

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

FAITH.

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea... I shall believe it is an all-wise love... I will not doubt, though all my prayers return...

CHOLERA GERMS.

Dr. Robert Koch, the celebrated leader of the German cholera commission, which has just finished a thorough examination of cholera districts in Egypt and India...

His investigation took the following course. He inoculated healthy animals with blood drawn from splenic fever patients...

BRAVE FOR THE RIGHT.

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DISAPPOINTED HOPES.

Dear Girls: I am a middle-aged woman now, and commonplace. The fact has been lately forced upon me, and trust me, there can be no moment in a woman's life more humiliating, no disappointment more bitter...

the honored guest of the evening. When the time appointed arrived, the banquet was found to be all that could be desired.

"Mr. Merrill, will you take wine with me?" at the same time sending to him the waiter, with the bottle of rare wine from which his own glass had just been filled.

But a moment, and then courage, God-like, came to the front. Steadily, yet modestly, his dark eyes met those of Mr. Wellington...

"Mr. Wellington, when I was a boy, too young to write, my mother took me to the old Methodist church in our village, and putting a pen in my little hand, guided it with her own, and so signed my name to a temperance pledge...

THE PEOPLE'S HOLIDAYS.

Not all me for the rich and great... The mountain's steep, and the ocean's beach...

Not alone for the cultured eyes... Do the sweet flowers spring and grow...

Away from the factory, shop and desk... Where the diligent work in throngs...

"Man does not live by bread alone." And well it needs must be...

And well may all with a stronger hand, And a braver, truer heart...

WOMEN AND TRUNKS.

Horbert, the veteran head usher of the old St. Nicholas Hotel, which has just been closed up in New York, says of people who carry baggage...

WORDS TO YOUNG MEN.

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me the thought continued, "the best of me does belong to the past. Youth, its possibilities, its untried strength, all belong to the past. I am but the grave of what I might have been."

Yet I had been as full of hopes and dreams and plans as the brightest among you; and they had not fled. I still intended to make something of myself, be somebody, "above a common herd."

"What, Merrill! not take wine with me? Why not, sir?" For a moment there was no reply; for a moment the young man listened to the tempting voice within, it-tend while it said: "You cannot announce your temperance principles in this company."

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AS A FOND MOTHER.

As a fond mother, when the day is o'er, Leads by the hand her little child to bed, Half-willing, half-reluctant to be led...

As I hear the New Testament speak those words I seem to see the vision which it always sees. Realizing, as it always does, that the perfection of the world must come through human character...

GIVING BEGETS LOVING.

Interest in anything is quickened by sacrifice for that thing. The giving to a great cause increases love for that cause, and creates a certain affection for it, where none existed before.

IN A HOLLOW PLACE.

"In a hollow place."—A mother in New York was quietly engaged in her domestic work when the dreadful news came: "Come to the police-station. Your child has been run over by an express wagon."

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the carrying of trunks was always a big job. I have seen great strong men give way. I have seen four porters struggling with one trunk. It always seemed the rule that the more important a man was the less baggage he would have.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE PRECIOUS HERB.

Two little German girls, Brigitte and Wallburg, were on their way to the town and each carried a heavy basket of fruit on her head.

Brigitte murmured and sighed constantly; Wallburg only laughed and joked.

Brigitte said: "What makes you laugh so? Your basket is quite as heavy as mine, and you are no stronger than I am."

Wallburg answered: "I have a precious little herb on my load which makes me hardly feel it at all. Put some of it on your load as well."

LEARN TO UNLIE STRINGS.

One story of the eccentric Stephen Girard says that he once tested the quality of a boy who applied for a situation by giving him a match loaded at both ends and ordered him to light it.

Said one of the most successful merchants of Cleveland, Ohio, to a lad who was opening a parcel: "Young man, untie the strings; do not cut them."

It was the first remark he had made to a new employee. It was the first lesson the lad had to learn, and it involved the principles of success or failure in his business career.

"There is a man who always whips out his scissors and cuts the strings of the packages in three or four pieces. He is a good salesman, but he will never be any more. I presume he lives from hand to mouth, and is more or less in debt. The trouble with him is that he was never taught to save."

"I told the boy just now to untie the string, not so much for the value of the string as to teach him that everything is to be saved and nothing wasted."

A LITTLE HERO.

There are many adult Christians who have not the courage displayed by little Charlie. Here is what he did:

Charlie was going home with his uncle. They were on the steamboat all night.—A steamboat is furnished with little beds on each side of the cabin. These little beds are called berths.

"Make haste and jump into your berth, boy," cried his uncle. "Mayn't I first kneel down and ask God to take care of us?" asked Charlie.

"We shall be taken care of fast enough," said his uncle. "Yes, sir," said Charlie, "but mother always tells us not to take anything without first asking."

Uncle Tom had nothing to say to that; and Charlie knelt down just as he did by his own little bed at home. God's bounty and goodness and grace you live on day by day, my children, but never take it without first asking.

We pray for self too much, for others too little. We get selfish in our devotions, and desire all streams of blessing to flow towards the ocean of self.—Dorns.

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As in the sun's eclipse we can behold the great star shining in the heavens, so in this life-eclipse have these men beheld the lights of the great eternity, burning solemnly and forever.