

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

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The Biographer, a new sixty-four page monthly, of which Vol I No 1, has just been received, should meet with general favor. Its neat and attractive typographical appearance, its reliable portraits accompanying each sketch, and its choice in the selection of eminent persons in the various public fields, as subjects, all display desire and ability to gain the support of the most intelligent class of readers. Sketches of Chester A. Arthur, William E. Gladstone, Sir John A. MacDonald, Bismarck, John Howard Payne, Alexander III., Henry G. Vennor, Henry Ward Beecher, Lester Wallack, Louise Michel, and Emily Faithful are among its numerous brief biographies for May. Single copies, 25 cents; \$2.50 per year; \$3.00 to foreign addresses. 23 Park Row, New York City.

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Good Health for May is upon our table, and a brief survey of its varied articles shows that it is more than an ordinary number. Dr. and Mrs. Kellogg and a sister of the Doctor, are now taking an extensive European tour, and during their absence the columns of the magazine will be enriched by notes of travel, the result of their experience and observation. \$1.00 a year. Address, *Good Health*, Battle Creek, Mich.

CIRCLE CHAT

THE FACT THAT SCHOOL EDUCATION is of little service without a continued after-cultivation of the mind, seems scarcely to be fully believed in by the majority of people. The case of Mr. Bright is only an exception in degree to many a case of deeper and more useful educations from careful observation and reflection. Mr. Bright is spoken of as a man who "never had the advantages of an education;" yet, "his entire long career of usefulness to learning and to political advancement; the peerless style of his oratory; the sound common sense of his views upon public questions, tell us very much more plainly than an alphabet of capitals following his name would, that Mr. Bright is an educated man. He has reached, by other processes, the end at which all college and university training aims; and, consequently, not only as one whom the people delight to honor, but as an educated man he fittingly takes his place as Lord Rector of Glasgow University."

RESPONSES TO READERS.

All communications for answer in this column should be addressed Corerrespondents' Department, Family Circle Office, London East.

M. S.—Such mistakes seem inevitable at times.

W. H.—See answer under Miscellaneous Recipes.

C. P.—No; Mr. Swinburne does not pronounce the "i" in his name long.

V. V.—Study the rules of prosody before you attempt such a composition.

VIOLET—Such a course would be useless. Simply treat his letters with silent contempt, and should you meet him you would be wise not to recognize him.

OLAF—The illustrated magazine you have reference to, we believe, is *Svenska Family Journalen* (The Swedish Family Journal) and is published at Stockholm, Sweden.

W. W.—After a ball gentlemen should always call on the lady of the house at which they have been entertained as soon as convenient; by all means within two weeks.

CHARLIE X.—In the language of flowers the signification of a forget-me-not is True Love; that of a hawthorn, Hope; that of a lily, Purity; that of mint, Virtue, and that of a pink, Pure Affection.

F. F.—McBeth's "Might and mirth of Literature" is one of the best works on English Rhetoric. It contains about three hundred figures which are classified with their examples in a most attractive and interesting manner.

D. N.—Three copies of "Gems of Fancy Cookery" will be sent post paid to any address on receipt of thirty cents. Send the amount in Canadian postage stamps to the Publishers of the FAMILY CIRCLE, London East.

S. C.—The couplet:

"A pride in honest fame by virtue gained,
In sturdy boys to virtuous labors trained."

occurs in a poem by Crabbe entitled, "The Parish Register."

M. M.—We do not care to advise you whether or not to insure. It is a profitable step for some, while others have lost by it. It is a matter for you to determine by your own judgment. For ourselves we rather incline to go against such institutions.

D. P.—It is generally the wisest plan to let boys choose their own occupation. If your son takes no interest in the business you follow, endeavor to find out what his inclinations are, and educate him for or apprentice him to what his intellectual capacity and his desire fits him.

Mrs. T.—It seems that you are keeping your boy too steadily at school. Unless such a child is strong and healthy he is much better at home than at school before eight or nine years of age. The age at which children should start school varies in different children; those who are very precocious are better kept at home till nine years old, at least.

ESQUIRE.—We always desire those canvassing for us to retain the commission, and when they have sent one list, they may always after retain their commission even if only sending one or two names. The same commission is allowed for renewals as for new subscribers. Sample copies and our 1882-3 circular, giving terms to agents, have been mailed you.

Minnie A.—Such conduct may be all right in itself and innocent, but young ladies have to be very careful and keep themselves above even the appearance of improper conduct. If you feel that it is impossible to firmly object and resist the arguments of your cousin without quarreling with him, and the other gentleman you mention objects to it, by all means quarrel with the former.

JESSY L.—1. When a gentleman joins a lady on the street for the purpose of walking with her, etiquette demands that he ascertain whether his company is acceptable. In such a case she should frankly answer the plain truth. 2. In any case where a person has made an engagement and chances to meet a friend or some person who desires to talk with them, they should, by all means, excuse themselves as politely as possible, explaining that they have made an appointment. No gentleman or lady would take offence at a person's firmness in keeping a promise.