

## Hearth and Home.

### A TALK WITH THE YOUNG FOLKS ABOUT THE MONTH.

June is a delightful month, it is a mixture of spring and summer, being neither too chilly nor too warm for comfort. — May has often a dash of cold in it that keeps up the memory of winter, while July is apt to be melting hot, but June is very agreeable. In other respects this is an extremely pleasant time of year. The country is very beautiful. All nature is dressed in holiday garb. The green grass, the blooming flowers, the leafing trees, and the fruit blossoms, make the out-door scenery lovely indeed. It is an imprisonment now to have to stay in the house, and young people want to be out from morning till night. In winter we are glad to creep up to the cheerful fireside, or warm stove; but now there are a thousand attractions in the garden, the fields, and the highway. Even if one's duties lie indoors, there is a restless, impatient feeling that makes one long to go out. What pleasant rambles can be had now!

How nice it is to go and gather wild flowers! Who does not enjoy a ride or walk in "the leafy month of June?"

Now is the time to go a fishing, and our picture shows a young gentleman very intently studying his fly book, to see if he can't find a "killing" bait, with which to fill his fish basket. Most boys, however, are not so scientific as our young friend in the picture; they are content if they can get a common hook with a worm on it, and some, in default of a regular hook, will sally forth with nothing better than a bent pin. We may learn many lessons from the art of fishing. How it reminds us of the many baited hooks with which the devil fishes for human beings. Alas! he is an expert angler, and catches many an unwary soul! sometimes his hook is baited with pleasure, at other times with money, at other times with fame, and there are many "deceitful and hurtful lusts" by appealing to which he succeeds in taking his prey. He is cunning and skilful, beyond our suspicion and knowledge, and how often



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are we caught "by the wiles of the devil." We are not ignorant of his devices. Let us therefore beware of them, watch against them, and above all, pray to be delivered from them.

Our Lord uses fishing as an emblem of the work which christian ministers have to do. "I will make you fishers of men," he said, and his effect still says to his disciples, much wisdom, care, and prudent management are needful to make a successful fisherman. Fish have sharp eyes and ears, they are very vigilant, and often seem to show a great deal of sagacity. It is not everybody who can catch them. Some people will fish all day and get nothing, while others under the same circumstances will obtain quite a string or basket full of fish. For common fishing, people must depend on their own knowledge and skill, but it is encouraging to christian ministers, that Jesus says, "I will make you fishers of men." He only can do it, and we should pray for God's servants, that they may be thoroughly fitted for their work, and great