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THE HOME CIRCLE.

"RENCONTRE."

H, WAS I born too soon, my dear, or were you born too late. That I am going out the door while you come in at the gate? For you the garden blooms galore, the castle is en fete: You are the coming guest, my dear,-for me the horses wait.

I know the mansion well, my dear, its rooms so rich and wide: If you had only come before, I might have been your guide. And hand in hand with you explored the treasures that they hide: But you have come to stay, my dear, and I prepare to ride.

Then walk with me an hour, my dear, and pluck the reddest rose Amid the white and crimson store with which your garden glows .--A single rose,-I ask no more of what your love bestows; It is enough to give, my dear,-a flower to him who goes.

The House of Life is yours, my dear, for many and many a day. But I must ride the lonely shore, the Road to Far Away: So bring the stirrup-cup and pour a brimming draft, I pray. And when you take the road, my dear, I'll meet you on the way.

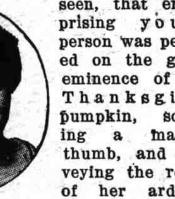
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JUST A BIT OF EDEN.

Teaching Margaret and Being Taught by Her-Some of the Unanswered Questions About Child Culture and Some of the Unanswerable Questions of the Cultured Child.

By Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem, N. C.

ARGARET is down in the yard, had jumped up and down on the seat building an automobile out of of one of my pretty chairs until it



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I, too, am puffed up with pride and child meant any harm, yet something vainglory, for have I not just finished had to be done to stop her wild camy flowering hedges of over 200 dog- reer of destruction-so she was told woods-the same number of white to go down to the library and wait and purple lilac, and hundreds and for me. In almost ten minutes I dehundreds of bulbs-poet's narcissus, scended and found her sitting on the single and double jonquils, purple family Bible, which she had pulled flags, larkspur and hollyhocks and off the table and put on the floor. corn-flowers past counting? Right in the midst of all this glory are two worthless plum trees, and orders had gone out for them to be taken up, but remembering the keen delight it gave Margaret to skin up trees for the lit- them." tle wild fox grapes and muscadines, the order was countermanded. The plum trees are low and bushy, and " easy for a child to climb, so this week we are going to drive out to the river and grub up a lot of wild grapes and plant them around the plums that she and her little playmates may have a month's delight when grape time comes. Really, I believe the chief joy of a country place is that it is never finished-there is always something else to be done. Planting growing things is the most fascinating of all occupations, and surely of it, more than of any other, one may say with the Psalmist: "The work of my hands. O Lord, the work of my hands, established Thou it!"

two barrels, a plank, and had broken thru, and there she was, somewhere in the neighborhood of charging up and down the room inthree thousand mails. When last side the chair. Now she really meant seen, that enter- no harm, she merely wanted to play prising young horse and buggy. She was extricatperson was perch- ed with difficulty, and the new pink ed on the giddy gingham mended. Then going to eminence of the the washstand to wash my hands, Thanksgiving the pipes were found to be stopped fumpkin, sooth- up with bananas-the work of busily ing a mashed idle little fingers. After working thumb, and sur- sometime to repair damages, I got veying the result out the sewing basket for a few minof her arduous utes' peace, only to find the embroidtoil with a pride ery silks had been cut into two-inch of workmanship equal to that of good lengths. That, as Margaret explainold Cheops, when he had the cap- ed, was for lovely hair for the new stone placed on the Great Pyramid. rag dolls. Now, not once had the



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really ows-not just experiments with i I am doing, she is most earnest ntreated to spend a week at Bramlette, and impart her most what point will a child's energy and ignorance of cause and effect, besee me be a horse and buggy!" She was one sure enough. She

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"I'm pressing flowers" she explained. "I took the roses the lady sent you and put them all in the Bible, and I'm sitting on them just as hard as I can, so we can press and keep

The roses for my dinner party and blessed old great grandfather's Bible!

"Margaret!" I gasped, "Why do you make so much trouble?"

You should have seen the look of injured innocence that spread over her countenance. "I don't make trouble" she assured, "I just do things-you are the one that makes trouble!"

If I had been limp before, I was speechless now-and the child was right from her viewpoint. I was the one who did make all the trouble; she just "did things" following out the mandates of a busy little brain. "The flowers are pressed now" she said "shall I go sing a song for you?"

"Yes," I assented meekly. So she If any woman living, really knows climbed up to the piano; "I'm going how children should be trained- to sing you the beautiful song Jesus sang when He went down into His garden," she explained, and then, making up tune and accompaniment as she went along, she began in her rare and useful information. At just sweet, shrill voice: "Consider the lilies, consider the lilies. They toil not, neither do they spin," and if come so mischievous that they should that child deserved a spanking for be checked, and in what way? The all the mischief she had done, she other morning, there was a terrible didn't get it, for I listened with tears commotion and thumping up stairs, in my eyes, and I whispered to myand Margaret's voice rose above the self, "In Heaven their angels do aldin: "Aunt Lucy! Aunt Lucy! come ways behold the face of my Father which is in Heaven."

Training children is an absolute