



# THE HOME CIRCLE

### SWEETEST LIVES.

The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,  
Whose deeds, both great and small,  
Are close knit strands of an unbroken  
Thread,  
Where love enobles all.  
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no  
bells;  
The Book of Life the shining record tells.  
Thy love shall chant its own beautiful  
After its own life working. A child's kiss  
Set on thy sighing lips shall make thee  
glad.  
A poor man served by thee shall make thee  
rich;  
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee  
strong;  
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense  
Of service which thou renderest.  
—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

### AN APPLE ORCHARD IN THE SPRING.

Have you seen an apple orchard in the  
spring?  
An English apple orchard in the spring?  
When the spreading trees are hoary  
With their wealth of promised glory,  
And the mavis sings its story,  
In the spring.  
Have you plucked the apple-blossoms in the  
spring?  
In the spring?  
And caught their subtle odors in the spring?  
Pink buds peeping at the light,  
Crumpled petals baby-white,  
Just to touch them a delight—  
In the spring.  
Have you walked beneath the blossoms in the  
spring?  
In the spring?  
Beneath the apple blossoms in the spring?  
When the pink cascades are falling,  
And the silver brooklets brawling,  
And the cuckoo bird soft calling,  
In the spring.  
If you have not, then you know not, in the  
spring.  
In the spring.  
Half the color, beauty, wonder of the spring,  
No sweet sight can I remember  
Half so precious, half so tender,  
As the apple blossoms tender  
In the spring.  
—William Martin.

### APRIL.

“April, pride of woodland ways,  
Of glad days;  
April, bringing hope of prime  
To the young flowers that beneath  
Their bud sheath  
Are guarded in their tender time.”

Few of the months were ever  
moved about on the calendar quite  
as frequently as this, the loveliest  
season of the entire spring, when old  
Dame Nature is as busy as the pro-  
verbial bee dressing the trees and  
fields in new garments of fresh and  
living green.

In the ancient Alban calendar,  
when the year just had the meager  
supply of only ten months, the ten be-  
ing of very irregular length, April  
stood at the first of the year, with  
thirty-six days to its credit. Then in  
the calendar of Romulus, it was  
tucked away in the second place, and  
had to content itself with only thirty  
days.

Numa's calendar docked the long-  
suffering month again by taking away  
another day, and putting it down on  
the list until it lodged in the fourth  
place, where it has stuck hard and  
fast ever since.

For many years it possessed only  
twenty-nine days, then Julius Caesar  
pulled the months and the year all  
to pieces, and kindly tacked one more  
day to April, restoring it to its old  
place among the other months pos-  
sessing the dignity of thirty days.

The name April is generally be-  
lieved to have come from the Latin,  
“aperio,” meaning, “I open,” and was  
no doubt given to this particular sea-  
son in the year when the buds of both  
trees and flowers begin to grow and  
unfold their beauties in the spring  
sunlight.

The old Romans consecrated the  
first of April to Venus, the Goddess  
of Beauty and Queen of Laughter,  
and on that day the widows and  
maids of Rome used to assemble in  
her temple, and with tears and lam-  
entations pray that the beautiful god-  
dess would remove any deformities  
or blemishes that disfigured them,  
that they might become beautiful in  
the eyes of all beholders.

The Romans regarded April as a  
very gay and festive season, and dur-  
ing the month they held many big  
celebrations, the great equestrian  
combat held on the nineteenth, and  
the Robigalia, on the twenty-fifth for  
averting mildew, being the two most  
important.

Like all the other months in the  
year, April has had several names.  
In his new calendar, Charlemagne  
designated it as the “grass month,” a  
name the Dutch still cling to, call-  
ing it at the present day “Grasmaad.”  
Then during Nero's terrible reign it  
was known as Neroneus, being so  
called, no doubt, in honor of that  
vain and wicked ruler.

Of course the Anglo-Saxons could  
not possibly let it go by them without  
adding at least one new name to the  
many it already possessed. “Oster-  
month,” they called it, meaning the  
month when the East winds did  
mischief, and it is generally be-  
lieved that the term Easter came  
from the same origin, for in this  
month the Saxons held their great  
celebration in honor of their goddess  
Eastre.

