

THE HOME CIRCLE.

A Column Devoted To Tired Mothers As They Join The Home Circle At Evening Tide.

WHY STAND YE HERE ALL THE DAY IDLE?—Matt. 20:6
There is plenty to do in this World of ours, There are weeds to pluck from among the flowers; There are fields to sow, there are fields to reap; There are vineyards to set on the mountains steep; There are roses to plant, and thistles to fell; And homes to be rescued on hillside and dell; There are poor to be fed, there are children to teach, And a message of love and mercy to preach; The fallen to lift, and self-pride to abase; And every one fitted to stand in his place; There are souls to be saved by land and by sea;— There's work in great plenty for you and for me.

LATE hours are shadows from the grave.

"It is continued temperance which sustains the body for the longest period of time and which most surely preserves it free from sickness," writes Humboldt, when asked the secret of his success. No employer will keep in his office a drunkard, a gambler, or a profligate, for the very good reason that these vices not only debase the body, but also glut the mind with thoughts of which business has no part. Drink has become the curse of the world. Whole battalions of splendid young men who started in life with glowing hopes have been swept away by whiskey and rum.

Man finds himself on a limitless ocean with no knowledge of whence he came or whither he shall go. All he knows is that a Hand he has never seen has traced the Golden Rule upon his heart, hung a chart in his soul and placed a compass in his hand. He is also conscious of a pilot at the helm, never seen but always there; an angel commissioned at his birth to pilot his frail bark across the uncertain waters of life and that consciousness is his reserve power. We try to stifle the voice of the mysterious angel within, but it always says "Yes" to right actions and "No" to wrong ones. No matter if we heed or not, no power can change its decision one iota. Through health, through prosperity and adversity, beyond the reach of bribery or influence, this faithful servant stands behind us in the shadow of ourselves, never intruding, but weighing every act we perform, every word we utter, pronouncing the verdict "right" or "wrong."

OUR father and mothers need all the kindness and sympathy we can ever give them. It does not only make the children brighter, but the older heads, whose locks are white from the snows of many winters, are in sore need of kind words. Perhaps they have long ago laid all, or most all, of their loved ones to rest, and their burden seems greater than they can bear. How a word of kindness and sympathy helps them! There is enough of gloom in this world without adding more by unkind words and actions. Let us not so unheedingly permit opportunities for carrying sunshine into the lives of those we love pass by. A word of cheer to a struggling soul is worth more than all the roses we would scatter on their casket cover. A welcome, a smile, a cheery "well done," an affectionate look, will cause a rift to break in the clouds and permit the sunshine of life to gladden the passing day of those we love. Let us try faithfully to throw the wealth of affection about our loved ones who are fighting the stern battles of life. Let us scatter our love broadcast and pluck out all the thorns we can, and surely and certainly will our Father say "well done."

A SHORT LETTER FROM COLLINSVILLE.

A Few Items About Things In This Busy Farming Section.

The Baptist people held a song service at the school house Sunday evening. Prof. John Heines was leader.

Rev. "Dick" Champion will preach at the school house next Sunday morning.

S. B. and John Weaver, attended the Jr. O. U. A. M. celebration at Lynn the fourth.

Crops are clean and since the rain are looking bright. Peas have been sown and wheat is being thrashed. Farmers are about even with their work now.

HOME COURTESIES.

In the close relations of members of the same household and the constant contact through long association, there is apt to be a lack of the friendly greetings and delicate attentions which are given to visitors and strangers in the household. Children are commonly not trained to sweet courtesies in their treatment of parents and one another.

Husband and wife do not preserve their first gracious care of each other. Thoughtful and loving little services sweeten home life and pour the oil of joy over daily experiences. When a husband or son is prompt and helpful in placing her chair to her table, what women does not feel happier?

An act of courtesy cultivates in its performer more appreciation and attachment. The spirit which prompts little attentions and the habit which preserves them will banish hard feeling, sharp words and alienations that naturally and easy come in time of difference of judgment or conflict of interest.

3,000 PRISONERS.

Over three thousand Russians are now prisoners of war. Each one is some mother's darling boy. How they now doubtless long for the home of their childhood. How many hearts in seasons of trouble have longed for the scenes of an innocent childhood! A conscience burdened with crime will, in calmer moments, cleave to the rich fragrance of earlier days when the sun shone so brightly and the birds sang so sweetly and when the little troubles could be washed away with childish tears or the blissful caress of a tender, loving mother. "O, days of my childhood, will they no more return to cool this burning bosom with the breath of peace!" Such has been the wall of many breaking hearts and the echoes will reverberate through the world so long as "life has passion." This is the dismal cry that will render the sweet test song of birds a series of discordant sounds. Even into the dark and gloomy prison cell will occasionally be wafted the fragrance of the flowers of childhood and a holy desire will steal into the heart and give a moment's sweet peace, a taste of heaven. It is when the sweet and cooling springs of childhood have been polluted by the passions of flesh that we realize our thirst and strive in vain to quench it. We dream of innocent childhood, and through the darkness of a mispent life we see the angel smile of mother and feel upon our lips the breath of a loving kiss, we hush our evening prayer and receive a mother's benediction as we lay our tired body upon the snowy couch smoothed by a loving hand—what bliss, but what an awakening! We awake to tread our weary way to the gallows to jail or to the haunts of vice and mingle our wail of woe with the wail of the multitude, and the procession is ceaseless, though some pass by the way of the cross and leave a burden, the accumulation of years, thus renewing their youth in the beautiful Sunlight land that lies between the innocence of childhood and the purity of Heaven on the highway to eternity.

