

THE HOME CIRCLE.

A Column Devoted to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

"YOU MIGHT HAVE THAID, O!"

I was hard at work in my study
When I heard a gentle tap,
"Come in!" and in came my Josie,
Tearful from some mishap.
And I knew that she was longing
To be cuddled in my lap.
"I brushed my fender orful,
And papa, it doth ache so!"
"Well, well, run away to mamma,
For I can't help it, Jo."
She raised her tear-wet lashes—
"Papa, you might have thaid 'O!"

The study-door closed softly
And I was left alone
With nothing to hinder my writing
But the thought of a tender tone,
So loving and so reproachful
"I would have touched a heart of stone.
And I sat and look at my paper,
But some how I couldn't write
And there broke on me in silence
The dawn of a clearer light;
The touch of that aching finger
Had given me my sight.

Have a tender word, my brothers,
For the little troubles and pains,
It was not beneath our Master,
It is far above our gains;
It will hasten the heavenly kingdom,
Where only love remains.

The thief who steals your peace of mind is meaner than the one who steals your property.

Teach your girl how to cook, and if she does not thank you somebody's son will thank you for her.

No one can so inspire a man to noble purposes as a noble woman and no one, so thoroughly degrade a man as a wife of unworthy tendencies.

JEALOUSY.

How fortunate it is that there is not a jealous person among our large family of readers. We do not know of one; do you? Such being the case we can severely censure these jealous people that are to be found in most all communities. The first boy ever born was jealous. If you remember Cain took a rough stick and killed his brother Abel because he was jealous. The sacrifice of Abel had been accepted while Cain's was rejected. Jealousy is simply a grief we experience on account of the superiority of others. Their superiority in talent, wealth, beauty, virtue, or social or political recognition. It is the shadow of other people's success which clouds our lives. It is the thunder of our neighbor's popularity which sours the milk of human kindness in us. It is the father and mother of half the woes and crimes of the human race. It is jealousy that keeps all Europe disturbed. Nations jealous of Germany, of England, of Russia. Jealous of each other and all jealous of America. What a scene of jealousy we had in this country when President Garfield was dying. Faithful physicians sacrificed their practice and health in fidelity to that death-bed. Doctors Bliss, Hamilton, and Agnew went through anxieties and toils such as few of us can realize. But they did not please the test of the medical world. The doctors in charge could do nothing right or pleasant to the other doctors. Jealousy. When you hear a man or woman abused, drive in on the defendant's side. Watch for excellences in others rather than for defects, morning glories instead of night shade. If some one is more beautiful than you, thank God that you have not so many perils of vanity to contend with. If some one has more wealth than you, thank God that you have not so great a stewardship to answer for. If some one gets a higher office in church or state you can thank God there are not so many to wish for the hastening of your obsequies. If you are assailed by jealousy take it as a compliment, for people are never jealous of a failure. Substitute for jealousy an elevating emulation. Seeing others good, let us try and do better. Seeing others industrious let us work more hours. Life is short at the longest; let it all be filled up with helpfulness for others, work and sympathy for each other's misfortunes and our arms full of white mantles to cover up the mistakes and failures of others. Surely this world is large enough for you and all your rivals. God has given you a work to do. Go ahead and do it. Mind your own business. In all circles, in all kinds of business, in all professions there is room for straightforward successes.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

What is the moral effect of Free Masonry, Old Fellowship, Knight of Labor and the numerous secret societies upon the home? Solomon, the wise man, said: "Discover not a secret to another," and he had good reasons for laying such an injunction, for in his time, as at the present, there were people too much disposed to tell all they knew. One half the trouble in every community, comes from the fact that so many people have not the capacity to keep their mouths shut. We have two ears but only one tongue which is suggestive of the fact that we should hear more than we tell. By the power of a secret divulged, families, churches, neighborhoods and even nations fly apart. By the power of a secret kept, great charities, reformatory movements and christian enterprises may be advanced. It is an often discussed question whether associations that do not have their work with closed doors and admit their members with pass words and greet each other with a secret grip are right or wrong. Our answer is that it depends entirely upon

the object for which they meet. If it is to pass the hours in revelry and obscene talk, or to plot trouble to the state, then we say with an emphasis that it is wrong. But where the object is the improvement of the mind, the enlargement of the heart, the defense of the government, then we say with just as much emphasis that they are a blessing. There is need that those who plan for right over wrong should publish to the world their intentions. Secrecy of plot and execution are wrong only when the object and ends are nefarious. Every family is a secret society, every business firm and every banking institution. The men who have no capacity to keep a secret are unfit for positions of trust anywhere. Secret societies have done incalculable good. One society gave for the relief of their sick in 1873, in this country \$1,490,274. Some of the secret societies have poured a very heaven of sunshine and benediction into the home of suffering. Some of them are founded in fidelity to good citizenship and the bible. Christ has given us a rule by which we may judge, not only all individuals, but all secret societies. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Bad societies make bad men. Good societies make good men. A bad man will not stay in a good society and a good man will not stay in a bad society. Test these societies by two or three rules. Their influence home. That wife soon loses her influence over her husband who looks upon all evening absence as an assault on domesticity. That wife who becomes jealous of her husband's attention to art, or literature, or religion, or charity is breaking her own sceptre of conjugal power. But let no man sacrifice home life to secret society life, as some do. Some men are as genial as angles at the society room and as ugly as sin at home.

