

## HEARTH AND HOME.

To teach a child is to give him ideas; to train him is to enable him to reduce those ideas to practice. And it is not difficult to train children. They are adapted to training. No willow to form a basket was ever woven more easily than children may be influenced in right ways by wise parents. They can be fashioned as readily as clay is fashioned on the potter's wheel.

We can eat up a friendship, as we can eat up everything else, and leave ourselves no crumbs to go on with out of all that large cake that once was ours. If we throw too much on our friends—make too many demands on their sympathy, their patience, their good-nature, their allowance, their generosity—we shall end by eating up in a short time the cake of love that should have lasted us to the end.

THE experience of life shows that, while poverty has its disadvantages, moderate conditions are a thousand times more advantageous than conditions of great wealth. If you are well off, and have no need to press your children, they are in more danger than those children whose parents are poor. Those circumstances in life, not indeed that press the child harshly and severely, but that lay him under the necessity of being and doing, as the very condition of his existence, make staunch men.

UNMARRIED LADIES.—The single state is no diminution of the beauties and the utilities of the female character; on the contrary, our present life would lose many of the comforts, and much, likewise, of what is absolutely essential to the well-being of every part of society, and even of the private home, without the unmarried female. The single woman is as important an element of social and private happiness as the married woman. The utilities of each are different; but it is vulgar nonsense, unworthy of manly feeling, and discreditable to every just one, to depreciate the unmarried condition.

THE MATERNAL INSTINCT.—It is a mistake to suppose that the maternal instinct is universal on the one hand, or that it is developed only by personal experience on the other. Even women who are mothers may be found wholly destitute of it, with not a ray of natural feeling for their offspring; and some who are neither wives nor mothers in fact are all the latter in feeling. These are women who are the chosen friends of both sexes and all ages. To them flock all who have troubles, sure of a patient hearing and that sweet sympathy which of itself heals the wounds laid bare to its touch.

POCKET-MONEY FOR CHILDREN.—There is no error more fatal than imagining that pinching a youth in his pocket-money will teach him frugality. On the contrary, it will occasion his running into extravagance with so much more eagerness when he comes to have money in his own hands; as pinching him in his diet will make his appetite only the more rapacious. If you put into the hands of your child more money than is suitable to his age and discretion, you must expect to find that he has thrown it away upon what is not only idle, but hurtful. A certain small, regular income every child above six years of age ought to have. When he comes to be capable of keeping an account, he ought to be obliged to do it; he will thereby acquire a habit of frugality, attention, and prudence, that will be of service to him through his whole life. On the contrary to give a young person money to spend at will, without requiring any account of it, is leading, or rather forcing, him upon extravagance and folly.

THE COMFORTS OF A HOUSE.—A good architect says that no man has a right to build a house until he himself knows what he wants. The tastes of every family are different, and the house should express them. If a household is musical and not literary, it is of a good deal more importance that there should be a convenient nook for a piano than unlimited space for book-shelves. But why should people who care nothing for the concord of sweet sounds pay to gentility the tribute of a music-room? Furniture, too, should take its colour from the taste and necessities of each household. People who make their living room their sole parlour do not want it furnished with silk or satin, which must either be shrouded in unsightly brown linen, or else soon becomes so marred and disfigured as to be a torment to the eye. For such comfortable living-rooms—and they are the pleasantest rooms in which anyone can ask a guest to sit down—give us good strong woollen reps, or even old-fashioned haircloth, rather than silken dilapidation.

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS.—There is hardly a more wretched class of men than those who, after spending years in active business, go into retirement in the prime of life. They become drones, of very little use to themselves or to others. There is now and then, among such men, a student, whose intellectual pursuits afford him an inexhaustible spring of enjoyment. But as a general thing, long addiction to the close pursuit of business disqualifies one for anything else, and retired business men are consequently without any occupation worthy of the name, and seem, ridiculously enough, to be merely waiting for their time to come to die, which we have no doubt comes much sooner than it would if their minds were diverted by some useful pursuit. Life is short at best if all of it is occupied; but to sit down in idleness in one's prime is like destroying half our days. Rest and rust are almost synonymous terms. Industry is indispensable to happiness, at whatever stage of our existence, and to retire out of one's accus-

toed occupation is to retire into misery, as many a man has found, to his lasting sorrow.

## BRELOQUES POUR DAMES.

Is not a bean the proper adjunct for the matrimonial tie?

Is what key would a lover write a proposal of marriage?—Be mine, ah!

You cannot preserve happy domestic pairs in family jars.

