

The HOME CIRCLE

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

- 1 Nativity of the B.V.M.
2 St. Peter Claver, C.
3 St. Nicholas of Tolentino, C
4 SS. Protus and Hyacinth, MM.
5 St. Guy, C.
6 St. Annatus, B.O.
7 Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS—WHAT ARE THEY?

Let the women who clamor for female prestige hold up the example of these women in contrast to women as they would have them, and let the women of the future make the choice.

The rights of women—tell me pray, These longed for rights, pray what are they? The right to have the brow of care— The right to hope amid despair— The right to answer danger's call, The right to shield her loved one's all?

The rights of women—what are they? The right to love, the right to pray, The right to wake when other sleep, The right to comfort those who weep, The right to hush the cry of pain— To soothe the aching heart and brain?

The rights of women—what are they? The right to suffer day by day, To sacrifice her all—e'en though 'Twere all in vain—'twere better so— To love—the while her heart may break— And then to die—for that love's sake. Kate Thyson Marr, in Chicago Chronicle.

WHEN A WOMAN TRAVELS.

Why is it that a woman when traveling will carry so many unnecessary things? The feminine mind seems unaccountably gifted with a superabundance of foresight. It may rain, it may snow, she may be invited to a ball, she may have to attend a funeral. All of these contingencies must be provided for, be the trip of a week or a month's duration. Women who are the most economical in every other way are often the most extravagant in space. She does not economize in the articles she places in her dress-suit case, but fills this with trinkets and furbelows that necessitate the carrying of extra luggage. The man in the berth opposite has one case or valise, and when this is open the woman across the way is amazed to see the vacant spaces and gaping holes. There really is no reason why there should not be a hole or two in the interior of the woman's satchel. Of course there are dainty trifles of a woman's toilet that take up more space than a man could imagine, but there are also more things to be left out without being missed than a woman could imagine. Don't load the satchel with a great variety of neckwear. Don't cumber it with fancy belts. Take only as much underwear as will be required before the trunk is reached. Don't slip in more books than could possibly be read on the journey and leave at home the treasures that are safer there than in a leather bag. I know a woman who made the trip across the continent with no baggage outside of the baggage car than a straw roll attached to a strap. It contained everything she needed, but nothing more; it hung from her shoulder so lightly that she did not feel it at all, and what is better still, did not look as though she were burdened down. And what is best of all, it saved her at the changing points from being pestered by every porter in the depot.

THE BIG TREES ARE NATURE'S RESERVOIRS.

"Why," it will be asked, "are the Big Tree groves always found on well-watered spots?" Simply because Big Trees give rise to streams, says John Muir in the September Atlantic. It is a mistake to suppose that the water is the cause of the groves being there. On the contrary, the groves are the cause of the water being there. The roots of this immense tree fill the ground, forming a sponge which hoards the bounty of the clouds, and sends it forth in clear perennial streams instead of allowing it to rush headlong in short-lived, destructive floods. Evaporation is also checked and the air kept still in the shady Sequoia depths, while thirsty robber winds are shut out. . . . The value of these forests in storing and dispensing the bounty of the mountain clouds is infinitely greater than lumber or sheep. To the dwellers of the plain, dependent on irrigation, the Big Tree is a tree of life, a never failing spring, sending living water to the lowlands all through the hot rainless summer. For every grove cut down a stream is dried up. Therefore all California is crying: "Save the trees of the mountains!" not, judging by the signs of

the times, is it likely that the cry will cease until the salvation of all that is left of Sequoia Gigantea is sure.

HOPE FOR THE NEGRO.

Looking at the other race in the South, who must be reckoned, if they will allow themselves to be so, as a part of the Southern people—whilst there is much to cause regret and even disappointment to those who are their truest friends, yet there is no little from which to draw hope, says Thomas Nelson Page in the September Atlantic. No other people ever had more disadvantages to contend with on their issue into freedom. They were seduced, deceived, misled. Their habits of industry were destroyed, and they were fooled into believing that they could be legislated into immediate equality with a race that, without mentioning superiority of ability and education, had a thousand years' start of them. They were made to believe that their only salvation lay in aligning themselves against the other race, and following blindly the adventurers who came to lead them to a new Promised Land. It is no wonder that they committed great blunders and great excesses. For nearly a generation they have been pushed along the wrong road. But now in place of political leaders, who were simply firebrands, is arising a new class of leaders, which, with a wider horizon, a deeper sagacity, and a truer patriotism, are endeavoring to establish a foundation of morality, industry, and knowledge, and to build upon them a race that shall be capable of availing itself of every opportunity that the future may present, and worthy of whatever fortune it may bring.

