

HOME CIRCLE

THE BABY'S PRAYER. "Now I lay me down to sleep..."

"I pray the Lord my soul to keep" Yes, surely God is glad...

"If I should die before I wake—" The mother bending low Sends up a voiceless, wordless prayer...

"I pray the Lord my soul to take—" A little pause, and then He asks the Lord to bless us all...

The dark comes on, the stars shine out, Dear mother leaning there, I know God stops the angels' song...

MARY, QUEEN OF MERCY!

There lived a Knight long years ago, Proud, carnal, vain, devotionless, Of God above, or Hell below...

Years rolled, and found him still the same, Still draining Pleasure's poison-bowl; Yet felt he now and then some shame...

At last Youth's riotous time was gone, And loathing now came after sin, With locks yet brown he felt as one...

A happier mind, a holier mood, A purer spirit ruled him now; No more in thrall to flesh and blood...

Here, shorn and crowed, he laid his cares, And wrought for God alone, Albeit he sang no choral prayers...

They buried him with Mass and song, Aneath a little knoll so green; But, lo! a wonder-sight!—Ere long...

And, would God's angels give thee power, Thou, dearest reader, mightst be bold The fibres of this holy flower...

Thy sole response to mocking questions, "O, Mary, Queen of Mercy!"

THE GIRL WE LOVE. A song for the girl we love—God love her! A song for the eyes with their tender smile...

A prayer for the girl we love—God love her! A prayer for the eyes with their faded light, The cheek whose roses waned to white...

WOLF'S IGNORANCE. "Ah, Schwab, are you still writing poetry?" "Just enough to keep the wolf from the door."

"FEAR NOT"—Luke v-x. We are tempted to think some huge blunder has been made when it is demanded of us that we live according to the Christian standard of morality...

Our Christian teachers contrast too strongly for truth, we think, the nature of God and the character of the obedience demanded by his laws.

And we get further encouragement in this thought when we measure the struggling it costs to keep ourselves from sin; and too when we think of the many failures to do in the past.

How many temptations have we met with, that we have reckoned too strong for us to conquer, and not meant for us to conquer but to yield to.

And we turn our gaze from our own soul to a dear one that is seen before us. How we have watched, in that sick room during the long days and the longer nights, until days have grown into weeks and weeks into months...

These are the wanderings of our body and superficial minds. Put whatever judgments these observations lead us to, with a knowledge of our shallowness we shall not trust ourselves in the matter, but look to the saints of God for comfort in the mysterious ways of God's dealings with his human creatures.

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ills than God has done. They do not fear to trust God in his own world. They listen and obey when he says "Fear not."

THE CHILDREN OF THE MIDDLE KINGDOM. The Chinese, unless talking with foreigners, never call their country China. Millions of that vast country have in fact never heard of the term.

spoonfuls of baking powder. Beat the eggs without separating until light, add the milk, salt and flour; beat thoroughly, add the melted butter, and baking powder, grease some custard cups, half fill with the batter, put into each cup a half peach, cover with batter, dust with powdered sugar, stand the cups in a baking pan half filled with boiling water, bake twenty minutes in a quick oven.

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