

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

Pleasant Evening Reveries dedicated to tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

CHEERFULNESS.
A woman whose life has been made of sorrow and pain, but who always appeared cheerful, explained to her friends: "You know I have had no money; I have had nothing I could give but myself, and so I made a resolution that I would never sadden any one else with my troubles. I have laughed and appeared cheerful when my heart was breaking. I have always smiled in the face of every misfortune. I have tried never to let anyone go from my presence without a happy word or a bright thought to carry with them. And happiness makes happiness. I myself am happier than I would have been had I sat down and bewailed my fate."
No one can estimate the worth of the cheerful woman; the woman whose cheerfulness is not affected by dark days or little disappointments, or whose kindness does not become rancid in the midst of prosperity. The magnetism of the cheerful woman's smiles and brightness infects every one in the darkest hours. Her husband goes to the store, shop or office feeling that he can contribute himself, heart and soul to build himself into the temple of human society. The cares of the day worry him, but the thought that "at home I shall find peace," renews his strength and energy and he can endure to the end. The cheerful mother sends her children to school with the sense of something to be won, a work to be accomplished, and they do not find it very difficult to be brave, truthful, courteous and just, obedient to teacher, kind to schoolmates.

The sweetest wives are those who possess the magic secret of being contented under any circumstances. Rich or poor, high or low, it makes no difference; the bright little fountain of joy bubbles up just as musically in their hearts. Do they live in a log cabin? The fire on its humble hearth becomes brighter than the gilded chandelier in an Aladdin palace.

One of the most important things that a man owes to his family is cheerfulness. He should cast all trouble away when he comes to his home.

A happy fireside is better than a big bank account.

There is more sunshine in life to the minute than there is misery to the mile. But after all it is just the way you look at it.

There is a demand for good boys. The boy who is honest, earnest and industrious, will not be long out of a job. There are lots of prosperous business men, merchants and mechanics, who are constantly on the lookout for good boys. They do not look for them

RED CROSS EFFICIENCY.

Everybody knows that the first principle of sound banking is the building up of an adequate reserve. It is well known that a regiment of troops forced to hold a front line of trenches without any reserves are in a precarious almost fatal position. The gospel of preparedness is counted in every department of human activity as sound reason.
Nobody criticizes a bank because it has cash, or a general because he has troops in reserve, but some people have ventured to criticize the Red Cross because it has unused supplies in its warehouses. On the contrary the Red Cross is under every obligation to have supplies available for every emergency. It never knows the day or the hour when an epoch making battle will throw hundreds of thousands of wounded on its hands. For it to be short of supplies is a criminal gambling in human life.

Ex President Taft, in a recent article, has made some very apt comments on Red Cross preparedness. He points out that the Red Cross is like an army. It cannot be created over night. It is like a fire department when the fire bells ring, there is no time to build engines, to train firemen or to perfect a water supply. These things must be ready or they might as well not be at all.

When news of a great battle reaches Canada, it is too late for us to ship Red Cross supplies. The Red Cross material must be on the spot ready for the emergency. In fact the chief purpose of the Red Cross is to meet these unseen and sudden exigencies. If it is not prepared it becomes a ghastly mockery and failure.

In Canada we have built up an expert Red Cross organization administered by trained specialists. Our Red Cross campaign is carefully planned and vigorously carried out. All that is needed is the steady momentum of public support.

80,000,000 Red Cross Christmas seals were sold in the United States.

Japan with a population of 400,000 has 1,800,000 Red Cross members.

The United States with a population of 100,000,000 has only 31,000 members of the Red Cross. A national Red Cross movement is now under way to increase this membership to 1,000,000.

An expert in Berlin proposes the building of one hundred freight-carrying submarines, at a cost of \$250,000,000, to carry exports to America to support German credit and to bring back food supplies.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

in the streets, however, but in some so it of employment. They have no use for an idle boy. He is too apt to make an idle man.