COLUMBUS NEWS.

Ray Arledge Breaks His Right Arm By A Fall—Road Trustees To Change Part Of Landrum Road.

Attorney J. E. Shipman spent the 4th in Hendersonville.

Rev. T. C. Croker preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and Rev. W. W. Jones held the attention of a small congregation at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

At a recent meeting of the township commissioners Robt. McFarland, Marshal, was allowed a salary of \$30 per year for regular service, and was also given the repairing of the streets and other work the town may need done.

Trustees J. E. Shipman, J. G. Hughes, F. M. Stearns, and A. L. McMurray, of the Central Industrial Institute, met Saturday evening. They expect to announce soon the names of the faculty for the coming season.

Ray Arledge, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arledge, fell from a bridge into a creek on his father's farm, near Columbus, Wednesday, breaking his right arm. Dr. Salley was immediately called and set the wounded member. When this was written the boy seemed to be resting and the wound was not giving great pain.

The road trustees of Columbus township are likely to change the Landrum road beyond the Campbell place, doing away with that long, steep hill. This will be a good move and will be appreciated by all who travel the Landrum highway. The trustees also ordered all roads in the township repaired at once, and those who have the contracts for this work will, it is hoped, lose no time in executing the orders of the trustees. A little work now would put the roads in good condition.

THE REAL JAP.

Just As Set In Their Ways As John Chinaman—Newspaper Articles About Japs Sometimes Misleading.

It inevitably happens that when you read in a newspaper something about which you have a particular and special knowledge you find the article packed with misinformation. Does the article relate to international politics, it sounds well enough, and you are quite convinced that its writer was a man of broad information. But if it relates to an accident two doors from your office, about which you know the facts, you are liable (as you read with wonder) to conclude that a tenth only of the "news" that appears in print is really true. Take, for example, the article "The Coming of the Jap" in Collier's, by one W. S. Harwood. The whole East, undoubtedly, will look upon it as an essentially correct statement of the facts about the agitation in California against the Japanese. But western readers of this Eastern weekly will read with amazement this article, which betrays real ignorance and misunderstanding of the feelings and sentiments that inspire Californians in this matter. Mr. Harwood begins his article with a misstatement. He leads his readers to infer that the reason the present Japanese immigration is objected to is because a large proportion are afflicted with "a loathsome disease" and for that reason the Japanese government looks upon their departure with favor. Nothing could be further from the fact. You might seek South-of-Market all through, discussing the Japanese question, without finding a man who would base his argument on the health of the Japanese.

And as to this immigration "being a contingent of rich" Japan is well pleased to be rid of it is quite certain that, so far from being the dregs of the population, as Mr. Harwood intimates, we get here a class slight-

ly above the average in intelligence. That is the universal testimony of long residents of Japan who visit San Francisco, Mr. Harwood continues: "It is set forth by those who are in favor of speedy action that the mass of the Japanese now coming are an unclean, morally depraved mass, reeking with loathsome disease, threatening, unless checked, to make the white population urban instead of rural, by driving out orchard, farm and ranch labor; to be feared not because of superior skill—save in stealing American ideas—but because of absolute unscrupulousness in private affairs and in business life."

It is difficult to conceive of a statement which, while containing elements of truth, is calculated to convey a more misleading impression than this. Mr. Harwood concludes with a statement almost as grossly false. "While the Chinaman is a Chinaman to the last in dress, bearing and spirit, the Japanese is precisely the opposite—he is an American in dress, in character, in methods from the first." Mr. Harwood is deceived by appearances. Because the Jap wears a white collar, while the Chinese sticks to his queue, it is no reason at all for supposing that there is any essential change in the Japanese character. There is not. The Japanese have become and will become no more "American in character" than the grimmest coolie that ever came out of the narrow streets of Canton.—San Francisco Argonaut.

NOTICE.

Any young man who desires to enter the North Carolina A. and M. College at the ensuing term will meet me at Columbus on 21st Thursday in July for examination. Questions furnished by Pres. Winston of said college. An examination for teachers certificates will be held at the same time and place.

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NOTICE OF LAND SALE.

Under and by virtue of the last will and testament of W. M. Faulkner deceased, late of the County of Person, State of North Carolina, which will is of record in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Person County and Polk County, we as Executors of the said W. M. Faulkner deceased will on

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