

The Home Circle.

EVENING CHANT

Adelaide A. Proctor

Strew before the lady a picture—
Roses—flaming like the sky,
Where the lingering western clouds
Watch the lingering daylight die.

Violets steeped in dreamy colors,
Dumblie as the Mother mild,
Blue as were her eyes when watching
O'er her sleeping Child.

Strew white Lilies, pure and spotless,
Beating on their stalks of green,
Bending down with tender pity—
Like our Holy Queen.

Let the flowers spend their fragrance
On our Lady's dear shrine,
While we claim her gracious helping
Near her Son Divine.

Strew before our Lady's picture
Gentle flowers, fair and sweet,
Hope and Fear, and Joy and Sorrow
Place too, at her feet.

Hark! the Angelus is ringing—
Ringing through the falling night,
In the heart of every blossom
Leave a prayer to-night.

All night long will Mary listen,
While our pleadings fond and deep,
On their scented breath are rising
For us—while we sleep.

Scarcely through the starry silence
Shall one trembling petal stir,
While they breathe their own sweet
Fragrance.

And our prayer—to her.
Peace to every heart that loves her!
All her children shall be blessed;
While she prays and watches for us,
We will trust and rest.

AGE NOT FROM YEARS.

An interviewer of Sarah Bernhardt
speaks as follows on her retention of
youth:
Sarah Bernhardt is 50 years of age
at least.

She looks to-day not an hour over
fifty and thirty.
I am not speaking of Mme. Bernhardt
as she appears upon the stage
to her audience but as she is in real
life, away from the glare of the
footlights.

No woman has worked harder than this
greatest actress of the century.
The motto of this unique woman's
life has been Quand Meme, which, freely
translated means despite obstacles,
despite weary rehearsal, despite
painfully plain. She wears that to
connotation. Her features were far from
classic. Her complexion had a pallor
that was ghastly, and she looked
certainly thirty, and was anything but
attractive in fact or figure.

"Quand Meme," she said, and despite
the most stupendous obstacles
she made herself a beautiful woman
to gaze upon as well as the unique
genius of her time.

Now, do you know, I believe 999 women
in every 1,000 can be beautiful
quand meme.

When I asked Mme. Bernhardt the
secret of her beauty and her youth
she said, as I knew she would. "Temperance
and cleanliness, ma chere.
Soap and water are my best cosmetics—
hot water—lots of hot water and
soap. For stimulants I have my work—
my art. I cannot grow old. I love
my art—I spend my life absorbed in
it. I am happy, never bored. How can
one have lines of age or weariness or
content when one is happy, busy, never
fatigued; when one's spirit is ever
over young? When I am tired it is not
my soul, just my body. Well, then, I
refresh myself with a hot bath. After
the theatre always a hot scrub—all
the make-up thoroughly washed away.
If I feel weary before the theatre—
I rarely do—I take a bath, a tepid
bath, to rest me. I begin the day
with a bath; and it with soap and
water. Voilà—that is the Alpha and
Omega of my toilet.

"I never drink wines or stimulants
of any kind. I never have worn a
tight corset, although I may have
more than I require. You Americans,
you really eat too many sweets.

"I say to the young as I have said
to the public, Quand Meme, I shall
continue you. I am young today. I was
young a score of years back when
I was a little pensionnaire of
fifteen, ah, then, ma chere, then I was
old. You like. I have no lines or
wrinkles, you say. Why should I have
wrinkles? I do not draw my brows
or pull my mouth down to make
them."

Sarah Bernhardt has discovered the
fountain of youth in temperance,
cleanliness and work.

Premature age, decay, wrinkles and
all the foes to beauty that women
fear, yet not enough to avoid their
causes—they almost may be summed
up as the anti-theosis of Bernhardt's
words. Intemperance, cleanliness,
illness—these are the beauty-
destroying demons of every age, every
nation.

LAUGHTER A DUTY.

There is a mission for humor. The
woman who can make others laugh is
a great blessing to her fellows. There
are times in one's experience when a
bit of fun is better, more a means of
grace, than a serious sermon would
be. There are times when the best
help we can give to a friend is to
make her laugh. The wise man
says, "A merry heart is a good medicine."