If you scar a sapling the tree will tell the tale; so if a child is subjected to improper influence and examples the scars will remain and his life be blighted by it.

A cheerful atmosphere is important to a happy home life. It is hard for children to be good when they are exposed to an incessant hail storm of fault-finding from their parents. It is very difficult for a wife to maintain a calm and sweet demeanor when her husband is critical or sulky, and takes all her tender efforts with difficult appreciation.

When one is inclined to worry, the remark of an old lady should be recalled: "Yes, dearies; I've had an awful heap of trouble in my time and most of it never happened."

A happy home is the brightest spot on earth that the eye of God looks down upon. Love and peace in his home sends sunshine around the man wherever he goes; disorder and trouble there is misery everywhere.

You will often advance your interests more by spending a sociable evening in a respectable family, than you will by sitting in your room and pouring over your money matters, or writing a whole package of business letters.

If a child is brought up in the constant exercise of courtesy toward brothers and sisters and playmates, as well as toward parents and uncles and aunts, it will have little left to learn as it grows older.

Don't let all the sunshine in nature become cloudy since you are growing older.

There is many a good wife who can't sing, play the piano or dance well.

Character makes the man; character plus culture makes the gentleman and the true gentleman is the real nobleman of this world. Culture is the rose on the breast of character. Wear it that you may make life not only useful and honorable, but high, sweet and helpful, noble and divine.

The home where Good Morning! and Good Night! are carefully said by one to another, are the homes of the world where good thoughts are generated, where good deeds have place, and from whence go out good lives.

The Life of an Editor.

Many people believe that a newspaper falls together without work, concerted plan or action. The Rev. McLeod, a Presbyterian minister of Pasadena, California, was of this opinion, and asked to be allowed to edit one edition of the Pasadena Star. This is how he confessed himself at last at the end of his task, which, it must be said, has been done quite creditably.
"My time is almost up as I pen this last line, my hand is almost paralyzed; my brain is befuddled, and I am free to confess that I am right glad to vacate the holy spot. Such a jumble and a rush. It strikes me as the effort to bring order out of chaos, and to do it lightning quick, I am reminded of the memorable words: 'The earth was without form, and void; the darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit moved upon the face of the waters.' Never again shall I criticize the newspaper men; more, I shall pray for them. They will have my heart's forbearance, henceforth and forever. They are the hardest worked, shortest lived, poorest paid brain workers on this weary old world."

Mr. George Code, of Montague, died suddenly a week ago. He retired Friday evening in his usual health but on Saturday morning was found dead in bed, heart failure being the cause of his untimely demise. He was in his 62nd year and had lived nearly all his life in Montague, the township in which he was born.

It will be interesting to note that apart from the Bell Telephone Company, there are in Ontario upwards of 522 telephone systems furnishing services to over 76,000 farmers, and representing a capital investment of approximately six million dollars. This development has mostly taken place within the last six years, and it all goes to show the increased facilities and comforts which the people possess and which were unknown of by their fathers.

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life.

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This handsome gown, so Frenchy in its design, is developed with winey broadcloth and georgette crape, which makes a foundation for the sleeves and bodice. Please notice how cleverly novelty plaid ribbon has been used as a girdle and tie, while a pointed fox scarf gives the right finish around the shoulders.

WINTER NECKWEAR.

Newest Notes About Attractive Ways to Dress Your Throat.

Winders ties of silk taffeta and crape are in plain, ombre, striped and plaid effects. Ribbon ties are in velvet, satin, grosgrain and belting designs. These are more in cross stripes than in one color. The ends are tasseled with jet or steel, have large silk balls, plaid fans of silk or Chinese looking pendants of jade. The very newest have a buckle of the ribbon part way down, and tiny roses of chiffon dot the necklet from the buckle to the ends. The new jabots have a cascade of lace edging from three to ten inches wide. The newest ideas are sport stock and glazed leather sets. Scarfs of this soft leather are swathed around the high collars. A plain piece of neckwear is a stock of black moire, taffeta or satin with high tabs in front and small tabs of white organdie resting on these. Striped velvet ribbon is worn as a necklet in rose, turquoise, black, bright green, watermelon pink, gold, old blue and violet.

