

THE HOME CIRCLE

THE CHANCE GOD GIVES.

"I'll pass this way but once," a fool cried out. "And therefore I will laugh and take my ease; Let others toil and sweat and fret and doubt, And miss the chance God gives them, If they please— But I will journey down the careless ways And open my eyes to none but happy days."

"I'll pass this way but once," another said, "Hence all that God laid out for me to do, I must be doing as I fare ahead. That He may say 'Well done,' when I am through— By word and deed I'll do my best to spread Good cheer along the pathways that I tread."

The wise man did his work and did it well, And people blessed him as he went along, And fewer tears, because he labored, fell, And higher swelled the chorus of the song— The song of joy God meant that men should raise, The splendid song of brotherhood and praise.

The useless fool went dawdling here and there, Unmindful of all feelings but his own; What if men sang or sobbed? He did not care— One morn he woke to find all pleasures flown; His tongue was thick and dry— he could not speak— And shrivelled up—and passed—and was forgot.—E. S. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

LOVE THE TEST.

Our capacity is measured by our power of love. We can do or learn to do whatever with all our soul we wish and will to do. As we are surely reached through our affections, our nature is best explained by them. Hence love is the test of the kind of being we are; it is the proof, that we are disciples of Him who is God's love made a sufferer and a sacrifice.

DUTY AND TRUTH.

No man who sees the truth, however distant, can conscientiously go on as if it were not there. Thousands of years are vast periods, but the love of human liberty and happiness shall reach out and cling to the eternal. Let every man who believes faithfully do his share, sow the seed that he has received, and in God's time the glorious harvest will come of a pure, truthful people.

PATIENCE NEVER DOUBTING.

We must be humble and patient; never doubting but that whatever we ask for the glory of God and the salvation of our soul will be surely granted to us in God's own good time. If we are not heard, we may be sure that what we are praying for will not redound to His glory, nor our own utility; and so we should desist from wishing for it; God has promised to open to him who knocks; but He did not say He would not keep us waiting.

THE MOTHER'S SORROW.

Jesus went on His way through the streets to the city, the Virgin and Magdalen the outcast stood by the Mother of the Son of God. The Apostles had fled. Jostled by the crowd, Mary stood at the corner of a street by which her Son would pass. He saw her blue mantle. Their eyes met. Oh, what a meeting! One moment—but it was equal to an age of grief. Higher, darker, surged the waves of sorrow in the Mother's soul. Grace held her up. The next moment Jesus fell under the weight of His cross and His Mother's sorrow.

MEN OF CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE.

We need men, but men with conscience and character; men who are not afraid to be virtuous, men who believe in law because they believe in God, and who love their fellowmen because he is the child of God, men who are proud to be Christians, and whose lives of integrity, self-sacrifice and patriotism are illumined by the Faith which has come to them by religion. Let us be true to our ideals; let us try to make the whole world better by our lives; let us be true to religion as taught by Christ.

THE DOUAY BIBLE.

The "Douay Bible" is the name commonly given to the Holy Scriptures current among English speaking Catholics. The name is misleading, for the Bible was not translated into English at Douay, and only a part of it was published there, and the version now in use has been so seriously altered that it can scarcely be considered identical with that which first went by the name of the Douay Bible. After the accession of Queen Elizabeth, William Allen, a member of an old Lancashire family, canon of York, and doctor in theology at Oxford, subsequently a Cardinal and Archbishop of Mechlin, passed over to Louvain where he formed a friendship of one Vandeville, a professor in the university. The idea struck Allen of erecting a college in foreign parts for English ecclesiastics, and in 1562 Vandeville was summoned to Douay as professor of theology. Owing to political troubles, its members a few years after its foundation, took refuge at Rheims. There they set to work at an English version of the Bible made from the Vulgate, but with diligent comparison of the He-

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE S.E. GULLS.

Oh, the sweeping swing of the blue-kay wing, As they circle before the eye, And the swerving dip of the breast adrip— Of the gulls that seaward fly! They land and balance, they waver and float— With an idle air and an aloft attempt, Then suddenly cleave the sky! And naught know we of their query or quest, As they pause a breath on the blue wave's breast, Or the secrets hid in the closing blue Where they sail and sail and are lost to view.

THE LITTLE SPRIG OF CONTENT.

Edith is only a schoolgirl, but she has some of the wisdom that is better than any to be gained from books. She does not spend her time fretting over things she does not have. She enjoys what she has.

"Don't you wish you were going to the seashore?" asked Margaret. "I should like it," said Edith. "But I'm glad I'm going to grandma's. I always have a good time there."

RULES OF POLITENESS.

To be polite is to have a kind regard for the feelings and rights of others. Be as polite to your parents, brothers, sisters and schoolmates as you are to strangers.

SAINTS OF A CENTURY.