MELROSE SCREECHES.

The Yellow Jacket that Interrupted James Heatherly's big Joke—Hauling Tan Bark—Under the Influence of Corn—Other Notes.

Capt. C. W. Pearson has been home for past few days on a visit. The Captain is the picture of good health.

C. T. Scene, with his blushing young wife, has moved to Skyland.

The editor of THE NEWS owes me several copies of THE NEWS but guess he has been too busy during the campaign to think of his war correspondent at Melrose.

Samuel Emery has moved to Skyland.

David Blackwell and Dill Paris are hauling tan bark for Henry Revis.

Hampton Owens has just gone down the road under the influence of corn. He is not boozey but is just going to mill.

A crowd of boys, under the influence of dew, undertook to beat No. 13 up the road Sunday. They succeeded in getting on top of the mail car but the conductor discovered them and they were made to come down. They had twenty-five cents between them but lost it just before the train came in. Mr. Ellis Pearson found it next morning and it was in good condition.

John Lane was down Sunday.

While Jim Heatherly was telling a big joke the other day a yellow jacket came along and taking Jim's mouth for his nest flew in and on discovering he had made a broad mistake stuck his stinger in the roof of Jim's mouth. Jim stopped telling his joke but the crowd enjoyed a laugh just the same.

Jetho Garren and Oscar Johnson, accompanied by two young ladies, gave us a call Sunday.

The Sand house caught fire Saturday evening, but thanks to our up-to-date fire department, was soon extinguished.

Before this appears in print it will be either Parker, peace and prosperity or Roosevelt, rough and ready.

TRYON AS A HEALTH RESORT.

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Editor THE NEWS:

The Baltimore Sun and Tryon Bee published under the headline "A Battle with Tuberculosis," an account of the case of Mrs. Flournoy who came to Tryon, N. C., Sept. 24, 1904, weighing 85 lbs at Asheville route and now weighs 98½ lbs with appetite and strength to correspond.

The Baltimore Evening Herald of Nov. 3rd, 1904, has an article and photo of Prince George, of Wales, heir to England's throne, saying he has tuberculosis. The writer enclosed both articles to his Royal Highness with a cordial invitation to visit Tryon, N. C.—God's own great outdoor sanitarium—for the permanent cure of the "Great White Plague"—tuberculosis. I assured his "highness" of a royal welcome.

Tryon First National Bank, Tryon Real Estate and Trust Company, Osler-Butler-Grady-Johns-Hopkins-Annex Sanitarium, all seem to be assured enterprises. The lot for bank building is secured. Contract for the building will be let this day. A committee will go to Baltimore to secure donation for the sanitarium at an early day.

C. FLOURNOY,
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MILL SPRING NEWS.

Rev. W. H. Perry Attending Annual Conference—Miss Bessie Arledge to teach School on Mountain.

Rev. W. H. Perry left Wednesday morning to attend the annual conference which meets Thursday in Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Bessie Arledge has taken charge of a school on the mountain. She will be missed in our village very much as she has been helping her father in Post Office the past summer and fall.

Mr. John Henry Gibbs will commence the public school here next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rucker and children spent several days last week visiting Mrs. Rucker's parents in South Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Perry are very grateful to Joe T. Edwards, of Poplar Grove, for making up money to buy Rev. Perry a new suit of cloths for Conference and Mrs. Perry a nice dress. May God bless Mr. Edwards and all who contributed to this worthy object. It was a surprise to them but a very pleasant one.

Rev. Whiteside preached a very interesting sermon Sunday. There was no preaching Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Perry and Josie, will leave Thursday for a few days visit, to friends at Poplar Grove.

EXECUTION SALE.

North Carolina, Polk County, in Superior Court.

Dunbar Bros. vs. M. H. Wagoner } Notice of Execution Sale.

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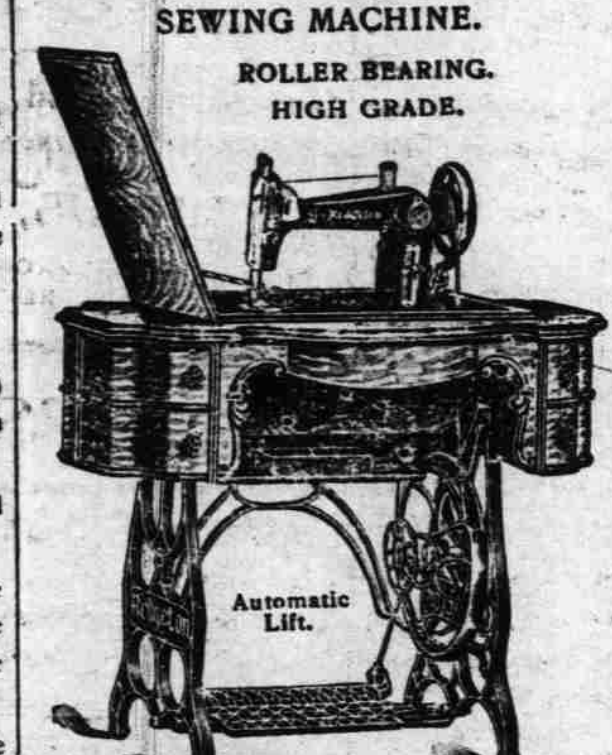
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