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THE HOME CIRCLE

THE POINT OF THE HOOK.

At a bend in the stream where the willows grew tall.

And the waters ran slow and were

where there came to our ears the low sound of a fall.

And we heard through the pines the

soft sweep Of the sweet summer wind, there we dished for the front

My young nephew, Jack Sully, and I I did not each a fish but the lad pulled them out.

Till I, envious sail with a sigh

Jack drew his bait.

Just a glance and 'twas back in the

. Then I fell in a muse and neglected to tish.

As an angler I failed of success, But to be angled for I was all one could

wish.
And to having been caught I confess Ouite a number of times. there

I had, up to that period, known.

Set my pulses a-flutter, my brain in a whitl.

And my heart bowing down at her

And my heart bowing down at her throne, he accepted my homoge and helped spend my cash. She repaid with a smile or a look, hen she married another—my heart went to smash—

She had well hid the point of her hook, There's been real estate mea, each with

promise of wealth,
Patentees having each a sure thing,
Who have angled for me with precision

and stealth. And who, at the right moment, would

iling
Their balt to this gudgeon, seemed they knew I would hire

So their bait east they down in my ninik.

And they caught me, and so did some brokers, all right, For each man hid the point of his

hook.

There's for me consolation. I'm not all alone Than the fishers, the fished-for are

more. It's a fact-when before them a fine

redt is thrown
There are always keen biters, galore
Among tien and women, and the rea-

son they do, to the foolish young trout in the broak

Is the fact at they cannot, from their

point a view.
*Neath the pait see the point of the book.

W. T. B.

Old Coins-The coin described by J. ".Ontario, is an English half-penny, worth only a few cents. Copper cents of 1738, 1620 and 1820 are worth five to of 1638, 1639 and 1839 are worth five to ten cents each, according to their state of preservation. The cent of 1853 is com-mon, with little or no premium. The English penny of 1597 is very common, so are the cents of 1800 and 1858, the three-cent piece of 1865 and the large cent of 1854.

THIS WILL INTEREST MANY.

F. W. Paykhurst, the Boston publisher, says that if any one afficted with rheumatism in any form, or neuraigis, will send their address to him at Box 1501. E-ston, Mass, he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give, only tells you how he was cured. Hundreds have tested it with success.—[Adv.

"FURTHER ON."

The last train on Saturday night had disappeared in the distance, when a middle-aged woman who had alighted therefrom turned to the station agent, and with a look of perplexity on her face asked, "Is this Berkley Station?"
"It is, madum." "Are there two Berkleys?" "Not that I know of." "But this does not look natural." "Can't help it, ma'am, this is Berkley, R I, fast 'crough."

"Oh! The woman's eyes were black as nothereby and they woman as wife

as midmight, and they wore a wild, excited expression as she exclaimed, I thought I was going to Berkey, Mass. I read the name at the station where I bought my ticket. I had

Till I, envious sail with a sigh
"I am tired, Jackie dear, the monotony's great
Here I sit without ever a bite.
I have not caught a fish, while you have six or eight.

Now please cast on this subject a light."

From the bed of the stream Nephew Jack drew his bait,
Instead of the stream Nephew the tax of the stream of the taket agent. 'Can you tell me where to find a hotel?' "Can't, none in these parts." "Any one who would take a lodger? 'Can't tell; I don't know. The man leisurely lit a the traveler desperately. 'Four miles away.' away.

Just a glance and 'twas back in the brook.'

My dear uncle." he said, "you'd e'er sit here and wait.

If you don't hide the point of your hook."

The woman turned away and proceed up "to street, meeting a man of whom she asked the question which was becoming of vital importance to hook."

The woman turned away and proceed up "to street, meeting a man of whom she asked the question which was becoming of vital importance to hoording house?" The answer was in Portuguese and unintelligible. After Portuguese and unintelligible. After further travel two more men were met; these proved to be French and did not understand English. At last a nice-looking house with green blinds appeared in sight, and hope revived in the heart of the homeiess traveler.

Reaching the door she knocked, and

Quite a number of times, there was the heart of the homeless traveler, once, young and green,
I contracted a ten-dollar book.
For the agent who caught me did up his work clean.—
He had hidden the point of his hook.
On another occasion the most charming girl that the first tenth of the homeless traveler.