"Ah!" said a young lady, "'tis sweet to be watched over by a brother—of one's dearest friend."

There are elements of success in every man, but usually he doesn't discover them until some smart woman begins to tread on his heels.

There is a lady in New York who is such a stickler for polite formality that when she can't attend church she sends her card to the clergyman.

HENRY V. belts are the latest feminine freaks in that line. They are probably so called, because it costs Henry a V. every time his wife purchases one.

A despairing swain, in a fit of desperation, recently declared to his unrelenting lady-love that it was his firm determination to drown himself, or perish in the attempt!

"If you should steal me, what do you suppose your punishment would be?" asked a young lady of her lover.—"I should be transported, of course," was his reply.

"Humph!" said a young gentleman at a play with a young lady; "I could play the lover better than that myself."—"I should like to see you try it!" was her naive reply.

"How could cream be soonest frozen?" asked an old bachelor of a young lady, as he was eating his ice cream.—"By casting an old bachelor's heart into it," was the crushing reply.

When you reflect that at picnics a hundred years ago it was the custom for the girls to stand up in a row and let the men kiss them all good-bye, all this enthusiasm about national progress seems to be a grave mistake.

As ladies are not expected to take much interest in the newspapers for the next four months, there is reason to believe that the domestic affairs of the neighborhood will be more thoroughly investigated and better understood.

A young gentleman, after having for some time paid his addresses to a lady, popped the question. The lady, in a frightened manner, said, "You scare me, sir!" The gentleman did not wish to frighten the lady, and consequently remained silent for some time, when she exclaimed, "Scare me again!"

AS exchange wants ladies to take off their hats in church, but as long as half the ladies go to church for the purpose of displaying their hats, it is hardly possible that the suggestion will be adopted—unless a glass case is placed alongside of the pulpit for their accommodation, and the name of the owner is prominently affixed to each hat.

SHE had been fishing for trout very long and patiently without catching any, when her husband espied her, and asked her what sort of flies she used. "Oh," she answered, "some nice ones that I bought in Paris on purpose." "But," exclaimed the husband, pulling out her line and looking at the flies, "these flies will never catch trout. Who ever heard of anybody fishing for trout with flies of this color?" "Why," replied the wife, "they are all right—they match my dress, you see!"

A thriving trader in Wisconsin claiming the paternity of eleven daughters, greatly to the astonishment of his neighbours, succeeded in marrying them all off in six months. A neighbour of his, who had likewise several single daughters, called upon him to obtain the secret of his husband-making success, when the trader informed him he had made it a rule, after a young man had paid his attentions to one of his girls a fortnight, to call upon him with a revolver, and request him to choose between death and matrimony. "You can imagine," continued he, "which of the two they prefer."

THE young ladies who have passed the graduate's examination at the Normal College this year were obliged to spell the following words correctly:

Anomalous, analogous, banditti, bigoted, capillary, chloroform, crystallize, desecrated, ecstasy, edible, embarrassment, farinaceous, glycerine, hemorrhage, impanelled, lachrymal, liquefy, marauder, murrain, nutritious, Olympian, pharmaceutical, pleurisy, sacerdotal, sarsaparilla, tortoise, virtuous, vicissitude, zephyr, zouave, bacchanal, Bucephalus, Cynthia, Mozambique, Philippine, Portuguese, Piedmont, Valparaiso, Yenisei, Cincinnati.

## THE GLEANER.

DURING the present century about 200,000,000 copies of the Bible have been distributed.

It is said that Col. Valentine Baker has grown old and gray rapidly during his confinement, and that his health is much impaired.

Two guns belonging to the Spanish Armada, which have been under water for 288 years, have been recovered off the Scotch coast by a diving party.

THE Rev. Newman Hall says that within three years the churches of Great Britain have lost 30,000 members through the vice of intemperance.

ENGLAND is spending \$10,000,000 a year on public schools, besides millions of voluntary contributions, and yet only about one-third of the children in the country attend school.

MR. ISAAC BUTT, the Irish Home Rule leader, will visit the United States during the coming autumn to deliver lectures in several cities. He will be accompanied by his son, Mr. Robert Butt, and several Home Rule members.

THE French Chambers of Commerce are planning for a grand canal between Havre and Marseilles. One of the plans is for a ship canal 10 feet deep, 100 feet wide, across the Isthmus of Guienne and Languedoc, shortening the sea route by 800 miles.

THE latest insanity in Paris is a parasol for the poodle. A large white animal is the pioneer of the fashion. He goes around wearing a round black velvet cap, and carrying a basket, to the side of which is attached a small *cerise* silk parasol, which is held over his head by the weight of the basket.