In China the symbolic plowing of  
the earth by the Emperor and  
Princes of the Royal Blood takes  
place in their third month, which  
corresponds to our April, and in Ja-  
pan there is held a quaint and in-  
teresting domestic festival known as  
the Feast of the Dolls.

On antique monuments and in an-

cient books April is pictured as a gay  
and happy youth, dancing a very un-  
dignified jig, with a baby's rattle in  
his hand.—Harriet M. Hobson in  
Kind Words.

### HEALTHY PLANTS.

The rubber plant, Ficus elastica,  
possesses hardly qualities and thick,  
smooth, glossy leaves. It makes an  
excellent hall plant. For flowering  
plants the pelargonium remains the  
tried favorite. Fuchsias are grown,  
begonias and cacti—these for all the  
year 'round.

Potted flowering plants from the  
florist's come at various seasons. They  
will last, with care, for a few weeks,  
such as the potted chrysanthemum and  
the poinsettia. Then farther along  
toward the spring the favorite cycla-  
men and the various spring flower-  
ing bulbs and forced shrubs, orange  
trees, bay and privet in tubs, make  
effective hall decorations.

House plants should be watered  
only when they need it. The test is  
ringing the pot by striking it sharply  
with the knuckles. A hollow ring  
shows that the earth is dry and the  
plant needs water. A dull, thuddy  
sound indicates the presence of plen-  
ty of water. Surface wetting daily is  
worse than no water. The plant  
should be soaked so that water runs  
out of the hole in the bottom of the  
pot. A good-sized watering pot full  
of water is the proper allowance for  
a twelve-inch pot. It is good to let  
the soil dry out also, for that gives a  
chance for air to get through the  
soil.

Sponging the leaves of palms, etc.,  
is excellent but not necessary. Dust,  
of course, chokes the respiration a  
little. Proper watering, together with  
a little care about opening windows  
upon the plants, should preserve a  
healthy condition. If a plant wilts  
and grows yellow, it is well to re-  
pot it, these conditions arguing some-  
thing wrong with the soil. Dead  
leaves and twigs should, of course, be  
plucked off.

Most house plants demand a good,  
bright light, though not necessarily.  
This is particularly true in the case  
of ferns, where sunlight is better. If  
the house is to be closed up at any  
time of the year, it is a good thing  
to send the plants to a florist for care.  
Often an ailing fern may regain vigor  
from a few weeks of green-house  
light and even temperature.—Florence  
Dixon.

### BEING ABOVE ONE'S WORK.

“I certainly cannot understand  
Mrs. Warren,” the girl said, her pret-  
ty brows lifted half in perplexity,  
half in disdain as she watched the  
neighbor going home “across lots.”  
“She is so quick-witted. You'd think  
she'd care for the best things, books  
and culture and all that; but she  
really seems to enjoy her house-work  
and cooking more than anything else  
in the world. You saw how she was  
just now, as delighted over that new  
salad recipe you gave her as I should  
have been over a new thought.”

The older woman, the girl's host-  
ess, laughed as if something amused  
her, but tenderly, too, for she loved  
the girl. “Why shouldn't she enjoy  
her work first and most?” she asked.  
“It was what she was put into the  
world to do.”

“But the kind of work!” the girl  
protested. “Just common cooking  
and dish-washing. She might have  
thoughts above it.”

“What would you think of a light-  
house keeper who had thoughts  
above cleaning lamps?”

“O, but that's different!” the girl  
said quickly. “That's a matter of  
life and death to others.”

Her friend shook her head. “No,  
dear, it isn't different. The task that  
God puts into one's hands always de-  
mands joy and enthusiasm to be done  
as he wants it done. The problem  
is not one of having thoughts above  
one's work, but of lifting one's work  
to the level of one's greatest  
thoughts. Do you see?”—Exchange.

