



THE HOME CIRCLE

WHAT OF THAT? Tired! Well, what of that? Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease...

Lonely! And what of that? Some must be lonely, 'tis not given to all. To feel a heart responsive rise and fall...

Dark! Well, and what of that? Didst fondly dream the sun would never set? Dost fear to lose thy way? Take courage yet...

Hard! Well, and what of that? Didst fancy life one summer holiday With lessons none to learn and naught but play?

No help! Nay, 'tis not so. Though human help be far, thy God is nigh. Who feeds the ravens, hears His children cry...

TWO BOYS AND A CIGARETTE. Two bright little fellows, named Harry and Will, Were just the same age and the same size...

Five years from that meeting saw them again. The time had arrived when they both should be men. But, strangely enough, although Harry boy stood...

A PLEA FOR REVERENCE. "O, aunty," cried Annie, "I've heard the funniest conundrum! Listen, Who was the shortest man in the Bible?"

"Why, it's all right aunty. There's nothing wicked about it. It's just a pun, that's all." "I know it wouldn't be anything very bad, Annie, or it would not interest you. But let me tell you what I mean...

"Why, yes, in a way. And yet I never thought there was any harm in a conundrum. And some of them are so funny!" "They are funny, dear. Some of them are undeniably so. And we have none too much of really good and harmless fun. But don't you remember what you said about the wedding march?"

"Yes; I think the Lohengrin is just spoiled by that doggerel jingle that everybody knows, 'Here comes the bride!'" "It's just that I mean, dear. That jingle gets into people's minds, and they have to think of it the minute the music starts, and it breaks in on the beauty and solemnity of a sacred service that means much to somebody all her life."

"The same thing is true of irreverent puns on the words of Scripture. They spoil some of the best verses for us. And some of them are not harmless; they are really shocking. And none of them help us to be reverent."

CHINESE RIDDLES. The Chinese have many riddles which grown people as well as children play at guessing. Here are some for you to try your wits upon:

"It was born in a mountain forest. It died in an earthen chamber. Its soul dispersed to the four winds. And its bones are laid out for sale."

"There are two sisters of equal size; one sits inside, the other outside."

"In the front are five openings; on the sides are two windows; behind hangs an onion stalk."

A cannon. (5) A looking-glass. (6) A Chinaman's head. (7) A Chinese kitchen range (which is generally heated with ferns and grass). From "Children of China."

Patron—What is the matter with this establishment? This steak is burned black! Waiter—Yessah. Mark er respect, seh. Our chef done died yesterday.

A teacher asked her class in spelling to state the difference between the words "results" and "consequences."

A bright girl replied: "Results are what you expect, and consequences are what you get."

"Professor," said Miss Skylight, "I want you to suggest a course of life for me. I have thought of journalism."

"What are your own inclinations?" "Oh, my soul yearns and throbs and pulsates with an ambition to give the world a life-work that shall be marvelous in its scope, and weirdly entrancing in the vastness of its structural beauty."

"Well, now, Sam," remarked the former master, "that makes things interesting for you, doesn't it? You should find pleasant companionship in books and papers."

Bridget and Pat were seated in a hammock, reading an article on "The Law of Compensation."

SUNBEAMS. "Jim" Was Lucky. (From the Popular Magazine.) The famous baseball player-evangelist, Billy Sunday, tells this story of the attempt which was made to convert a hard-fisted old mountaineer in Kentucky.

The Aftermath. (From Harper's Weekly.) The great ball had been given and was Mrs. Noovo was running over the bills with her husband. When it was found that they totaled \$10,000, Mr. Noovo winced.

None But the Best. Uncle Raspberry walked into a drug-store. "Gimme one o' dem plasters foh my back," he said. "One of the porous plasters?" "No, I don't want one o' de pores' plasters. I want one o' de bes'."

Express Companies Catch Them Going and Coming. Before you pay charges on an express package again it might be a good idea to make sure the charges have not been paid at the other end.

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charging which come to the attention of the Interstate Commerce Commission, it is believed that thousands of shipments are paid for at both ends of which the Commission never hears, owing to the fact that the victims do not know they are being fleeced.

To the Credit of Roosevelt. Washington Herald.] With the country facing a coal strike of gigantic proportions, it is worth while to remember that when a similar crisis once occurred, Theodore Roosevelt, then President of the United States, created a commission which listened patiently to all the facts upon both sides of the controversy and then settled the contention by arbitration.

It was not a constitutional duty, perhaps, of the President, but it was an action which took a courageous spirit and was justified by results. It was a typical Roosevelt incident, parallel to his course in the Russo-Japanese war.

Perhaps the precedent then set by President Roosevelt will be followed now and a strike averted by a judgment rendered by some impartial tribunal. It would certainly seem as if, in these days of modern civilization, the distress and danger of a widespread strike ought to be avoided.

They Are Now All for the Parcels Post. Lincoln Times.] Last week the Republicans and Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee of Congress reported by unanimous vote a bill to the House in favor of parcels post.

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