

## The Family Circle.

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### Highly Important.

The "Family Circle" Consolidated with the  
"Exponent."

The publishers of the Rochester *Exponent* having purchased the good-will of this publication and reduced the subscription price of the *Exponent* to \$1.00 per year, the subscribers to the FAMILY CIRCLE will hereafter be furnished with that excellent paper.

#### "THE EXPONENT"

will be found by our many friends throughout the Dominion to be one of the best literary, temperance, educational and family newspapers published, and from the facts of its being of a much larger size and containing a larger amount of varied literature, we have no doubt it will be duly appreciated and deservedly welcomed by all our readers.

After this week the *Exponent* may be looked for in place of the FAMILY CIRCLE, and subscribers renewing their subscriptions will send hereafter to Rev. E. Lansing Newman, 144 East Main Street, Rochester, N. Y., to whom all dues are payable.

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### CIRCLE CHAT.

#### VALEDICTORY.

As will be seen from the above statement of the publishers, with this issue the FAMILY CIRCLE in its present form will cease to exist. This is a matter of regret to its publishers, and will no doubt also cause sorrow in the minds of many of its readers. From a business standpoint, however, the publishers have deemed the new move one of practical benefit to themselves, while it should also result beneficially to their successors, who, as they have done, will strive faithfully to supply their readers' demand for an interesting, lively and moral periodical.

We might state, in this connection, that the selling of the FAMILY CIRCLE has nothing to do with our Job Printing Department any more than that it will give us an opportunity to extend our facilities for this line of work, for which we are adding new material constantly, and in which, through good work and low prices, we expect to give better satisfaction than ever.

#### CONGRATULATORY.

In disposing of the FAMILY CIRCLE to the publishers or such an excellent paper as the *Exponent*, we have every reason to congratulate our readers upon the new paper which they will henceforward receive. The publishers of the *Exponent*, under able management, furnish one of the best, and, at its new subscription rates, cheapest family papers at present published. We trust our many friends will appreciate this worthy paper and renew their subscriptions as soon as their present terms expire.

### Tedious Talkers.

How many tedious talkers one is forced to tolerate in the highways of society! They commence a sentence and pause, make a great account of a prolonged "and," use a word, and then change it for another, and consume so much precious time that, the listener becoming impatient, what they say is deemed small compensation for the time occupied. Surrounded by bright spirits, all of whom have something to say well worth the hearing, it is insufferably annoying to be obliged to sit outwardly calm and respectful and listen to long-drawn sentences, the pith of whose meaning could have been expressed in a few well-chosen words. It may be said in extenuation that all have not the power to "talk right on." But the habit of talking well may be acquired. In the first place, one must be sure he has something to say before monopolizing the time which might otherwise be profitably employed; and then, in a few simple, well-adapted words, bear part in the general conversation. The wiser and more educated the society in which one finds himself, the less the necessity of robbing the dictionary for its polysyllables. The best one has to say is best said in the simplest manner, for all love most that "talk" which seems the natural overflow of the mind. Also discard all desire to shine, and listen with respectful attention when others speak.

### The True Wife.

Oftentimes I have seen a tall ship glide by against the tide as if drawn by some invisible bowline, with a hundred strong arms pulling it. Her sails were unfilled, her streamers were drooping, she had neither side-wheel nor stern-wheel; still she moved on stately, in serene triumph, as with her own life. But I knew, that on the other side of the ship, hidden beneath the great bulk that swam so majestically, there was a little toilsome steam-tug, with a heart of fire and arms of iron, that was tugging it bravely on; and I knew if the little steam-tug untwined her arm, and left the ship, it would wallow and roll about and drift hither and thither, and go off with the reflux tide, no man knows whither. And so I have known more than one genius, high-docked, full-freighted, idle-sailed, gay-pennoned, but that for the bare, toiling arms, and brave, warm-beating heart of the faithful little wife, that nestles close to him, so that no wind or wave could part them, would have gone down with the stream, and been heard of no more.—O. W. Holmes

### Keep Home Matters Secret.

Preserve sacredly the privacies of your own house, your married state, and your heart! Let no father or mother, or sister, or brother, ever presume to come between you, or share the joys or sorrows that belong to you two alone. With mutual help build your quiet world, not allowing your dearest earthly friend to be the confident of aught that disturbs your domestic peace. Let moments of alienation, if they occur, be healed at once. Never, no never, speak of it outside, but to each other confess, and all will come out right. Never let the morrow's sun still find you at variance. Renew and renew you vow; it will do you good, and thereby our minds will grow together, contented in that love which is stronger than death, and you will become truly one.

Since the days of the Stuarts the increase of wealth in England has been more rapid than the increase of population.