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# OUR HOME CIRCLE.

THE CRICKET OF THE HOUSE-HOLD. What ! brisk little cricket, again on the S (1 P.

Well ! what have you come for, and where have you been.

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Chip! Chip! speaks the cricket and deep Its meaning 1 at ashed and convicted 1 cried.

I am vie, I am statul, and britming with 1º il

Let use learn from the cricket to see with my To turn to

He speaks; I am come from your master and ny. ". With a message

design.

I am weak, but my power is just what HR

bund. Though my pulses run low when the dews are distilled.

With a pelble or leaf for a shelter at night. I rejsice in his goodness and sing with delight ; The range of my vision is narrow indeed, I know not it others have all that they

meed But I know that my Maker's provision is

haige. I know that He fails not and I am His

charge My life, what a wealth ! what a fountain of 61148.

To awaken from nothing and find myself

I wish for a movement, and lo! I have feet, 1 hunger-and find it a pleasure to eat,-I languish, and sleep brings the needed on his form !'

1 set! for the light in the firmanent clows.

Then the warmth and the brightness, the trodden out of England-when lave and the space, The beauty, the transport, what generous

grace : My existence is brief, but its plan is divine-How great must his be who has given me mine

M. voice is discordant-its accent is shrill, But it's tuned to His praise and is due to His skil.

Who hears all the sounds from our earth that arice, As, blended and vast, they ascend to the skies.

He listens, well pleased with the authem He hears, The tribute of Earth to the song of the

spheres, And mine is one note in the noble refrain, To His praise let me sing it again and

again. Yes, my voice is persistent and harsh, it is

associations here are fresh and un- bis own sake, and for some good withering. The thoughtful tour- woman's sake, he ought to be ist will rather leave some places mated. What H-said, half in According to the promise written : of more pretense unvisited, sport, has a serious side to it. And He in scorn and insult smitten Years passed on, and up to the There is no doubt that hundreds end of the century the dawn of of young men deny themselves a reformation grew warmer and wife (and too often drift into How long will you ust here, and where will brighter. Other times then came, licentious alliances) because they Why are yet in noisy? I gladly, would as we have already indicated. In cannot support a wife who has

1400 Chaucer died. John of extravagant notions of living. Gaunt was already gone. Only All the worse for both sexes: one of Wycliffe's great protectors, celibacy is often as hazardous to An echores and d that sell could impart! Percy, father of Hotspur, was re- the woman as to the man. God maining. Henry IV., following ordained marriage, because He Richard II., gave all his influence knew that "it is not good" for

to Rome, and the followers of Wy- either sex " to be alone. cliffe fell on evil times and evil Every young woman is not

many tody and some and be tongues. They found no comfort- " clean datt" on the subject of To flim the Lord of our salration, er, none to hinder the swift wrath stylish living ; there are as sensiof their foes from its dire sweep ble girls left in this world as there of love, with a gracious of vengeance. Their master's were when Solomon wrote the writings were publicly burned, thirty-first chapter of the Book Lam usly but cheerful, am small but con- and every curse found in the of Proverbs. A friend of mine, Romish formulas of anathema who had just learned his trade, was heaped upon his name. But said to the young lady whom he an homeles, and know not to borrow or how could they degrade him to loved: "You are having offers whom the Master had said, "Well from young men in handsome done !" How disquiet him who circumstances. If you marry me had entered into the joy of his I can promise you, for auchile, Lord ! - One weak display of nothing better than an upper hatred, like that which disgraces story of a boarding-house."

the foes of Oliver Cromwell, was She admired his frankness, and within their reach. The bones of the heretic, buried in the chancel of the church where he preached, were defiling a consecrated ground. prize than a parlor carpeted with extract :--His enemies had long chafed in vexation over his peaceful death and burial. "Strange, indeed, says Fuller, "that a hare hunted with so many packs of dogs should die at last quietly sitting In 1428, when in the ruin of the

Lollards all spiritual life seemed the profligacy of the " club parliament' and the avarice and cruelty of the army in France blackened the English name-when in all bear every pressure. christendom the one pure heroic

