

THE HOME CIRCLE.

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

MOTHER'S WAY

Oh within our little cottage,
As the shadows gently fall,
While the sunlight touches softly
One sweet face upon the wall,
Do we gather close together,
And in hushed and tender tone,
Ask each other's full forgiveness
For the wrong that each has done;
Should you wonder at this custom
At the ending of the day,
Eye and voice would quickly answer,
"It was once our mother's way."

If our home be bright and cheery,
If it hold a welcome true,
Opening wide its doors of greeting
To the many—not the few;
If we share our Father's bounty
With the needy, day by day,
'Tis because our hearts remember
This was ever mother's way.

Sometimes when our hearts grow weary
Or our task seems very long;
When our burdens look too heavy,
And we deem the right all wrong,
Then we gain a new, fresh courage,
As we rise to proudly say;
"Let us do our duty bravely,
This was our dear mother's way."

Thus we keep her memory precious,
While we never cease to pray,
That at last when lengthening shadows
Mark the evening of life's day,
They may find us waiting calmly
To go home our mother's way.

WOMAN has yet to learn the purifying and blessed influence she may gain and maintain over the intellect and affections of the human mind. Though she may not teach from the pulpit nor thunder from the forum, in her secret retirement she may form and send forth the sages that shall govern and renovate the world. Though she may not gird herself for bloody conflict, nor sound the trumpet of war, she may array herself in the canopy of heaven and send the thrill of benevolence thru a thousand youthful hearts. Though she may not enter the list in legal collision, nor sharpen her intellect amid the passions and conflicts of men, she may teach the law of kindness, and hush up the discords and conflicts of life. Though she may not be clothed as the ambassador of heaven nor minister at the altar of God, as a secret angel of mercy she may teach His will, and cause to ascend the humble but most accepted sacrifice.

So great is the mind of a sweet minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is her that we all go in search of sorrow and sickness for comfort; one soothing word from her kindly hand works upon the feverish child; words dropped from her ear of a sorrow-stricken one do much to raise the grief that is bowing its head down to the dust in another husband comes out with the pressure of stress and feeling irritable in the world in general, but she enters the cozy sitting room and sees the blaze of fire, and his wife's smiling face succumbs in a moment to soothing influences as the balm of Gilead to wounded spirits that are weary of the stern realities of the rough school boy flies a message from the taunts of his companions to find solace in his mother's smile; the little one full of grief with its large troubles finds a haven of rest on its mother's breast; and so one might go on with instance after instance of the influence that a sweet-minded woman has in the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power when compared with her.

THERE is no sadder sight than a woman who, marrying a man to save him, finds that she has failed in what she has sought and lost her own life in the struggle. Have we not all seen the gradual degradation of the woman who is bound to a dissi-

pated man? She loses hope and faith. Shame and despair cover her as with a garment. If she lives with him her conscience is wrung with the horror of bringing forth children who shall be like him. However tender and refined her nature, daily contact with what is coarse and brutal will debase it. If love for a maid will not make a man see the foolishness of sin and abandon it altogether, love for a wife will not help him in the slightest degree. Love is a powerful stimulant. It appeals to the body, mind and soul of a man and bids him strive for the best. It rouses his ambition, it urges him to industry, it awakens in him a passion for the noble and beautiful in life. If under the press and with the help of such emotion he does not turn at once with disgust from whatever evil has been in his past life, there is no hope for him. Corruption has taken hold of him; sin is so inherent that the inspiration of love cannot save him, nor anything else save the chastisement of God.

THE CALL OF MOTHER.

You are tired tonight. You expected this morning to have an "easy day" but you have answered to the call of "mother" until the sun is set and its departing glory almost makes you long for the beyond. Now there are the children to be put to bed. Your limited circumstances may not permit you to have a nurse, but remember, you can not keep them with you long and your patient service will be richly rewarded. Go, lovingly, prayerfully; you know not when the last time may come. Death wounds deeply, even if we have been kind to our friends. Comb the golden tangle carefully, smooth the pillow and straighten the little dream-dress and laying your cheek close by your little darling, listen to "Now I lay me," and then wait patiently for the ruby lips to slowly ask God for some wished for toy. Kiss a fond "good-night." In short, lock the door of the day gently and leave the child heart-happy. Let none of the shadows that come with ripper years slant athwart the youthful threshold of the soul. The weary foot that rocks the cradle may be lulling a future president or governor. Rock on fond mother: sing your lullaby. God has use for the frail humanity that smiles in its infant dreaming. Never let discontent enter your happy home. Keep a cheerful tone and a helpful hand and answer the call of mother.

A Few Pointers Regarding The Construction Of New Roads.

Make the new road of uniform width. Construct the road with an easy grade, even if it does make the distance somewhat longer. Take care regarding the drainage of the road bed. Do not be too sparing in the use of culverts and things. Have the right-of-way for the new road surveyed. Keep the roads back as far as possible from the railroads. Clean up, as far as practicable, after the road has been completed. Do not leave unsightly heaps of debris behind.

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