

The Home Circle.

THE CONFESSOR.

Where Peter guarded heaven's gate And never, never did he sleep...

'And why,' he asked, 'should I unbar the gate to you in the night? Is there upon your heart no fear...'

'Ah, why! I must confess I sinned.' The one without replied, 'To keep from punishing others I—'

'I never, never made him wait A dismal hour or two; When he and I agreed to meet...

'Come in, you angel, you!' 'Come in, you angel, you!' 'Come in, you angel, you!'

INDIVIDUAL TASTE.

It is interesting to note that the American parlor of the present day has left far behind that monotonous and stiffest that characterized the best room of a quarter of a century ago.

By contrast, consider, in almost any house to-day, the parlor or drawing room, as the pretentious prefer to call it. There is an individuality about the room in which respects they differed.

It is noticeable in this day of fads that almost every woman has some particular ideal to which both she and her surroundings are subordinated.

CARE OF THE FACE.

In winter there are certain effects of the weather on the face that are very disagreeable. This is especially true if your face is tender and thin.

DRESSY BLACK GOWN.

A very pretty black crepe de chine gown was made with a flounce at the hem. This hem had a scallop of lace at the edge united by black silk berrington lace.

THE SHIRT WAIST POCKET.

This winter's shirt waist has a pocket at least it may have a pocket if its wearer so chooses and still be the glass of fashion and the mold of form.

HALL PICTURES.

It is becoming more and more common to the artist to hang pictures in the hall. On consideration, the idea is a good one from other points of view than the artistic.

THE CORSET COVER.

The corset cover is quite another thing. You would not know it. It comes in all colors, and in all materials, but mostly in silk.

and to secure variety, you must have a change of color. If you will cover your white tulle, another of bright blue, a blue with one and one of bright red.

NINE OUNCES OF PREVENTION.

Never lean with the back upon anything that is cold. Never take warm drinks and then immediately go out in the cold.

Never omit regular bathing, for unless the skin is in active condition the cold will close the pores and favor congestion or other diseases.

When harsh, speak as little as possible and the hoarseness is relieved. Also the throat may be permanently lost or difficult of the throat be produced.

With the Children.

SISTER OF MERCY.

Good-day, my Guardian Angel! The night is past and gone, And thou hast watched beside me.

THE BEAR'S GRATITUDE.

A Turkish paper from Castambul reports the following story, which it declares to be true.

LIVE IN THE KINGDOM OF HOPE.

Hon. John P. Rogers, Governor of the State of Washington, writing in "Success," says:

FISH FIGHTS.

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THE POTATON PENNY.

A curious old custom is described in the November St. Nicholas by Margn Roberts. The school of our country one hundred years ago, she says, would hardly be recognized as schools by the children of to-day.

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school boys. On this grand occasion an exciting contest was held. The fish and tuckers came early with their parents and families, and the minutes and authorities of the community were always present.

It was the custom for each pupil to bring a penny, or some small sum, which enabled the teacher to furnish the treat. If he lived in a generous neighborhood, this gave him a little sum above the cost of the feast.

They had all the good things to eat and drink that one could think of. They had bread, jam tarts, gooseberry pies, and cakes made in all shapes—dozies made of cake, birds made of cake, and gingerbread, men of course.

After a course of any kind never ride in the street on a bicycle. It is dangerous to health, and even life.

CORNER IN MESSINGER BOYS.

Saturday Evening Post. Mr. George Westinghouse, of Pittsburg and Washington, the great bridge-millionaire, has a small son and two daughters.

The youngster looked at the toy coupling-rod he had in his hand and said: "An inventor or an engineer."

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