THE END OF SUMMER.

(Madison Cawelin in September Century.) Pods are the poppies, and slim spires of pods, The hollyhocks; the balsam's pearly breeds Of rose-stained snow are little sacs of seeds Collapsing at a touch; the lotus, that soods The ponds with green, has changed its flowers to rods That balance cell-pierced disks; and all the weeds, Around the sleepy water and its reeds, Are one white smoke of seedéd silk that nods, Summer is dead, ay me! sweet summer's dead! The sunset clouds have built her funeral pyre, Through which, e'en now, runs subterranean fire; While from the east, as from a garden bed, Mist-wined, the dusk lifts her broad moon, like some Great golden melon, savin' "Fall has come."

COLOR IN DRESS.

That the color of a woman's dress can make her look larger or smaller is a fact that many professional dress-makers now take into consideration. Dressed in black and dark hues, stout women look smaller both in the house and when out walking, and by a use of the same hues, the dimensions of small people are so decreased that they appear like dwarfs. The optical effect of white and light colors is to enlarge all objects, and make the stout woman who wears them almost mountainous in her appearance. She need not, however, look dingy and dull, for the rich, dark hues offered to her for selection are varied and numberless. Greens and blues, in their various shades, are better than reds, giving an effect of repose and distance. All light colored materials should be avoided for the waist. During the awkward age of girls, between the ages of twelve and fourteen dark blue or plain red cashmere or serge is found to be productive of the best results. In choosing colors for dresses, the complexion must, of course, be taken into account. Those with sallow, dark faces should select clear tints, and scrupulously avoid glaring bright and decided hues. Those who possess clear skins and pale faces may wear all shades of rose, primrose, buff, light green, lilac, brown and violet. Florid persons should wear the tints that subdue color and give the effect of distance such as blue and green. The most lucky of all girls are those with fair complexions and color. To them few shades will be unbecoming. Those with pale complexions should wear only fresh colors, such as cherry and pink.

Color in dress not only exerts an influence over the beauty of the wearer, but also over her health. Dark colors are found to absorb and give out smells of all kinds to a far greater extent than the light, and it is for this reason that professional nurses are not allowed to wear black dresses. It is said that for nurses, black cotton is bad, black-wool worse, and

black silk the most injurious of all. Some doctors refrain from wearing black clothes when visiting patients for the same reason. The warmth and comfort of the body are also affected by the color of the clothes which cover it. White and light-colored fabrics reflecting the heat and black and dark ones absorbing it. Black, however, throws heat off sooner, and white clothing retains the natural heat of the body longer than black.—Popular Fashions.

THE OLD STORY OF THE UNCLE AT THE CIRCUS.

(From The Boston Transcript.) Friday, when the circus comes, With its chariots and dums, Then we'll see the tall giraffe, And the clown that makes us laugh. For you know he always can, He is such a funny man. Then we'll see the great parade, Then we'll buy some lemonade, And the kind they always drink Is so beautifully pink I should really like to know How and why they make it so.

Father says he used to go To the circus years ago; Doesn't care about it now; Only goes to save a row. Nothing there he wants to see; Goes because it pleases me. Mother, she dislikes it, too; Only goes because I do. Uncle John will go with us (Seems to me it's curious); Says he's going for my sake; Sure he cannot keep awake. Aunt Jane says she'll come along; Though perhaps it may be wrong; But she thinks I ought to see Things in natural history.

Uncle James will go alone; Doesn't like to chaperone. Says he simply means to go Because he wants to see the show.

WAS A SUCCESS.

Garden Party Held by St. John's Catholic Church Largely attended—Enjoyable Time.

Hamilton, Aug. 28.—Rev. Father O'Reilly's garden party in aid of St. John's Church, at the Brant House grounds on Wednesday evening last, proved to be a successful affair. About seven hundred people from Hamilton, Dundas, Oakville, Milton, Burlington and surrounding country made a merry gathering and pronounced it the most enjoyable event of the season. Many complimentary remarks were heard of P. C. Patriarche, secretary, and the committee, up to the able manner in which they handled the affair.

Supper was served by the ladies of the parish from 6 until 8 o'clock. Much praise is due Mr. Jones, representing Lumsden Bros., of Hamilton, who supplied and served the "Delicious Social tea and coffee," which was greatly enjoyed by all.

