

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

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At the opening of another volume we greet our readers with promises of a better and more successful year than any yet. Lists from agents varying from five to fifty names are literally pouring in and our magazine is, like a stream impelled by the force of its fountain, rushing in all directions over the land. Agents are still wanted in many sections and almost any young person can make ready cash quicker by canvassing for us than in any other way.

Begin with the new volume and get the first of our new, interesting story, "The Old Library at Home."

PERIODICALS, ETC.

INGERSOLL UNMASKED.—A copy of "Ingersoll Unmasked," a publication of Clark Braden, New York running in its second ten thousand, has been received. The work is written in clear and forcible language and deserves attention for its literary merits as well as its undoubted unveiling of the character of probably the most cowardly, vulgar and unprincipled man of our time. The price of the work is only ten cents which of course adds greatly to the rapidity of its sale.

THE VERDICT.—We have received a copy of a most popular piece of music called the "Verdict March," composed by Eugene L. Blake. It is written in an easy style, so that it can be played on either piano or organ. The title page is very handsome, containing correct portraits of Hon. Geo. B. Corkhill, J. K. Porter, Judge W. S. Cox; also a correct picture of the twelve jurymen who convicted the assassin of the late beloved President. This piece of music should be found in every household throughout the entire country. Price, 40 cents per copy, or 3 copies for \$1. Postage stamps taken as currency. Address all orders to F. W. Helmick, Music Publisher, 180 Elm Street, Cincinnati, O.

RESPONSES TO READERS.

H. J.—We allow the same commission for renewals as for new subscribers.

C. M.—Those who make the fewest promises are generally the most reliable, and if you make but few resolutions you will keep them the easier and thereby build up a character powerful for good, the more surely.

K. D.—(1) Whether long courtships are desirable or not depends on circumstances and the natures of the parties concerned. It is nonsense to think that persons in love become better acquainted with each other's natures, as regards faults, by a long courtship. (2) Lovers should be the perfect gentleman and lady, with all that those terms imply, to each other.

J. S.—The situation of your cellar is doubtless the cause of its dampness and to cure it the land should be drained properly, or perhaps a cistern, in the immediate vicinity, repaired.

Maggie I.—(1) It is very inadvisable to make use of a letter-writer for various reasons, not the least of which is that you cannot say what you want to. A letter should be written for the person, only, who is to receive it, and it matters not how strange it may appear to anyone else. It is fashionable to omit the "th" or "st" in the date; as July 15, '82. In letters of friendship begin with a compliment; and if in harmony better conclude your letter with praise to your correspondent. It gives the letter much better effect than throwing compliments in anywhere. Never send part of a sheet of paper; it shows disrespect to the receiver, as also do *Post Scripts*. (2) In love letters ladies may use tinted pink paper, but it is not fashionable for gentlemen to use anything but plain white.

OUR GEM CASKET.

"But words are things, and a small drop of ink
Falling like dew upon a thought produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think."

The silence often of pure innocence
Persuades, when speaking fails.—*Shakespeare*.

Nothing overcomes passion more than silence.

Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without.

Children have more need of models than of critics.—*Joubert*.

Wounds of the heart are the only ones that are healed by opening.

Conscious and confessed ignorance is better than fancied knowledge.

Jealousy is the sentiment of property; but envy is the instinct of theft.

In love women go the length of folly, and men to the extreme of silliness.

Be not content with the literature of virtue, but carry the essence of the article.

Never let your zeal outrun your charity; the former is but human, the latter is divine.

Learn what is true, in order to do what is right, is the summing up of the whole duty of man.

Ignorance is the curse of God. Knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to Heaven.—*Shakespeare*.

Without woman the two extremities of life would be without help, and the middle of it without pleasure.

The charity which thinketh no evil is a wiser statesmanship than the misanthropy that thinketh no good.

Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as strong to think.—*Emerson*.

"It seems as if them as aren't wanted here are the only folks as aren't wanted in the other world."—*George Eliot*.

Who by repentance is not satisfied
Is nor of heaven, nor earth.—*Shakespeare*.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.—*Longfellow*.

Scientific discoveries and demonstrated principles, contain naught that is contradictory to a rational religious belief.—*Isaac Taylor*.

To do good, which is really good, a man must act from the love of good, and not with a view to reward here or hereafter.—*Swedenborg*.

Selfishness mars the loveliest actions; it stains the fairest beauty; it dims the brightest lustre; it blotches the most munificent charity.

Depravity and misery are of brief duration, but joy and bliss grow and augment through the endless cycles of the soul's immortal existence.

There is no motive so calculated to clog the mind as that of selfishness, especially when clear thinking and decided action are requisite.—*Edith Paterson*.

He who turns against one who has done him personal favors and oft befriended him is worse than the one turned against, no matter how bad the latter may be.

The devotee of truth contents himself with its exposition holding it up in contrast with error; well knowing that in the outcome truth will be accepted by, and error banished from, every human mind.

It is neither safe, respectable, nor wise to bring any youth to manhood without a regular calling. Industry, like idleness, is a matter of habit. No idle boy will make an active and industrious and useful man.

It was a favorite saying of Confucius when he was cursing on the virtue of industry; "You cannot polish rotten wood," meaning thereby to enforce the precept that the idle man cannot become worthy of esteem.