

**THE HOME CIRCLE.**

A Column Devoted to tired mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening tide.

Nobody's Child.

Alone in the dreary pitiless street,  
With my torn old dress and bare gold feet  
All day I've wandered to and fro,  
Hungry and shivering and nowhere to go;  
The night's coming on in darkness and dread,  
And the chill sleet beating upon my bare head,  
Oh! why does the wind blow upon me so wild?  
Is it because I am nobody's child?

Just over the way there's a flood of light,  
And warmth and beauty and all things bright,  
Beautiful children, in robes so fair,  
And caroling songs in rapture there,  
I wonder if they, in their blissful glee,  
Would pity a poor little beggar like me,  
Wandering alone in the merciless street,  
Naked and shivering and nothing to eat.  
Oh! what shall I do when the night comes down  
In its terrible blackness all over the town?  
Shall I lay me down 'neath the angry sky,  
On the cold hard pavements alone to die?  
When the beautiful children their prayers have said,  
And mamma has tucked them up snugly in bed,  
A mother upon me smiled—  
Why is it I wonder that I'm nobody's child?

We live in a superficial age and we hurry along in a happy-go-lucky way, ignorant or heedless of the capacities of our minds and hearts. The precocious youth, the boy or girl of average intelligence, or the dunce, should alike study his own strength, his weakness, his likes, his dislikes, his bent. "Know thyself," was spoken of old at Delphi; and though the oracle has long been mute, the words are of eternal significance. No better advice was ever given to man. Philosophy finds its highest province in the study of our own natures. Knowledge thus gained and that alone, will teach the round boy to avoid the square holes as he would shun falsehood and dishonor. It has been well said that no man ever made an ill figure who understood his own talents, nor a good one who mistook them.

Most work is uncongenial and the great majority of men and women think they would be happier in some other place. To almost everyone the day of choice comes, what career? What shall my life's work be? If instinct and heart ask for carpentry, be a carpenter; if for medicine, be a physician. With a firm choice and earnest work, a young man or woman cannot help but succeed. But if there be no instinct, or if it be weak or faint, one should choose cautiously along the line of his best adaptability or opportunity. No one need doubt that the world has use for him, but great honor and fortune are not for all. True success lies in acting well your part and this everyone can do. Better be a first rate hod-carrier than a second rate anything.

ONE hour a day withdrawn from frivolous pursuits and profitably employed, would enable any man of ordinary capacity to master a complete science. One hour a day would make an ignorant man a well informed man in ten years. One hour a day would earn enough to pay for two daily and two weekly papers, two leading magazines and a dozen good books. In an hour a day a boy or girl could read twenty pages thoughtfully—over seven hundred pages or eighteen large volumes in a year. An hour a day might make all the difference between bare existence and useful, happy living. An hour a day might make—nay, has made—an unknown man a famous one, a useless one a benefactor to his race. Consider then, the mighty possibilities of two—four—yes, six hours a day that are, on the average, thrown away by young men and women in the restless desire for fun and diversion.

that law, medicine and theology are the desirable professions. How ridiculous, too, for fifty-two per cent of our American college graduates to study law! How many young men become poor clergymen by trying to imitate their fathers, who were good ones; or poor doctors and lawyers for the same reason. The country is full of men who are out of place, "disappointed, soured, ruined, out of office, out of money, out of courage, out at elbows, out in the cold." The fact is, nearly every college graduate who succeeds in the true sense of the word, prepares himself in school, but makes himself after he is graduated. The best thing his teachers have taught him is how to study. The moment he is beyond the college walls he ceases to use books and helps which do not feed him and seizes upon those that do.

