

The Family  
The Chicken's Mistake  
A little downy chicken one day,  
Able to go on the water,  
When she saw a duck with her brood at play,  
Swimming and splashing about her.

Family Flowers in Winter  
Most people who would like flowers in the house through the winter seem to think it necessary to procure plants which come under the head of greenhouse flowers. Such is not the case. Let me tell you about the kind of plants I had last winter, most of which were strictly greenhouse plants. In the fall, before frost came, I took up two verbena, one a deep scarlet, and one pure white, and potted them together in a common-sized earthen pot. I cut them back pretty well at the time. In a short time they put out new branches. As soon as these began to grow I had a rack or trellis made to which I trained the plants, winding the branches in and out and making them assume the appearance of one plant. When they blossomed, which they did by the first of December, they were perfectly charming. The trellis was a blaze of beauty, the scarlet and white clusters contrasted finely. They blossomed all through the winter months, and in spring I struck a lot of cuttings for early flowering. As soon as the blossoms faded I cut them off, and allowed none to go to seed. I also potted at the same time some petunias, one or two stock-gilly flowers, a nasturtium, and two or three roots of pansies. These were all cut back severely. In a short time they began to grow vigorously. The petunias I trained into bushy, tree-shaped plants by pinching off any straggling shoot which came into their appearance. The colors I selected were such as gave the most contrast. A double one was very pretty for winter flowering, but I have never been fortunate enough to get one. The stocks were all alike, of a full, double kind, which gave a delightful fragrance. These blossomed almost constantly, and were much admired for their fine shape, height and delicate perfume, which I consider far superior to most others, and more agreeable to most persons. Every morning the air in the room was as balmy as a clover-field. The pansies were planted in large shallow pots and allowed plenty of room to exhibit themselves. Their purple and gold never showed off to better advantage than when they were in bloom. I had two last deep outside the window. These plants are easily obtained, easily cared for, not easily killed or injured by frost, and reward the owner with a beautiful bloom. They may not be so fine as greenhouse plants, but they will give better satisfaction all things considered.

The Shepherd Boy  
Little Donald was a shepherd boy, who with his widowed mother, lived in a rude hut among the Carleton hills. By diligent toil they earned a scanty subsistence, and, by spinning, and by watching the flocks of their more prosperous neighbours. Though only ten years of age, the little boy was never idle. He gathered all the faggots for their winter fuel, and he mended the shoes for his mother. He had no playmates. My the lambs and his watch-dog, and he sometimes felt very lonely, when he remembered a darling little sister who had gone to live with the angels. It was a distant corner of the old high-land, where little Joan and her father were sleeping, but it was a perfect bliss to the child to endure many hardships, but few temptations; nor his trials were such as might well test the faith of an older Christian. Sabbath at Mr. McDougall's, meant merely a time to close the front window shutters, and thus screened from observation, to mix and prepare worthless compounds that would impose on the credulous and the unwary. Donald was in great perplexity. Some one had mistaken the day. Was it the Sabbath? The ringing of the church bells reassured him, and he timidly inquired if they should not be late for the Kirk? A burst of laughter from the grocer and his clerks was the only response, and the little "conventer" was ordered to keep his work as usual, and to work on the Lord's Day, master, said the distressed child, "it was his sin against God."

Temperance  
Responsibility  
A young man in Virginia had been sadly in temperance. He was a man of great capacity, fascination, and power, but he had a passion for his bridle which nothing would control. Often in his walks a friend remonstrated with him, but in vain, as he often in turn would urge his friend to take the social glass in vain. On one occasion the latter agreed to yield to him, and as they walked up to the bar together the barkeeper said: "Gentlemen, what will you have?" "Wine, sir," was the reply. The glasses were filled, and the two friends stood ready to pledge each other in renewed and eternal friendship, when he paused and said to his temperate friend: "Now, if I drink this glass and become a drunkard, will you take the responsibility?" The drunkard looked at him with severity and said: "Set down that glass." It was set down, and the two walked away without saying a word. O the drunkard knows the awful consequence of the first glass! Even in his own maddest moments he is not willing to assume the responsibility of another becoming a drunkard. What if the question were put to every dealer as he asks for his license and pays his money? "Are you willing to assume the responsibility?" How many would say if the love of money did not rule, "Take back the license!"—Christian Secretary.

What a Child can do  
"Pa, I have signed the pledge," said a little boy to his father, on coming home one evening. "Will you be my keeper?" "Certainly," said the father. "Well, I have brought a copy of the pledge; will you sign it?" "Nonsense, nonsense, my child! What could I do when my brother-in-law called?" the father had been in the army. "If was a volunteer?" "But do try, papa." "Tut, tut; who, you are quite a little radical." "Well, you won't ask me to pass the bottle, will you?" "You are quite a fanatic, my child; but I promise not to ask you to pass it." Some weeks after that, two fellows called in and spend the evening. "What have you to drink?" they said. Have you any more of that prime Scotch ale?" "No," he said, "I have not, but I shall get some." "Here, Willy, run to the store and tell them to send some bottles up," but he got no. "Come, Willy; why, what's the matter?" "Come, run along." He went, but came back presently without any bottles. "Where's the ale, Willy?" "I asked them for it at the store, and they put it upon the counter, but I could not touch it. O, pa! I don't see angry; I told them to send it up, but I could not touch it myself!" The father was deeply moved, and, turning to his brother-officers, he said: "Gentlemen, you hear that? You can do as you please. When the ale comes, you may drink it; but not another drop after that shall be sent me, and I will not another drop shall be sent me, my lips. Willy, have you your temperance pledge?" "O, pa, I have." "Bring it, then!" And the boy was back with it in a moment. The father signed it, and the little fellow hung round his father's neck with delight. The ale came, but he did not touch it, and he stood on the table untouched. Children, sign the pledge, and ask your parents to help you keep it. Don't touch the bottle, and try to keep others from touching it.—Youth's Temperance Banner.

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