Soft black satin ribbon six inches wide has pointed ends edged with skunk fur. The ribbon is wound around a high collar and tied in a large bow at the back on one side. A choker of violet faille has a short scarf of the same tied once in front, with a circular turnover at the top, fur edged. Turnover points in front trim high collars. Platted ruches on top of high collars encircle the head. Pame velvet collars are trimmed with dull silver lace.

Vestees of white pique, plain and plaided silk, glazed feather, bits of ancient embroidery, beading, tapestry, broche, etc., are all used for a waist length vestee. Linen and pique stocks are stiff with an upper effect to turn over and are worn with a stock bow. One has wings at the sides, another has a tiny shelf standing out all around and points at the sides. Another is scalloped wider in front.

German Toast.

Materials.—Three eggs, one-half teaspoonful salt, two tablespoonsful sugar, one cupful milk, six slices stale bread.
Utensils.—Griddle, bowl, dish, egg beater, cup, spoon, knife, shallow dish.
Directions.—Beat eggs slightly; add salt, sugar, milk; strain into shallow dish. Soak bread in mixture; cook on a hot, well greased griddle; brown on one side, turn and brown on other. Serve with sauce made by creaming one-half cupful butter; add one cupful sugar gradually, one egg, well beaten; one teaspoonful vanilla. Just before serving add one-half cupful hot milk.

Mushrooms Stewed.

Take one and a half pints of button mushrooms, clean them, put into an enameled stewpan with three ounces of butter first melted and allowed to brown a little. Stir them gently and shake over a moderate fire in order that the butter may be well distributed over the mushrooms; then add a very little powdered mace or nutmeg with salt, white pepper and cayenne to taste. Cover and cook till done. Serve around at one side of bread patties.

Nicholas of Montenegro

Has Had an Adventurous, and a Trying Career

ALTHOUGH it numbers but 40,000 men, the Montenegrin army, which has taken the field with King Nicholas at its head, will probably effect a decisive influence in the critical Balkan situation, for every one of those men is a sturdy, strenuous fighter. For five hundred years the Turks have tried to conquer this hardy race. Austria, too, has tried, with diplomatic trickery, to bring about a union with this gallant little nation, but without success, for the Montenegrin loves his freedom.

King Nicholas himself is the most picturesque royal figure in Europe. He is a magnificent soldier, and for half a century has guided the destinies of his land through war and peace.

It was in 1860 that the King, then barely nineteen, succeeded to the rulership of Montenegro, owing to



KING NICHOLAS.

the assassination of his uncle Daniel. And since those far-off days he has become the father of a numerous family.

In the same year that he ascended the throne he married a daughter of a Montenegrin landowner, to whom he had been betrothed since infancy. His bride was barely thirteen, and seemed very delicate; but they have had a large family—six daughters and three sons—several of whom have made brilliant marriages. One of King Nicholas' daughters is Queen Helena of Italy, and the King is said to have laughingly referred to her as "Montenegro's most valuable export." Another daughter is the wife of Prince Joseph of Battenberg. The marriage of Prince Danilo has somewhat nearly allied the Montenegrin and the English royal families, the Crown Princess being Queen Mary's cousin once removed.

King Nicholas is not only a strenuous soldier and a great patriot, but he is also a polished linguist and litterateur, blessed with a full share of the poetic fervor which is characteristic of his race. He is the author of many fine stirring war songs and at least two plays. Prince Danilo has inherited the warlike qualities of his father, and is a fighter first and last. He has been brought up on very Spartan lines by a father who has a great belief in the patriarchal system.

Extraordinary War Coincidence.

