remind us of Hannah's prayer or song in I Sam. II, 1-10, closing with, "He shall give strength unto His King and exalt the horn of His anointed." This is the first reference to Christ as the Messiah or anointed one. Compare John 1, 41. The son of Elizabeth being born at the full time and the eighth day, or time for circumcision, having come, there was a little perplexity about a name for the boy, as some would have him called by his father's name, but his mother said, "He shall be called John." They made signs to his father, who, to the surprise of all, wrote, "His name is John" (verses 57-59). See verse 13 and find the other six who were called by name before they were born, two of them several hundred years before, or at least one.

Notice the release of Zacharias from his affliction which came upon him because of unbelief. Faith in Jesus Christ, the reception of Him as one's personal Saviour, not only delivers from the wrath to come, but delivers from all bondage. The truth shall make you free. If the Son shall make you free you shall be free indeed (John viii, 32, 36). The hand of the Lord upon the child reminds us that he was to be filled with the Spirit from his birth (verses 15, 66), and the two sayings make us think of Ezek. iii, 14; viii, 3. This is your need and mine, dear reader, the hand of the Lord upon us and the Holy Spirit filling and controlling. From verse 67 to the last

verse of the chapter we have the sayings of Spirit filled Zacharias, telling us of the kingdom which would have come had the people been willing to receive John and Jesus and the kingdom, but which, because of their rejection of all, is still in abeyance, waiting for the King to come again in glory to set up His kingdom of peace and righteousness. He had spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets in all the Old Testament Scriptures concerning a kingdom to include all nations, with Israel a redeemed people at the center (verses 68-76; Ps. lxxii, 11, 18; lxxvi, 1-7; Isa. li, 1-4; lx, 1-22, and everywhere). The prophets said, however, of a Messiah who would be despised and rejected and be cut off and have nothing as well as a Messiah who as son of David would sit on David's throne (Isa. llii; Dan. vii, 13, 14; ix, 26 margin), but they did not tell of the long interval of this present age between the sufferings and the glory, when during the postponement of the kingdom and the scattering of Israel He will gather up by the gospel a people to share His glory and reign with Him when the kingdom comes. This was reserved to be communicated to Paul and through him to us. See Rom. xvi, 25-27; xl, 25-27; Eph. iii. Concerning the postponement of the kingdom until His return see Luke xix, 11-13; Acts iii, 20, 21, and notice the joyful worship of the disciples when they understood that He would come again in due time to fulfill all the prophecies concerning His kingdom (Luke xxiv, 28-27, 44-53). The words of Zacharias and of all the prophets shall be as literally fulfilled as were all the predictions concerning His birth and humiliation, and the time draws ever nearer. Meantime while we wait for the literal fulfillment on Israel we may find in our lives, as His redeemed ones by His precious blood, a fulfillment and manifestation of these precious words. If we are in Christ we are delivered from the wrath to come and are the seed of Abraham and joint heirs with Him of the whole world (I. Thess. I, 16; Rom. iv, 13; viii, 17; Gal. iii, 28). Whether salvation be individual or national, it must be through the house of David and the King of the Jews, for salvation is of the Jews, and there is none other (John iv, 20; Acts iv, 12). If we are His redeemed ones, waiting for the kingdom, we may by His grace serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness.

Essential to Comfort
PERFECTION
Warmth is essential to comfort. As you grow older, it is hardly less essential to health.
Get a Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater, and you keep warm and comfortable in your home, no matter what the weather without.
The Perfection gives a strong, widespread heat, and gives it quickly. It is always ready for use and burns nine hours on a single filling—no more trouble than a lamp. It can be carried anywhere; no pipes, no wires, no flues; no smoke, odor or dirt.
The heater that gives complete satisfaction.
This year's Perfection is finished in either blue enamel or plain steel; stahl linings; light and ornamental, yet strong and durable as can be made. All parts easily cleaned. Automatic locking flame spreader prevents smoking.
Distributors everywhere, or write to any agency of the
Standard Oil Company
(Incorporated)

The Ware That Wears Guaranteed 15 Years

It doesn't pay to buy cheap ware that soon peels, cracks, leaks, tarnishes, rusts or wears out. Even at a lower cost such ware is the most expensive because it is dangerous to health and unreliable in service—doesn't last.

"1892" Pure Spun Aluminum Ware is guaranteed for 15 years. There is practically no wear out to it and scientific investigation proves it the most sanitary cooking ware made. Particles can't chip off and cause chronic troubles nor spoil the food. Germs do not breed on its smooth surface and odors can not be absorbed by it.

You'll have better food and save trouble, time and fuel by using only "1892" Pure Spun Aluminum Ware. Look for trade mark on every piece.

FOR SALE BY
McGhee Joyner Company
Franklinton, N. C.

With Increasing Years

The duty of providing for those whom you must soon leave becomes the more imperative.

It will soon be too late. Neglected duties bring increased anguish in the final hour.

For full information regarding The Mutual Life Policies, see, phone or write.

R. P. TAYLOR, - District Manager.
Louisburg, - North Carolina

1912

With the beginning of the New Year start out right and buy your Groceries from

BRANTLEY NICKS