A list of the decrees of beatification and canonisation ordained by the Holy See during the nineteenth century, has recently been prepared by the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

A TRUE HORSE STORY.

A remarkable instance of equine sagacity was exhibited recently which caused us to testify to by several reliable witnesses. Thomas Drummond, a tinsmith in our city, owns a horse which has been afflicted with lameness for two or three weeks past.

DR. KLOBE AND HIS CLIFFS.

The following remarkable letter has been addressed to the Freeman's Journal, Dublin:— Sir, Since my arrival in London from Capetown, on Friday last, I have seen in your paper of 19th ultimo "A Reply to Dr. Klobe," signed by ten priests of the Western Districts of the Cape of Good Hope. On this "Reply" I wish to offer some remarks— I should be sorry if the Irish people were to think that the political views of these clergymen were the views of the genuine Irish at the Cape.

CAPTURING A LIONESS.

Mr. Cleveland Moffett, who has been writing up "Studies of Thrilling Lives" interviewed some circus attaches, from one of whom he obtained a story of George Conklin, the famous lion tamer.

OH, LET ME IN!

Out in the cold I wander, burdened with my sin, So near the home of peace—will no one let me in? I hear the songs from hearts made holy, glad and free, I sigh and weep, but may not join their harmony.

UNHEARD OF.

"Say," remarked the transient guest at the Grand Arizona Hotel "haven't you any napkins around here?" "Napkins! napkins," nimbled the waiter in a puzzled way; "you're a detective, ain't yet? I reckon yer mean kidnappers, no't yet?"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

NEVER—FOR BOYS.

Never make fun of old age; no matter how decrepit or unfortunate, or evil it may be. God's hand rests lovingly on the aged head.

THE CRITERION.

Never make sport of one of those miserable creatures—a drunken man or woman. They are wretches; but God alone knows the stresses of the storms, which drove them upon the breakers.

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Never tell or listen to the telling of filthy stories. Cleanliness in words and acts is the sign manual of a true gentleman. You cannot handle them without becoming fouled.

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Never call anybody bad names, no matter what anybody calls you. You cannot throw mud and keep your own hands clean.

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The writers tell us they do not intend to discuss politics. Yet they assert "The war in South Africa was just and necessary." Dr. Kolbe, in his letter, which they dub "Pure politics," has said no more than that it was neither just nor necessary. They say, "We are unable to endorse Dr. Kolbe's praises of the action of a large section of the Irish people at home during the war." On which I ask, (1) Are these gentlemen talking politics here? (2) Are the Nationalists of Ireland with the priests and bishops of Ireland at their back, merely a large section of the Irish people? Are they not, morally speaking, the nation?

Now, the truth is, these reverend gentlemen are all anti-Irish. Hence their attack on Dr. Kolbe. Two of those ten are Germans, who never saw Ireland, and know nothing of her history. One of these, who is my own assistant, was in duty intercourse with me for weeks after this letter had been written, and yet never breathed a word about it to me. Five men born in the colonies, and one in England, but not one of them, except, perhaps, one, who must have thoughtlessly signed this letter, is Irish in sentiment. One of these regards the priests of Ireland as so many rebels. Two are Irish by birth, but are now Champions to the English forces, and delight to rub shoulders with his Majesty's officers. Of course, these gentlemen could not endorse Dr. Kolbe's praises of the Irish. I need say nothing of their enmity of the Irish troops that have come out here. And these gentlemen well as, "They love Ireland dearly." Ireland, perhaps, might reply—Save me from my friends.

M. COLGAN. London, 6th May, 1901.

THE EVENING TRAINS.

The first train leaves at 6 p.m. For the land where the poppy blows, And mother dear is the engineer, And the passenger laughs and crows.

The palace car is the mother's arms; The whistle, a low, sweet strain; The passenger winks and nods and blinks, And goes to sleep on the train.

At 8 p.m. the next train starts For the poppy-land afar, The summons clear falls on the ear, "All aboard for the sleeping car."

But what is the fare to poppy land? I hope it is not too dear; The fare is this—a hug and a kiss— And it's paid to the engineer.

So I ask of Him who children took On His knee in kindness great, "Take charge, I pray, of the trains each day, That leave at 6 and 8."

FUNNY PLACE FOR A PRINCIPLE.

From the London News. A prominent member of the Dublin Corporation, who was Lord Mayor a couple of years ago, used a marvelous metaphor in opposing a large scheme of electric lighting for the city at a recent meeting.

"I declared with volubility," he said, "that on the edge of a precipice that will be a weight on your necks all the rest of your days." This effort makes a good companion to the statement attributed to an English clergyman, at the beginning of the South African war; "The young men of England are the backbone of the British Empire. What we must do is to train that backbone and bring it to the front."

THAT BRUTAL MAN. "What is meant by the expression, 'Generally speaking?'" "A woman, I suppose."

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