DR. H. A. REYNOLDS is a remarkably successful temperance agitator in New England. He claims to have induced 51,000 persons to sign the pledge within two years. He calls either "hell's kindling wood," and asks converts to wear red ribbons in their ribbons in their button-holes as a notification that they will never have red in their noses.

THE best tobacco in the world for cigars is perhaps that found at Cuba, and the best tobacco in Cuba is grown at Vuelta de Abajo. The best snuff comes from Macouba, a village of Martinique, where the Empress Josephine was born. The best Turkish tobacco is that raised in Macedonia. Tombeki, which is exclusively smoked in narghilehs, comes from Persia. When good good it looks like new shoe leather used for soles.

GILBERT STUART, the artist, once told Washington Allston that Gen. Washington's figure was by no means good, his shoulders being high and narrow, and his hands and feet excessively large, and his belly out of all proportion, a defect much increased by the fashion of the waistcoat. Yet his general appearance was singularly fine. His favorite full dress was black velvet with white lace ruffles.

## ALWAYS BOYS.

Children in their games seem to have been the same in all times. Of the *pila*, or ball, the Romans were very fond; nay, it was the favourite exercise of many of all ages. The most popular, and surely the most difficult game of this kind, was what called the *pila trigonalis*, played by three persons, who stood in the form of a triangle, and manifested their skill by throwing and catching the ball with their left hand. The roundlet of baked clay upon the table was likely to have been the heart or core of a *pila*, and was covered originally with some soft material. It was discovered some years ago under the residence of Dr. Gibson, in Bootham, in a little place which might be considered the baby house of a child. The whistle, of which there was a specimen exhibited, had been the delight of the young in all ages; the *alegnum*, or whip, made of less durable material, had perished long ago; so had the top, the *volubilis baxum*, to which it was often applied; so the *arundo longa* on which the Roman youngster galloped off to his Banbury Cross; so also the *trochus*, or hoop, which was driven along like ours by a stick with a hook at the end. Unlike ours, however, the Roman hoop had sometimes bells attached to it. There are in the York Museum several pieces of glass which might be called marbles. The little roundlets of stone and glass were the bases of vessels prepared with the greatest care for a game somewhat resembling our hopscotch, if not identical with it. Below them was a solitary die of jet, probably for the amusement of a child, as it is not truly formed. As far back as the days of Horace the Roman lad is rebuked for his ignorance of horsemanship and the chase and his love of the Greek hoop and the forbidden dice. The same unhappy tendency at a still later period aroused the indignation of the great Roman satirist. A photograph exhibited represented the favourite toys of some little child, which were taken out of her grave at Cologne, and are now preserved in the Mayor Museum at Liverpool. They were embedded in a kind of plateau to display them properly. In the centre was the doll made of ivory, with those wonderfully pendulous legs which are the child's delight. Around it was a remarkable collection of pots and pans, with which the little one would mess and cook; water bottles too; a little bronze pounder to crush or work with; a plate to hold the result of the young housewife's labour; a spoon to eat it with; and there, too, in a conspicuous place, is the inevitable die. It was evident that people in those days entered earlier into the school of cookery than they do with us.

## "THE MAID OF ATHENS."

The world has long been taught that Mrs. Black, of Athens, was the lady to whom, before her marriage, Byron addressed the exquisite verses bearing this title. Mrs. Black was greatly annoyed by this association of her name with that of the dissolute poet, and recently its injustice has been demonstrated. She was the daughter of Mr. Maeri, a Greek, who was British Consul in Athens. When Byron arrived in the city he made the house of the Consul his home. Here he remained for several months. Mr. Maeri had three beautiful little daughters,

aged respectively ten, eight and five years. When Byron left Athens the eldest was but eleven, and she never afterwards saw him. In clearing up the poet's room after his departure, various papers were gathered and thrust into a barrel, with no thought of their importance. At the beginning of the Greek revolution in 1821, Mr. Maeri was driven out of Athens, and fled with his family to the Island of Corfu. They packed their effects hastily, and it chanced that the barrel of rubbish containing Byron's waste paper was taken with him. Meanwhile the poet had become famous even in Corfu, and Mrs. Maeri remembered with pride that the greatest of living poets had been her guest. She and her daughter remembered his scraps of paper, and going to the barrel where they had been placed they examined them with care. Among other effusions was found the poem in question. It was shown to one another by the family, and as Miss Maeri was now a lovely young lady, those who read it supposed that it had been addressed to her, not reflecting that when it was penned she was but a tiny girl. The supposition that Byron made love to a child of ten of course is absurd. Miss Maeri married Mr. Black, an officer of the British Marine Guard, at Corfu, and it is said made one of the best of wives. She died recently at an advanced age, leaving an only daughter, who is said to inherit her mother's admirable qualities of mind and heart. Who the Maid of Athens really was must remain a mystery.

