

# 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

Do not complain of your wife's extravagance with a cigar in your mouth.

Good manners are not taught in the school books. They are found in the home lessons.

The daughter who is the flower of the family is always the one who knows how to best use the flour of the family.

Whatever happens don't become a sour old man or woman. Old age should be a cheerful period of life, when the lengthened shadows are softened by the setting sun—when quiet twilight steals on apace, soon to be followed by the long night of rest which remains to all.

We have a few young men who seem to think it makes them manly and noble to make themselves appear tough. If you are tough, people will find it out without any effort on your part. It is just as easy to be a gentleman and hold the respect of the community in which you live. Try it during 1912 and you will never change back.

How many wasted flowers are strewn over graves. Just one bud from these flowers, pink with life and hope and fragrant with sympathy, would have eased the pain of some aching heart, had it been given while the loved one was with us. Just try it during 1912 and see to how many sick neighbors and friends you can carry a flower and the year will prove one of your happiest and best.

We have just a few women in our community who talk much about heaven at church, and much about their neighbors on the streets. Just give your neighbor a rest during 1912 and see if you do not enjoy the year better.

Do not choose a vocation for your daughter—do not insist that she becomes only a lady, when she might be a genius. Who knows but that the talent you repressed and strangled might have electrified the world. Give it free scope and a hearty welcome.

Every woman who reads our Home Circle and has a home, should thank God for it and also be thankful that she may be queen in it. Better be in your own cozy home than wear a Victoria's coronet. Better be there than to carry the purse of a princess. Your home may be humble, but you can, by your cheerfulness, gild it with splendors such as an upholsterer's hand never yet kindled.

Our young men who wish to succeed in business must not spend time and money in simply having a good time. They must not be discontented with our little city, and think they are too big for it. The right way to get into a larger place is to outgrow the one you are in. Grow until it becomes too small to hold you any longer. Some of the young men who now think they have outgrown this place would fit better in a much smaller one.

There are a few homes, even in our beautiful little city, in which is heard only fault finding instead of loving commendations; bickerings and strife instead of sweet, happy companionship. Remember like produces like in the life as elsewhere. May this be borne in mind by every reader of this department during the New Year and the result will be purer, brighter homes.

You may set it down as a fact that there isn't a twelve-year-old boy in the neighborhood who hasn't his opinion of you—and he wouldn't be slow about expressing it either, if a stranger should ask him for

it. Every man is always making character whether he is doing anything else or not. Why not build character during 1912 that you may ever look back upon it with pride.

When a woman puts what days she is at home to ealers in one corner of her card, it is a sign that her husband is making money, and that you are no longer at liberty to wrap a white apron and your sewing up in a paper, go over early in the afternoon, leaving word for your husband to come at six and stay to tea with her. It may be she likes you as well as ever, but "society" demands too much of her time to let her give an anti afternoon to you. Let us return to the good old days as we found them before society stole from them all their brightness and pleasure.

We are glad to see and know of young men, either as individuals or in organizations, who are using the golden hours of youth in suitable endeavor to fit themselves for useful, honorable and christian manhood; and for young men who spend their leisure and their evenings in profitable employments, study or company. We are deeply sorry for any young man who adopts the opposite course, because we know his future will be made less useful and happy by it popular though it may be, and, alas, is to a deplorable extent. We would not by any means abridge any lawful enjoyments or recreations we are not advocating a hermit life, or low and selfish exclusiveness—not at all. Let our young men be buoyant of spirit, active, joyous and sociable, but always under the wholesome restraints that high aims, noble purposes, and moral and religious motives impose without oppressing; and that are intelligently recognized and cheerfully accepted by them.

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### Drain That Rich Spot of Low Ground.

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The owners of these farms are in many cases cultivating four or five acres of poor upland to secure the annual crop that could be produced on one acre of these potentially rich swamp lands. Should it not be a good business proposition to expend on this one acre of low rich land the amount of the annual cost of cultivating the three extra acres of poor land, when this will put the piece in condition to produce the same crop without fertilizer that the four acres produced annually with three or four dollars worth of fertilizer per acre added to the expense of cultivation? And again, this improvement on the swamp land once made would last a hundred years.—A. L. French, in The Progressive Farmer.

### Why We Have Poor Pastures and Poor Stock.

It is astounding how many things our "climatic" or "local" conditions are made responsible for, by some farmers. If a man puts beef cattle on land where there is no grass, never has been any grass and no place for grass to grow because of briars, brush and weeds, he says our land is not adapted to growing grass, or the breed of beef cattle is not suitable to our conditions. If a man buys a calf or a pig, and because of not being able to make calf or pig flesh out of nothing, or out of materials different from those provided by nature, this calf or pig fails to make an animal of good size, and the owner declares that the breed is at fault, that there is not lime enough in our soils, or that our climate is not adapted to the growing of large farm animals.

Pastures can be made, but they do not come without effort. They must be planted, fertilized and the weeds for non-pasture plants kept down just as with other crops. Moreover, if pastured so closely that they have no chance to grow, grass plants die just as corn and cotton would die if cut down close and often.

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