### GRADUATED.

A young business man of New  
York, who has not long been mar-  
ried, was greeted by his wife one  
evening with the joyful announce-  
ment that she had that afternoon re-  
ceived a diploma from the cooking  
school at which she had been an as-  
siduous student.

Evidently the husband did not ex-  
hibit that degree of enthusiasm in  
the matter that she expected, for the  
young wife said, in a disappointed  
tone: “Aren't you glad that I have  
been enrolled as a competent cook?  
Just see, I've prepared this whole  
dinner! I have especial attention to  
this dish here. Guess what it is!”  
As she spoke the husband had en-  
deavored to masticate a particularly  
tough piece of the contents of the  
dish referred to. Seeing his look of  
wonder, the young wife playfully  
said: “Guess what it is?”

“I don't know,” responded the  
husband, uncertainly. “Is it the  
diploma?”—Harper's Weekly.

### HEALTH AND WALKING.

There is no form of exercise more  
healthful than walking; none that  
Americans, and especially American  
women, are more careful to avoid  
whenever possible. English and Ger-  
man women are fond of walking,  
many of them being able to walk ten  
miles at a time, and come in fresher  
than when they began.

Walking strengthens the action of  
the heart, nourishes all the vital or-  
gans and tissues, increases the circula-  
tion, and feeds the muscles, which  
are the first portions of the body to  
decay with approaching age.

To be most beneficial, walking  
ought to be combined with deep  
breathing, for breathing exercises are  
in themselves splendid for quieting  
the nerves and refreshing the whole  
body.

Taken in conjunction with muscu-  
lar exercise, the blood is doubly  
freshened, and the various organs  
are completely strengthened.

Take a walk every day if you want  
to live long and be well. Pleasur-  
ness will result as surely as the im-  
provement in health, for walking  
brings not only physical blessings,  
but refreshment to one's soul.—C. C.  
Cline.

### Women Doctors in Siberia.

(Moscow Cor. London Standard.)  
A number of influential Siberians  
are petitioning the ministry of edu-  
cation in St. Petersburg to allow wo-  
men to be admitted to the medical  
faculty in the University of Tobolsk.  
The petitioners point out that there  
is wide field for women doctors in  
Siberia, where it is often difficult for  
settlers to get medical aid.

There are many Mohammedans in  
the country, and it is explained that  
only women doctors can come to their  
help in illness, as they do not permit  
men to see their wives and daughters.  
Many women have entered the medi-  
cal profession in Russia proper, and  
there are a great many women prac-  
ticing dentistry, a department of sur-  
gery which does not seem to have at-  
tractions for the English women.

### First Woman Stage Driver.

“Miss May Robertson, twenty-one  
years old, said to be the first woman  
stage driver in the United States, on  
April 1 began her daily run between  
Meeker and Buford, Colorado, a dis-  
tance of thirty miles. She has signed  
a year's contract to operate the stage  
line between Meeker and Buford,  
which will take her over an extreme-  
ly dangerous and lonesome mountain  
road. The stage will carry passen-  
gers and mail.”

There is nothing strange in the  
above. We are just keeping up in  
the procession. In Paris women are  
driving cabs and drays, are street car  
conductors and performing men's  
work in many ways. Miss Robert-  
son in her primitive way, may just  
be the beginning of a still more ex-  
tended line of duties for the fair sex,  
in keeping up with their Paris coun-  
sins.—Union Republican.

### Leaves Estate to Her Horse.

At Fall River, Mass., that her  
faithful mare, Daisy, which for the  
last twenty years had drawn her on  
pleasure and business trips through  
Bristol county might not want for  
anything the will of the late Susan  
L. Munroe of Fall River, has revealed  
that this thirty-one-year-old bay  
horse has inherited a saving bank  
account and shares of stock in two of  
the richest mills in Fall River, all to  
be held for the animals benefit by a  
trustee and the income used for her  
comfortable maintenance. Rumor  
has it that Daisy's account and stock  
amount to \$100,000. After the death  
of Daisy the estate is to be divided  
among the children of Miss Mun-  
roe's two brothers.—Ex.