The social malaria of these figure was Joan of Arc-in this imes is a false idea of matrimony; midnight of church and state the the consequent curse of the day last toul deed was done. is easy divorce. Every strand Wycliffe's remains were unearththat is cut in the sacred bond of ed and burned upon the bridge wedlock loosens the fabric of both spanning the little river Swift society and the church. Easy dithat runs past Lutterworth, and vorce breeds a practical polygamy the ashes thrown into the stream as abominable as any in Utah. to defile English soil no longer Occasionally divorces are justified Rejected from consecrated ground, "The whole earth," says Pericles, party towards deceived and long- go out as Bible women teaching McAuley's Newspaper. he gained a boundless sepulcher. suffering innocence. "Incomin his funeral oration, is the tomb patibility" is no more a "alid of illustrious men." Fuller says, "This brook did convey his ashes ground for divorce than bad digestion or a broken limb. 1 have to the Avon, Avon into the Severn, watched the after-history of the Severn into the narrow seas, they hundreds whom I have married. into the main occan; and thus and have usually found that the the ashes of Wycliffe were the "misfits" were the result of hasty emblems of his doctrine, which is or thoughtless engagements now dispersed the wide world sometimes in defiance of parental wisdom and wishes. On what shore has not the Bible When young people go into an in English not been read! What engagement for life as carelessly laws and institutions of our race has it not affected ! In what as they go to a picnic they must country has it not caused someexpect to pay for their folly with one to say, "My spiryt hath glad- bitter experience. With thousid in God my helthe!" (From ands a marriage engagement is a the Magnificat, Luke i. 46.) It matter of boyish or girlish caphas influenced every generation rice. Sometimes a wife is sought that has "hastened stormfully for the gross gratification of sensacross the stage out of the dark- ual appetite; sometimes as a ness east into the darkness west." shrewd pecuniary speculation; In 1455, seventy years after sometimes to secure a support for Wycliffe's death, the first book shittles laziness from a father-inwas printed. It was the Mazarin law, Such violations of the sac-Bible in Latin, of which six copies red core-idea of wedlock often him with noiseless, air drawn are said to be now existing; one end in the divorce-courts, or in being in the Lenox library of some other form of permanent New York, another at Hartford. separation. If wise marriages About twenty years later Caxton are "made in heaven," then the printed a Bible in England. Thus hasty, loose, selfish or libidinous within a century came two great sort are the hand-work of the biblical epochs of transition-from devil. I would like to whis-Latin into English, and from pen- per in every young lady's earnew came three days of heavenly manship into print. Think of never be "to be had" too cheapthe slow toil of Wycliffe's penman. 1y; never say "Yes" too hastily; gladness, a kindly light was on and then note that since 1804 never accept any man who cannot his face, and he seemed to breathe Bible societies alone (to say noth- offer you a love without a rival the air of paradise. In the closing ing of other publishers) have and a character without a stain. printed and distributed more than Common-sense, industrious habits, the eternal years amid the solemn 180,000,000 Bibles. Testaments, a warm heart and a Bible controops and sweet societies of the and portions of the scripture ! science are the first requisites; true and the brave on high. De- But we must take our leave of the when a young man can lay these vout men carried Wycliffe to his great schoolman, translator, re- at your feet be careful how you burial, and made great lamenta- former, and Protestant. It is say "No" to him; you may be tion over him. The church of St. fitting to pause at the five-hund- sorry for it, and by and by take Mary, that in which he preached redth anniversary of his death, up with a sorry stick from a silly and in which he was buried, still the last day of this year. "Wist fear of being laughed at as an overlocks the pleasant town of ye not that this daye is a prince, "old maid." But the easier that Lutterworth. It is of the point- nay, a greate manne failed doune the divorce process is made the ed architecture that prevailed in in Israel?" The lips of those more numerous will be the hasty, the century before Wycliffe, and that can speak well should re- reckless and ill-assorted marmarital union that did not involve a single particle of friction; and simply because no man is a demigod and no woman a sinless WEDLOCK AND WEDDING. RINGS. "Friend H---, why have you on the "rivets" if they are kept hills, and far in the distance can could, and howled loud and long. ful which once was so, and the the life journey alone, when for T. L. Cuyler, in Brocklyn Advance. are all covered with soft mats dog drive a flock of sheep or a tian.

From sea to sea Shall his dominions be. Shall bear the welcome salutations Of long-oppressed and weary nations And the shall ru'e, Star-crowned and beautiful.

CHRIST'S DOMAIN.