A hearty laugh would cure
many a sickly feeling, driving away
the blues and changing the whole
aspect of life.

We may set down laughter, therefore,
among the Christian duties.
There may be no commendment in
the decalogue saying, "Thou shalt
laugh," but Christ certainly taught
that joy is a duty, one virtue which
every Christian should cultivate. St.
Paul also makes it very clear that we

With the Children.

QUESTIONS FOR THE EDITOR.

Mr. Editor please do you know
where the white comes from
put in the snow?
Why don't they flavor it sometimes
with coffee?
And color it crimson, like raspberries?

No one can tell me—do you understand
Baby's entreaties to swallow his
hand?
He does it, and says "uggie-uggie"
between.

What is the square root, and where
does it live?
And how is it extracted? I'm anxious to
know;
I've dug till I'm tired, all over the
ground,
But every root I exposed has proved
round.

Why does a goose bow his head to the
floor?
When it enters a pen or a barn, at
least the door?
Is it for manners, or is it instinct—
From an ignorant view of the light of
its head?

I heard a man say that he looked well
and at a young man's going along
with a bag or a clam, or what
and when you fall in, does it hurt
you or not?

Why does an insect all obstacles and
Which it might well walk round with
less trouble and time?
And why, tell me why, has the Manx
cat no tail?

Please say by return and oblige.
—David Gray in Little Folks.

FRANCE'S WALKING MOUNTAIN.

An object of the greatest interest
to continental Europe at this minute
is a walking mountain in Gard,
France, which is moving toward the
river of the same name, at the rate
of fifteen feet a day. Its advance
has destroyed the machinery and
pits of the Grande Combe Colliery,
and has also destroyed nearly a mile
of the Alais railway. New channels
are being prepared for the Gard and
Gardon rivers, which are sure to be
checked up when the landslide comes.
Six hundred persons have been
obliged to leave their homes at Grande
Combe. The lower strata of the mountain,
which rises sheer from the valley
to a height of 1,000 feet, are of
both have given away owing to the
infiltration of rain.

INTERVIEWED THE POPE.

Harry Steele Morrison, an American
boy has interviewed Pope Leo XIII.
for the New York Journal. He visited
Rome with a letter of introduction to
the Papal secretary, who, after
learning that Morrison had interviewed
Queen Victoria, the President of
France and several other dignitaries
of Europe, presented him to His Holiness.

"So you are an American," said
the Pope in pure English. "I am very
glad to see you. I do not believe I have
had an American boy to call upon me
for a long, long time, and I am very
glad to hear of you. I suppose
you are from New York?"

I bowed and said "Yes," writes
young Morrison.

"That must be a great city," continued
the Pope. "Have you seen the
cathedral there?" I told him that I
had visited the cathedral many times.

"It must surely be very beautiful,"
said the Pope. Then, continuing, he
said, "I have had many Americans to
see me, but you are the youngest. Many
hundreds of them came over on our
ship, and they were all in St. Peter's
one day. It was a great compliment
to me that they had come so far, and
it is a compliment to me that you have
come in all."

"You have seen many things that I
have never seen," he said. "It is a
good thing for a young man to travel.
It gives him broad ideas and a wonderful
knowledge of the world. I advise
all my young friends to see as much
of the world as they can while they
are young, because they will later be
obliged to rest in one place. Do you
not feel that your travel is an education
for you?"

"Yes, indeed," I said. "I am sure
it is the best education I could have."

"But you must have another kind
of education with it," said the Pope.

"You must know something of books.
Can you read?"

I had to confess that I could not.

"You should study it, then. It is a
wonderful training for a young man's
mind."

His Holiness then asked me to tell
him something of the people whom I
have interviewed, and of the ways in
which I succeeded in seeing them. He
seemed vastly amused at some things
that I said, and was much interested
in all.

"You American boys have great
perseverance," was all that he said
when I finished.

"What do you expect to follow as
a career?" he asked.

"I hope to be a newspaper man," I
said. His Holiness hesitated before
replying.

"That is a good career if you follow
it properly," he said. "But a writer
has to be a newspaper man, and
responsibility. The press is a powerful
agency for good or evil in the
world, and every person connected
with it should be careful that his
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