### Better Stick to His Job.

A colored man was brought before  
a police judge charged with stealing  
chickens. He pleaded guilty, and re-  
ceived sentence, when the judge asked  
how it was he managed to lift  
those chickens right under the win-  
dow of the owner's house when there  
was a dog in the yard.

“Hit wouldn't be of no use,  
Judge,” said the man “to try to  
‘splain dis thing to you at all. Ef you  
was to try it you like as not would  
get yer hide full o' shot an' get no  
chickens, nuther. Ef you want to  
engage in any rascality, Judge, yo'  
better stick to de bench, whar yo' am  
familiar.”—Presbyterian Witness.

### Just as He Thought.

A browbeating lawyer asked a  
witness how far he had been from  
a certain place. “Just four yards,  
two feet and four inches,” was the  
reply. “How came you to be so ex-  
act?” interrogated the lawyer. “Be-  
cause I expected some fool or other  
would ask me, and I measured it,”  
quickly replied the witness to the  
great discomfort of the lawyer.—  
Exchange.

### Fortunes in Faces.

There's often much truth in the  
saying “her face is her fortune,” but  
it's never said where pimples, skin  
eruptions, blotches, or other blem-  
ishes disfigure it. Impure blood is  
back of them all, and shows the need  
of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Try  
them. 25 cents at all druggists.

### SALE OF LAND.

In the Superior Court—  
Before Millard Mial, Clerk.  
North Carolina—Wake County.  
J. S. Halley, Administrator of Samuel  
Chavis,  
vs.  
John W. Chavis, and others.

By virtue of an order of the Super-  
ior Court in the special proceeding  
of J. S. Halley, administrator of Samuel  
Chavis; John W. Chavis and oth-  
ers, and numbered 1,779 on the dock-  
et, I will offer for sale for cash, at  
the court-house door in the city of  
Raleigh, on Saturday, the 18th day  
of May, 1912, at 12 o'clock m., the  
following tracts of land, lying and  
being in House's Creek Township,  
and more particularly bounded and  
described as follows, to-wit:

Adjoining the lands of Thomas P.  
Warren and the heirs of James Cooks  
and commencing at a forked old-field  
pine between Turkey Creek and Sycamore  
Creek, and running south forty  
(40) poles just crossing Turkey Creek  
to the line of Cook; thence east thirty  
six and one-third (36 1-3) poles to  
a pine, the line of T. P. Warren;  
thence north fifty-three (53) poles to  
a stake; thence west forty-one and  
one-half (41 1-2) poles to the begin-  
ning; being the land purchased by  
Samuel Chavis of Weston R. Rogers  
and Carolina Rogers, his wife, on  
March 13, 1872, and registered in  
book thirty-three (33) at page 651  
and 652, in the office of the Register  
of Deeds in and for Wake County,  
and containing twelve (12) acres and  
a fraction. Said sale is to be made  
for the purpose of making assets to  
pay the debts of said Samuel Chavis.  
Title is perfect.

This the 16th day of April, 1912.  
J. C. L. HARRIS,  
Commissioner.

### CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION.

State of North Carolina,  
Department of State.

To All to Whom These Presents May  
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Whereas, it appears to my satisfac-  
tion, by duly authenticated record  
of the proceedings for the voluntary  
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consent of all the stockholders, de-  
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poration of this State, whose prin-  
cipal office is situated at No. . . . .  
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therein and in charge thereof, upon  
whom process may be served,) has  
complied with the requirements of  
Chapter 21, Revisal of 1905, entitled  
“Corporations,” preliminary to the  
issuing of this Certificate of Dissolu-  
tion:

Now, therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes,  
Secretary of State of the State of  
North Carolina, do hereby certify  
that the said corporation did, on the  
25th day of November, 1911, file in  
my office a duly executed and at-  
tested consent in writing to the dis-  
solution of said corporation, executed  
by all the stockholders thereof, which  
said consent and the record of the  
proceedings aforesaid are now on file  
in my said office as provided by law.  
In testimony whereof, I have here-  
to set my hand and affixed my official  
seal, at Raleigh, this 25th day of No-  
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