He shall come down, As on the grass new mown The rain descendeth from the spaces, Renewing all earth's tribes and races

With his sweet lite of love and beauty, Through faith in him and deals of duty And thus shall He Hold sway from sea to sea. And He shall live ;

And men to Him shall give Their treasures as they tell the story Of Lis renown and rising glory ;

Who from 11 s pain Went up henceforth to seign

He shall not fail; His kingdom shall prevail ; His armies come with royal banners, Oppressions die 'mid their hosannas His chariot is onward speeding, The cry of all His poor ones heeding.

Great Prince, ride on Till Thou all lands bast won! -Bible Society Record.

### LIFE IN JAPAN.

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Miss Watson, who lately left the United States to engage in mission work in Japan, has writhad sense enough to know that | ten a letter to a relative describthe genuine love of a pure and ing her journey and her new noble young man was a greater abode. We make the following tears, said: "I have to die. I

Wilton and a wardrobe tilled with Yokohama is a city of about sixty satin and point-lace. She married thousand Japanese, two thousand, him, and he fought his way up to or nearly so of Europeans, and become a prosperous head of a five or six hundred of Chinese. It firm in Broadway. If she had is a beautiful place, especially the sold her maidenly heart for money Bluff, which is the home mostly (which is often a genteel form of of European residents. Miss prostitution) she would have Benton and I are settled in our cheated herself deplorably. There own home, quite a large building is but one single, valid motive for | -- in fact, much too large for wedlock, and that is pure, old- present purposes; but we maybe fashioned love - a love strong able to use it in future. It was enough to stand any strain and to formerly owned by our present

society, and used as a schoolrcom and dwelling for the teachers of the boys' school. But the school was moved to Tokio, as it was considered a better place, and the ladies bought it for our home. Our work at present is the supervision of five schools in different parts of the city, teaching the B ble, Catechism, and singing in poor wretch was swung into them, and instructing a class of eternity. He was drunk only by the criminal conduct of one women in the Bible, who are to once, but it was enough 1-Jerry the Bible, and holding meetings from house to house. We have been invited to go into two or three more schools, but do not think, with the study of the lauguage, that we can do any more until the warm weather is past. The rifts, the holes in it. What It is very bot here after the rainy life is there through which afflicseason, which usually begins totion does not make some rift? wards the end of June, and lasts All went well till then, but through thirty days, then a scorching heat that rift in the life came thought for two months or more. We are and feeling. Doubt in us is in the midst of the rainy season created by some rift in our life. now, and we have not had a whole some loss creating a sense of day's sunshine for two weeks or grief, some question of despair. longer, and nearly all the time So," said the preacher we heard, the rain is falling in torrents, and we are closely housed. I thought I knew something of rain, but I by having a number of holes bored never saw anything like that we have been having here. One piece of wood, very beautiful to good thing, the streets are all covlook upon; now I am spoiled by ered with small stones or pebbles, these rifts and holes,' and it said and soon become hard, so we have but little mud, and a few hours' sun soon dries everything, so that we can walk anywhere. This (Wednesday, July 11) is a lovely day, the rain gone, and sunshine everywhere, though I fancy it is very hot out in the sun. I spend the morning in study. made thee into a flute; they are thy My teacher comes at eight o'clock life, thy character, thy music and and spends two hours. Then I melody, and thou wilt not now be have two hours of study. The language is very difficult. There are fifty-seven characters or letters as they each have three, and in man should reveal to him his some four different forms, or capacity for supernatural refreshsounds, we say. Then there is a ment; his hard and sterile being book language, an impolite, and polite, and a very polite form of is made to receive divine airs which make it musical in its sorspoken language. So you see it rows."-Sunday at Home. will take time and study. I think sometimes I am too fearfully stupid to ever know anything; but I see others who have learned it, and I think I may not be such a dunce after all. Japan as a country is beautiful. The country is considerably broken day he was walking with his into hills and valleys. Every master, when they came to a deep ing up State street one chilly day, spot seemingly is under cultiva- crevice. His master's foot slip- saw a bare-tooted girl trotting tion, and so much green as we ped in the snow and over he went along on the cold pavement. Probably there never was a see now is beautiful indeed. We upon the rocks in the bottom of live on what is known here as the the crevice. He was hurt, and girl ?" said the gentleman. Bluff, or a high hill, from which could not climb up. What should we can look down on the city, and Bruce do? He could not go away where we get a fine breeze. Be. and leave his master, and could said he. angel. But even the few and fore us is the city; Yeddo Bay not get down to help him. So he inevitable frictions will not wear beyond; to the left are beautiful crept as near the crevice as he poor little waif.