## LITERARY.

Prof. F. H. Huxley is expected to arrive in the United States the first week in August.

Mr. Louis J. Jennings, late editor of the N.Y. Times, has become London correspondent of the World.

Dr. Charles Mackay will shortly publish a complete edition of his poetical works.

John Neal, the well-known author, died in Portland, Maine, on the 20th ult., aged 83 years. He was the author of romances, dramas, poems, and other works.

WE are promised books from two Royal authors. One, the Sultan of Zanzibar, who is to publish the diary of his journal to Europe, and Prince Leopold, who is to issue a volume of travels in Italy and the South of France.

THE French Minister of Public Instruction, M. Waddington, has conferred upon M. Biowitz, who succeeded Mr. Lawrence Oliphant as correspondent of the London Times at Paris, the golden palm of an officer of public instruction.

LAST year there were published in Japan two new daily, four weekly, and one monthly periodical; one novel, one dictionary, one geography, grammar and history combined; and a number of official statements, the latter actually bound in blue.

February, 1877, is the bicentenary of Spinoza's death, and it is proposed to erect a statue of him at the Hague, if possible, in sight of the spot where he spent the last ten or twelve years of his short life and wrote the works that were to be his legacy to mankind.

THE general fees of lecturers are about as follows:—Bayard Taylor, \$125; Bret Hart, \$125; "Eli Perkins," \$100; Mrs. Scott-Siddons, \$150; Theodore Tilton, \$150; Carl Schurz, \$200; Nasby, \$100; Mrs. Livermore, \$100; Susan B. Anthony, \$50; Ann Liza Young, \$100; "Mark Twain," \$200; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, \$75; Lillian Edgerton, \$75; Dr. J. J. Villiers, \$75; and Nast, \$150.

THE last words of George Sand were "Laissez la verdure" (leave the green). Her children did not at first understand, and thought she was delicious; but remembering afterwards that she expressed vexation at marble slabs and crosses being put over her grand children's graves, were convinced her meaning was that she wished a grassy tomb. This may be a deep-seated human aspiration, for did not Shakespeare carelessly describe dying Falstaff as "babbling o' green fields?"

## MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

ALBANI is engaged for St. Petersburg, at \$20,000 francs (\$16,000) for twenty nights.

LUCCA is engaged for the months of October and November in Russia, and for December in Vienna.

MR. MAPLESON, the London impresario, does not intend to undertake opera in New York, unless the Academy stockholders grant him a five years' lease.

Miss Clara Louise Kellogg will sing at the commencement exercises of Bowdoin College, on August 2nd, and will receive five hundred dollars for the job.

George Baker, the composer of the "White Squall," "Mary Blane," and other popular songs, is dead.

It is considered a gallant thing, in perfect taste, among playgoers in Paris, to victual a lady's box at the theatre as though it was intended to stand a siege. Acidulated oranges, grapes, candied pine-apples, and preserved oranges are looked upon with marked kindness by the fair sex. It is also considered to imply much delicate consideration to supply their hands with small golden pincers by which they may pick up grapes and lollypops without making their gloves sticky. This is, however, the mere romance of theatrical feasting, and more energetic ladies whose dinner-time has been absorbed by shopping often like a solid repast between the acts of a new play.

## SCIENTIFIC.

A FEW tomato-plants at the foot of a fruit-wall will protect the fruit from the attacks of wasps. An infusion of the leaves, used as a wash, will destroy aphides, the common green fly.

THE fact is not generally known that filtration is much more rapid through thick paper than through thin, and that it is almost twice as rapid through a double filter as through a single one, and still more rapid through a triple one.

A chart of the moon six feet in diameter is soon to be issued in lithograph in Berlin. The original chart was drawn by Dr. Schmidt, Director of the Astronomical Observatory at Athens, and is the result of thirty years' labor. Thirty astronomical observations were in some instances required to complete a small fraction of the chart. The Prussian Government purchased the drawing for \$10,000.

PEANUT oil, first made in the South during the war, is now in large demand. It supplies the place of almond and olive oils for various uses, and is lower in price, retains its purity and flavor for a long time, and is less susceptible to the effect of light than olive oil. The oil is extracted entirely from the meat of the nut by pressure, the refuse being used as cattle feed or a fertilizer.