THE world has been very kind to many who were once known as dunces or blockheads, after they have become very successful; but it was very cross to them while they were struggling through discouragement and misinterpretation. Such lives do not show, however that a numskull is sure to climb to the top. Because the last boy in his class became the great Henry Ward Beecher, there is no reason to conclude that the last boy in the next class, or the next, must become anything great at all. There must be some life in the boy, or he will not rise under any circumstances until the day appointed for the resurrection of the dead. If he starts out in life as a failure, he will end as one unless he gets thoroughly wakened up in some way. Give every boy or girl a fair chance and reasonable encouragement and do not condemn them even because of a large degree of downright stupidity; for many so-called good-for-nothing boys, blockheads, numskulls, dullards, or dunces, were only boys out of their places, round boys forced into square holes.

TWO CLASSES. In a spirit of contentment the human race can be divided into two classes, those who scold and those who get scolded. None of us are contented with our lot. The carpenter wants to be anything but a carpenter and the mason anything but a mason and the banker anything but a banker and everybody would be happy if he were only something else. The violet wants to be a sun-flower and the apple orchards throw down their blossoms because they are not tall cedars and parents have the worse children that ever were and everybody has the greatest misfortune and everything is upside down, or going to be. Now, gentle reader, you will never make any advance through such a spirit. You cannot fret yourself up; you cannot fret yourself down. We brought nothing into the world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. If we live the right kind of lives, what ever our circumstances may now be, we are going to have a glorious vacation. As in summer we put off our garments and go down in the cool sea to bathe, so we put off our garments of flesh and step into the cool garden of eternity.

Mrs. Geo. A. Gash, of Tryon, has been seriously ill since Sunday night, being threatened with appendicitis.

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I. O. O. F.'s Are Busy—Miss Shilleto Departed for Home Tuesday—Overstocked With Dogs—Items of Interest.  
Our people are beginning to garden in earnest this week.  
Miss Katie Campbell, who has been quite sick, is up and about again.  
Rev. Mr. Gibson preached in chapel last Sunday, it being his regular appointment.  
C. P. Hall and S. Blythe are with W. J. Gaines contracting force at Tryon.  
R. A. Leonard has purchased a talking machine. He gave a concert at chapel last Saturday night.  
Listen now for the cooing of the dove, the song of the blue bird. They will remind you of spring.

The carpenter work in Lynn at this time is a little dull. It is to be hoped that some one will see their way clear to build.  
B. F. Capps services were called for at the Balfour rock quarry this week to erect more houses for their help.  
It is hoped the trustees will be able to get the right teacher to take charge of our school work at this place.  
Now that our new rural library is installed, any persons wanting books from the library can get them on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.  
"Oh yes! Come in to court as you are bound to do this day, &c." will be heard in Columbus next week. Several of our citizens are summoned to court as witnesses and some as jurors.

It is to be hoped that the trustees will be able to get some one to take up the school work here. Out of 175 children of school age there should be enough to make up a good average attendance.  
The I. O. O. F. had four candidates at their meeting last Monday night and we suspect that their Mr. Wm. G. was quite tired or will be, by the time he has trotted all four of the new candidates through the ring three times each.  
Our little village is overstocked with dogs. We think that people who insist upon keeping a dog should keep it on their own premises, especially at night. Sometimes as many as seven and eight can be seen in a group keeping up a hideous bow wow and prowling about the neighbors premises in quest of eggs etc.

Advertisement in THE NEWS.  
COMMISSIONER'S SALE.  
North Carolina, Polk County, In Superior Court, before clerk.  
T. M. Cudd and wife, M. M. Cudd, J. E. Wyatt and wife, M. J. Wyatt, Thomas Smith and wife, M. E. Smith, S. A. Smith, B. L. Steadman and E. E. Steadman, the said B. L. and E. E. Steadman petitioning through their next friend, F. M. Burgess,  
vs.  
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J. E. Shipman, Commissioner.

Miss Clara Shilleto gave her many friends the parting hand last Tuesday evening. Gray Hampton accompanied her. Gray contemplates spending the summer in Pennsylvania if climate and occupation should suit him. We predict that the many charms of old Polk will exceed those about that sainted city, Beaver, Pa.  
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