called tomaumes, which answer herd of cattle? I used to see one the purpose of chairs in the day- drive cattle twice every week, time, and with a kind of thick from the great cattle markets at quilt answer for beds at night. Brighton, Mass. He drove them The people all sit on the floor, straight through the village. He drop on their knees, and then fall kept them together in the street. backward on the feet. This posi- He would not let them go upon tion is quite uncomfortable to us, the sidewalk, or stray into yards but they are accustomed to it or by-streets. He looked neither from childhood, and so are more to the right nor to the left. If comfortable than seated on chairs. you spoke to him, he would take The religious interest has never no notice. He could not spare been so great in Japan as during time from his work even to look the last few months. Since Janu- at you! Often a shepherd leaves ary more than eight natives have his dog to drive and herd the been baptized and received into flock alone, and he always does it our little church here on the hill, well and faithfully. He knows and the work is going on in all every sheep in the flock. I know parts of the city, and in fact in all a shepherd dog on a New Engparts of the Empire. I long land farm who takes the cows eagerly to be able to talk the lan- three miles to pasture every guage of the people, as well as to morning and goes for them at understand them .- The Presby- night. A man who lives near the pasture lets down the bars for terian.

## ONLY ONCE.

A bright and once promising young man under sentence for murder, was brought forth from his cell to die on the scaffold. The Sheriff said : "You have but five minutes to live. If you have anything to say, speak now.' The young man, bursting into had a little brother with beautiful brown eyes and flaxen hair; and I loved him. But one day I got drunk for the first time in my life, and coming home I found him getting berries in the garden, and

became angry with him without a cause and killed him with one blow of a rake. I was so drunk I knew nothing about it until next morning when I awoke and found myself bound and guarded, and was told that my little brother was found, his hair clotted with blood and brains, and he was dead. Whiskey had done it. It has ruined me. I never was drunk but once. I have only one more word to say, and then I am going to my Judge. I say to young persons, never! never! never touch anything that can intoxicate!" The next moment the

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS

him. The shepherd dog of the Abruzzes is a beautiful creature. He is white as the snows of his mountains; he is large; he is brave; he runs as fast as a hound. He not only herds the sheep, but he protects them from wolves. He protects his master, too, from wolves. He eats from the table with his master. Shepherd dogs are used on the great sheep ranches in our west. Just think of a little collie massing together 2,000 sheep and driving them into a pen! Doing it all alone, too! -Our Little Men and Women. -----CARLY'S MISCHIEF. "Don't touch anything you don't know about," said Carly's mamma; because you see, it was Carly's first visit to the country, and she didn't want him to get into trouble first thing. "Re-

member, Carly." "Yes'm," answered Carly, very promptly and politely : and he really meant to.

But when he got out into the woods one day, with a soft carpet of ferns and mosses to lie on, and an airy roof of green leaves over head he forgot to remember.

He stretched bimself out under a tree, and when he had eaten all the bunch berries within his reach, he began to look for something else to do; and pretty soon he saw an odd-looking thing, like

upon the into popu "proverb. than this. function of mere bye-w gate the La ble renders proverbs i bles-"The The greate production of Proverbtion which dom. We a that he spake verbs." A preserved in these we ow King Hezekia work to make mon's prover tradition (Pr Solomon di proverbs in t. In chap, 30, Agur, the so 31. " the w The body of Solomen's. Ver. 2. verbs ts t dom. This al and comp the aim of the only to the kn a moral 'sign an inward poy struction, trai discernment. sings somewh ippians-" kn ment," that th things which the margin has that differ." (Pl 3. - Wisdom the word in-Justice. that is ment, the decisi which are exe tween good an judgment." Ed gin); uprightne the plural, call rightness in its plications. 4. - Subtiltu. T and a wrong. which enables us a deceptive app the inexperience who possess as the result of as the result of

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That needed to be, for its call is to you ! And man is obtuse, and his heart is so prone, He heeds not a message when gentle in toue.

But oh ! if your blessings were equal to

If for you the sun shone, and the truit bent the vine If your members could move as your wishes

require, And Nature's supply fitted every desire, If you had a sheller from darkness and over." So, indeed, it is dispersed ! ·torm.

How your praise would arise and your feel. ings grow warm, You would listen, his faintest instructions to hear.

Would watch for his tokens and live in his Would wish that your life might be longer

than mine. To b. : k in his love, and fulfil His design ! 1. E. W.