Reaching the door she knocked, and told her story, asking for shelter at any price, only to meet the response. I never did such a thing as to take in a stranger in my life." If have kept a great many at my home, and it seems to me strange that anyone can turn a person from their door at this hour." a person from their door at this hour."
The hands of a clock visible from the open door pointed to a quarter to nine. About two miles farther on you will find the Episcopal minister's, maybe he will take you in."

My good woman, when you reach heaven, may you not be asked to go farther on." These words seemed forced from the travelers it is nether.

heaven, may you not be asked to go further on?" These words seemed forced from the traveler's lips without any volition of her own, but the two women watched her go forth into the night without relenting. She reached the road, so ing. "I must walk to keep warm, he whither shall I go?"

The time of the year was January, the night moonless, the roads slippery with ice. Suddenly a guideboard caught her eye, the black lettering made visible by the glistening ice. The inscription read, "7 miles to Woonsocket." There was cause for hope.

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inscription read, "7 miles to Woonsocket." There was cause for hope,
At Woonsocket it would be possible to
find shelter, and a seven-mile walk
was better than 50 prospect of a
bed that night. She had a feeling that
the road was one on which she was not
likely to miss her way, and with a
brave heart she went forward at a brisk
walk. All sense of four left her. She walk. All sense of fear left her. She was a firm believer in the protecting power of our Heavenly Father, and her ability to endure a long walk was above

ability to endure a long walk was above the average.

After three miles were passed she heard a hall in the darkness; a team stopped. "Where are you going, my good woman?" "Woonsocket." "Woon-socket, the devil!" "No, Woonsocket,"

"But, my good woman, it is four good miles." "I can't help that, I must go there." "Have a ride?" The woman accepted the invitation without hesitation and was helped up onto what seemed to be some kind of a peddler's wagon. Her new friend tucked the buffalo robe sround her and drove on in silence. At last he said.

last he said.

What are you doing on the road at this time of night? "Looking for Christians." Again she had seemed to be impelled by some spirit not her own. By gum! I want to know what all of this means." The woman told her story soberly. The man listened, and asked, "Are you not afraid?"

She replied, "I am well protected." She thought of the Higher Power. Her listener said "U-m-m" with emphasis. "What are you, anyway?" "A temperance lecturer" ance lecturer

Just then a rough place in the road set the lager beer bottles with which the team was loaded to jingling and both the driver and his companion were silent. She was thinking of the strange fact that she, a temperance lecturer, should be dependent upon a vender of beer for the only Christian help which

beer for the only Christian help which she had received.

Her companion broke in upon her reverie with, "By gum, mum; it's too bad, but I'll tell ye what I'll do. I'll tack ye in sight of the Woonsocket hotel; ye'll get in there ony time o' night. The board's three dollars the day, but on Monday h yer pocketbook's small ye can go to the Globe. It's a factory corporation. They keeps travelers for three dollars the week with pianny, carpets and all that."

In due time Mike Bryne lifted his companion down from her high seat, pointed out the hotel in question, bade her "Good-night and God bless you, mum," and at 1 o clock on Sunday morning she knelt beside her comfortable hed and prayed for the brother" who had proved her good Samaritan in her hout of need. She did not need to test the hospitality of the Globe corporation, and has never met Mike Bryne since.

foration, and has never met Mike Bryne since.

In her home beside the sea she still gives shelter to those who ask. She has often been told by charitable workers that she does wrong to entertain tramps, but she has never been injured by so doing.—[Mrs Caroline Oakley.

THE SPIDER AND THE FLY.

Oftentimes an objection is raised because the usual amusement introduced "socials" arranges so that two people are placed for a share of the evening in each other's company, although they may not be at all congenial and perhaps entire strangers, occasionally not even having been introduced. This may be remedled by the formation of groups instend of couples, as is the usual rule, before serving refreshn ints

usual rule, before serving refreshnents.
There should be one card for distribution marked "Spider" to five of the "Flies," which are numbered respectively from one to five. The Spiders should be chosen wisely, and it is well to have them appointed before distributing the cards. Then the Spider cards need not be distributed until the numbered or Fly cards are all out.

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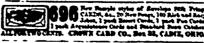
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