An excellent programme, consisting of the following selections were introduced by Mr. Geo. Lynch-Staunton of Hamilton, who made a capital chairman: Piano solo, Miss May Weir; recitation, Sitting Alone, Miss Susie McGrath; song, Why Don't the Band Play? Harry Bennett; vocal solo, Rory Darlinn, Miss Margaret B. McCoy; song, I'm Going to be Married, Harry Bennett; vocal solo (a), The Rose, (b), The River and the Sea, Miss Margaret B. McCoy; song, Looking for a Job, Harry Bennett; recitation, Miss Susie McGrath; song, The Flying Machine, Harry Bennett; musical selections, Italian Harpers. The accompaniments were played by Miss May Weir, Miss Rennie McCoy and M. Doherty. All selections were well received and responded to by several encores.

Among the visiting clergy on the grounds were Right Rev. Dean Malouin, Baton Rouge, Mo., Father Crofton, Dundas; Father Donovan, Hamilton, and Rev. Mr. Kendall, Burlington. The Fishing Pond, managed by Miss Kate Campbell, proved quite a drawing card, and afforded much amusement. The flower booth was run by Misses Josie McGrath and Gertie Campbell, was pretty and attractive. A rushing business was done in the soft drink, ice cream and cigar booth, ably looked after by Misses Lucy McGrath and Nora Campbell, assisted by C. N. Murphy and J. F. Campbell.

FATHER KEOUGH ILL.

Rev. Father Keough, whose health has been steadily declining during the past year, took a turn for the worse some days ago. He was very low for a time, but has improved somewhat and is now resting considerably easier. Although his friends would like to think otherwise, they cannot but realize that his constitution must before long give way under the strain. He has been relieved altogether of his parochial duties (Father Cleary having taken his place) and is receiving every possible care and attention.

HE HAS TRIED IT.—Mr. John Anderson, Kinross, writes: I venture to say few, if any, have received greater benefit from the use of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, than I have. I have used it regularly for over ten years, and have recommended it to all sufferers I know of, and they also found it of great virtue in cases of severe bronchitis and incipient consumption."

Latest Phase of the Boer War

London, Aug. 2.—The barometer for South Africa fell yesterday when it was known that Steyn, Dewet and Botha had defied Mr. Chamberlain announced their determination to fight to the last ditch. The proclamation of Lord Kitchener has not frightened the Boer leaders, for whom the menace of exile has no terrors when they do not believe that it can be enforced. Military men here have not swerved from their conviction that the war will continue until Steyn and Dewet are captured. The Transvaal leaders are bound in honor to keep up the warfare as long as their allies to the south of the Vaal are unwilling to surrender. Proclamations only involve a waste of printer's ink while Steyn and Dewet remain in the field. This is the judgment of practical men, who understand the full force of the point of honor among the Dutch allies. The Generals cannot abandon one another, when the war has lasted nearly two years without a sign of treachery among the men in the commandos.

Kitchener's comment on the surrender of a British force of 68 men after one soldier had been killed is that he is holding an inquiry. This points to a suspicion that the resistance offered by the British force was inadequate. Military men explain the difficulty of keeping jaded men up to the work when they know that surrender to a superior force is followed by a speedy release, after a deprivation of arms, powder and shot. Heavy work and incessant marching have rendered the British army stale. The same feeling of weariness is shown in England, where the Yeomanry force recruited for special service is still 11,000 below the full quota, notwithstanding strenuous exertions to strengthen it and the high pay offered for tough riders.

An article in the current number of The Fortnightly Review on the settlement of South Africa derives special significance from the fact that the writer, Iwan Muller, knows more about Sir Alfred Milner's intention than anybody else except Mr. Chamberlain. Milner, it has been said, will land at Cape Town with a constitution for South Africa in his pocket, and The Fortnightly article indicates what is probably an outline of the scheme. Muller makes it clear that Chamberlain and Milner have decided that British influence will be paramount in the South African Dominion Parliament. He maintains that in any plan of confederation it is the highest importance that the Senate should be the centre of political power and should have control of the federal funds, and the English Senators should outnumber the Dutch two to one. For the constitution of the upper Chamber he favors the American rather than the Canadian or Australian precedents, but in the first instance the Senate would be nominated by the respective Governors or the High Commissioner.

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J. H. Stevens, harnessmaker, Scaforth, Ont., writes: "At the age of three months my son Arnold was attacked by baby eczema on his face, and in spite of all the doctors could do he kept getting worse until his face was a mass of scabs and would ulcerate when he would scratch. It was terrible to see him suffer, but we tried everything until we were discouraged. Hearing of Dr. Chase's Ointment we got a box and applied it. At once the child was relieved and went to sleep. The first two boxes, which completely cured him, as well as could be. He is now fourteen months old and has a fine, clear skin and not a trace of eczema."

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