#### JOHN WYCLIFFE.

He died at his post. He was conducting divine service on the last Sunday of 1384 with his loved and loving people of Lutterworth. Paralysis came down to touch, as of an angel's beckoning tinger. He was borne from his church like a warrior from a field of battle. He was at rest. His last days had been twenty years of stormy strife, in which every day had seen a battle, and peace. His soul overflowed with hours of the year he entered upon though its boast is of but one hearse his virtues and his toils, riages. great and illustrious name, we and all who love and have freedom look on it with a concentered sen- by the truth should glorify God sibility unfelt in Westminster in him.

abbey. There hangs his portrait on the vestry wall; in that pulpit he was preaching when heaven's usher of the white rod" toucled him to escort him else-

where; on that table he wrote; never married?" in that chair he died; Le even time that deals heavily on this old stand that."

a big bunch of crumpled, coarse USES OF SUFFERING. paper, fast to a limb on a hazel We remember a parable in bush which a preacher says, " Look at

Carly wondered about it for a that flute; it was a piece of wood minute. what has made it into a flute?

"Well, I'm going to pull it off," said he; and he jumped up and walked toward the hazel bush. Mamma won't care. It's only some nasty gray paper; and ] wonder what it is there for ?"

So Carly took hold of the queerlooking bunch; and in the same instant he let go again, with a shrill little scream.

For out at him swarmed an · I listened to a flute one day, army of small defenders in jackets omplaining that it was spoiled of black and yellow; and each one carried a tiny sharp sword, which in it. 'Once,' it said, 'I was a he knew well enough how to use. Oh dear! how Carly screamed and how he ran?

And after a little while the litall this mournfully and musically. tle yellow jacketed fellows gave Oh, thou foolish flute,' I said, up the chase, though not before without these rifts and holes Carly had felt the point of a good thou wouldst only be a mere bit many of the sharp little swords. of stick, a bit of mere hard, black And mamma pitied him, and ebony, soon to be thrown away. soothed him, and bathed his poor, Those rifts and holes have been swelling little hands and face in the making of thee; they have saleratus water.

"How did you happen to get into a bornet's nest, dear."

"I thought it was paper," cast aside with contempt, but moaned Carly. "It looked just touched by even the fingers of like paper, mamma.' future generations.' Thus sorrow

Ah!" said mamma, lifting her eyebrows.

'And I'm orfle sorry I didn't mind mamma," said Carly, penitently. "I will next time, 'cause -'cause I don't like such hard prickers, mamma.'

Mamma laughed. " There's always sure to be something to prick when little boys don't mind," said she .- Youth's Computition.

THE SHEPHERD DOG. Bruce is a shepherd dog. One A LITTLE WAIF .- A man pass-

> "Where are your shoes, little " Don't dot ony," said she. "' Don't dot any ?' Why not ?"

" My papa dets drunk." said the

That tells the whole story. well-oiled with unselfish love, be seen Fugi Tama, the noted vol- "Come and help! Come and Bare feet, ragged clothing, hunin that chair he died; Le even The prompt answer was: "I When true hearts are wedded in cano of Japan. We see many help!" he cried. Some of his ger, want, poyerty and misery, all the Lord, and wedded for heaven, queer sights. The people dress master's neighbors heard the come when "papa dets drunk." shred of which one might beg for n.y stratum of society nowadays they can bear an occasional dis-memory 1 And the out the form is and knew Bruce's voice. And tens of thousands are begin-the the out the strategine in the strategine is a strategine is a strategine in the strategine is a strategine is a strategine in the strategine is a strategine is a strategine is a strategine in the strategine is a strategine in the strategine is a strategine is a strategine is a strategine in the strategine is a strategine is a strategine in the strategine is a strategine in the strategine is a strategine in the strategine is a strategi inemory! And the quiet waters are not satisfied without dia agreement of taste or judgment, ing a little accustomed to their and hastened to learn what was ning to taste the deadly cup that of that stream were once strewn monds, seal-skins and opera tick- or a few disappointments, and not ways and customs. They live in the matter. They could go down brings all this misery at the end; with his ashes! The lapse of ets, and my small income can't love each other one whit the less. very small houses, with little into the crevice, and so helped his and others are dealing out this What cuts a wedding-ring through furniture-indeed, we would not master up, to Bruce's great joy. dreadful deadly poison to poor debuilding, leaves that still beautions is will be average in the solution of t

