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J. D.—Many thanks for your valuable assistance.

CHARLES F.—The line, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever" occurs at the beginning of Keats' poem "Endymion."

C. M.—If you wish to make the gentleman think you don't care you had better not mention the circumstance or even make the slightest allusion to it.

K. L. G.—You should not receive presents from any person you do not care to be indebted to. Presents from a young gentleman to a young lady should be paid for with love.

SUBSCRIBER A.—To remove sunburn and freckles and beautify the skin, put a quantity of elder flowers into a jug; pour boiling water on them; let the mixture stand for twenty-four hours, and strain through muslin. Wash the face with this every morning.

H. H.—Always retain your commission when sending subscriptions. Our returning it necessitates expense which is not required. Write the name of Post Office distinctly and when in cities where there is free delivery the number of the house as well as name of the street.

R. B.—There is no paper or magazine, so far as we are aware, gives a larger cash commission to agents than the FAMILY CIRCLE and only very few give as large. We are anxious to get the magazine introduced into all the intelligent, reading homes of Canada and the Northern States.

X. Y. Z.—(1) No; you should never write across what you have written in any letters. Postage is not that expensive that this is necessary. (2) If you are offended at receiving a letter you may either treat it with silent contempt or return it without a word to the sender. (3) See answer to "Maggie I." in the July number.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—No arrangements have yet been made towards enlarging the FAMILY CIRCLE; we have been content to improve it in its present size. There is a possibility, however, that at some future time our magazine may be greatly enlarged and improved. At present there does not seem to be enough demand in Ontario or even in the Dominion for a magazine such as you speak of.

WILLIAM W.—the very nature of your complaint will make you look more despondingly on your position than there is any necessity for. Nature is powerful to help you in building up a constitution if you will positively work to assist her. Take lots of open air exercise, eat little meat of any kind, avoid alcoholic drink, wine or beer and better do without tea or coffee. Go much into society and above all keep hopeful and merry over your meals.

Mary.—You are in no way bound to do as any gentleman wants you, with regard to keeping company with others, until engaged. Such circumstances admit of such varied experience, however, that you must consult your own judgment. If you have any desire to keep others company and the gentleman you mention is inclined to be jealous you had better let him go at once. You evidently don't think enough of him to become his wife.

OUR GEM CASKET.

"But words are things, and a small drop of ink
Falling like dew upon a thought produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think."

Caution and care baffle many a snare.

Beware of the mother of a man that despises women.

In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes.—*Ruskin*.

A rational view of worship is an expression of the divine in man.

Sensitive people wish to be loved; vain people wish only to be preferred.

A person may as well be in darkness as to be overwhelmed by a flood of light.

Chance is a word void of sense; nothing can exist without a cause.—*Voltaire*

The remembrance of a tender word will last long after the speaker has passed away from earth.

A man must first govern himself, ere he be fit to bear the government in the commonwealth.—*Sir W. Raleigh*.

We love the beauty of woman at first sight; and we cease to love it if it is not accompanied by amiable qualities.

Benefit your friends, that they may love you still more dearly; benefit your enemies, that they may become your friends.

It is not a knowledge of abstruse and difficult questions that we need, so much as a familiarity with the every-day affairs of life.

The man that lays his hand on woman, save in the way of kindness, is a wretch whom 'twere gross flattery to name a coward.—*Tobin*.

If you would preserve beauty, rise early in the morning. If you would preserve esteem, be gentle. If you would obtain power, be condescending.

Equality is the life of conversation; and he is as much out who assumes to himself any part above another, as he who considers himself below the rest of the society.—*Sir Richard Steele*.

You must work; nothing is to be got for nothing, and no man who chooses to be industrious need be under obligations to another; for labor of every kind commands its reward.—*Goldsmith*.

The reaction against materialism in science and dogma in religion has set in. Science must become imbued with the spirit of religion, and religion must adopt the methods of science.—*Jewish Tribune*.

The consciousness of being loved softens the keenest pang, even at the moment of parting; yea, even the eternal farewell is robbed of half its bitterness when uttered in accents that breathe love to the last sigh.—*Addison*.

The dark ages were more dark and horrible, simply because the superstition of the people over-shadowed everything, retarded intellectual growth, and prevented what religious light there was from burning, and waged cruel and bloody wars.

One sentence of honest praise bestowed at the right time, is worth a whole volley of scolding. The sun understands how to raise plants and open flowers—he just smiles on them, and kisses them with his warm rays, and they begin to grow and unfold.

Mayor Wilson, of New Bedford, gave some homely advice to the graduating class of the high school, telling the boys that a trade was a desirable acquirement, and the girls that housework ought to be included in their accomplishments. Some of the boys and girls listened with manifest scorn.

There is always a best way for doing everything, if it be to boil an egg. Manners are the happy ways of doing things; each one a stroke of genius or love—now repeated and hardened into usage. They form at last a rich varnish, with which the routine of life is washed and its details adorned. If they are superficial, so are the dew-drops which give such a depth of beauty to the morning meadows.—*Emerson*.