A former member of a London magazine's editorial staff, Sergeant C. W. Jones, of the 3rd Battalion Queen's Westminster Rifles, reported an extraordinary coincidence. Sergeant Jones, who joined the "Q. W. R.'s" as a rifleman shortly after the beginning of the war, has a brother who has been serving for many months at the front in the Royal Engineers. Sergeant Jones sent a photograph of himself to his brother shortly before the battle of Loos, in which the latter took part. During the fighting, however, the brother lost the photograph.

The picture was picked up and shown to a man in the 6th London, who, curiously enough, was a member of the same paper's counting-house staff. The latter at once recognized the photograph, and when he came home on leave brought it to the offices at the same time that Sergeant Jones with his brother, who was also home on leave, paid a visit. Thus it happened that the loser, finder, and subject of the photograph met together, and the picture was restored to its rightful owner after being lost on the battlefield of Loos.

Bibles on Watch-Chains.

The devout in all lands have their own particular way of giving outward demonstration to their piety. In Russia it frequently takes the form of wearing miniature Bibles as charms on the watch-chain. They are got up in attractive form about an inch square and three-eighths of an inch in thickness, and contain the first five Books of the Old Testament. The text of the Book is in Hebrew and the titles in Latin. It is true that the Book could not be read without the aid of a powerful magnifying glass, but that does not trouble the Russian "unco" gird; he places great reliance on the fact that he carries the "Word" on his person.

A HISTORIC HOUSE.

Where Tyndale Started to Translate the Bible into English.

About two miles from the old market town of Chipping Sodbury, England, stands an old time house known as Little Sodbury manor house, which, quite apart from its celebrity as one of the oldest examples of domestic architecture in Gloucestershire, has been justly styled "the birthplace of the English Bible."

In one of the old rooms William Tyndale, who lived there for two years, conceived the idea and commenced the work of translating the New Testament into English.

In 1521 Sir John Walsh, owner of the manor house, had need of a chaplain and tutor for his children, and his choice fell upon Tyndale, who had just completed his university career. Tyndale was in great favor with his master, who encouraged him in the great work he had undertaken.

It is quite possible that the translation would have been completed here, but Tyndale, having expressed his opinions too freely to the neighboring clergy, found himself secretly charged with heresy and summoned to appear before the chancellor of the diocese. Although at the time he was merely admonished, he did not consider it safe to continue in the manor house, thereby involving his patron in danger, so he left and proceeded with his translation in London.—Christian Science Monitor.

RACHEL AT REHEARSAL.

A Stage Accident That Inspired the Great Tragedienne.

Let me relate to you a little reminiscence which Marie Laurent gave me of Rachel (Elsa Felix Rachel, famous French tragedienne). She said that once when she was rehearsing the suitor in "Les Horaces" Rachel was distressed because she could not put sufficient expression into the curse that Camille pronounced on her brother after he had slaughtered her lover.

While she was laboring in that attempt, "getting dryer every moment," as she herself expressed it, an iron vice that was being turned at rapid pace by a large screw caught a finger of one of the stage mechanics and crushed it till the blood ran down. Every one screamed; Rachel fainted.

On recovering consciousness she said, "Some drops from the mangled finger of a stranger made me faint, yet I could look at a sword covered with the life blood of my dearest and only rant." She then hurled forth the famous imprecation de Camille in a way that brought every hammer on the stage to a standstill and "struck terror to us all."—Princess Lazarovich-Hrebellanovich in Century Magazine.

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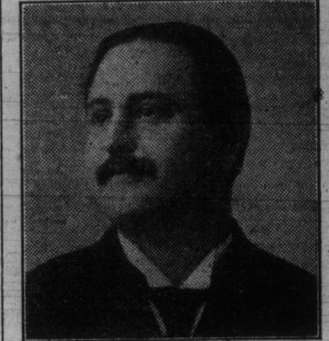
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