

Family Circle.

Angry Words.

Angry words! O let them never
From the tongue unbridled slip;
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them, e'er they soil the lip.

Industry.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh
willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchant-ships; she bringeth
her food from afar.—Proverbs xxxii,
13, 14.

Every one—high and low, rich and
poor, who desires to live usefully toward
man, and faithfully towards God, must
be a worker. It is a very great mistake
into which the poorer classes sometimes
fall, when they suppose that people of
rank and wealth live lives of indolence.

Women are not exempt from this con-
dition of work. And it is well they are
not, for nothing is so miserable for mind
or body, for health or temper, as indolence.

The Scripture tells us of a time when
women of the highest rank had to obtain
wool and manufacture the cloth; or flax,

and spin and weave the linen. For hun-
dreds of years the entire clothing of the
whole family depended on the industry
of the women.

In our own country, in
early times, the fleece used to be brought
home, and it was often in large house-
holds carded, spun, dyed, woven, and
made into garments under the superin-
tendence of the lady, who presided over
the house.

So general were the distaff
and spinning-wheel in sacred times, such
as those described in the words we have
quoted; and in the early history of our
own and other countries, that women ob-
tained a name from this their ordinary
employment, and were called 'Spinsters.'

In process of time this came to be the
designation of unmarried women only—
and the married were called 'House-
wives.' Not, perhaps, that they spun
much less, but that they had to manage
all the home affairs of the house.

Do my readers notice that word 'will-
ingly?' Oh, how much difference it
makes whether the work that must be
done is done 'willingly.' I know two
young married women, both are industri-
ous, but there is a great difference in
their spirit.

The first—I will call her
Mrs. Moan—tells you with a sigh, 'I
never thought when I married that there
would be half the cares and troubles I
have found.'

'How so?' Your husband seems so
lovely and kind.'
'Oh, dear, yes, he is; but his wages
are small, and I'm obliged to slave and
save, and it sometimes tries and wears
me past bearing, to make both ends
meet.'

And this murmuring and grieving was
uttered to the husband, who bore it all
patiently for a time, but at length he
wearied of it, and then came the angry
words, 'How can I help it?' And this
brought tears and discord, and through
the little rift that peevishness made, there
flowed in the bitter waters of contention.

The word "blessing," my readers will
see is often used by Mrs. Brisk. Need
I say that she is a woman who has felt
the mercy of God in the gift of Christ,
and this has made her notice some of the
many blessings that God bestows on all,
but which the poor, self-centred, discon-
tented woman, never heeds.

Many cares—daily cares, hourly cares,
must the patient striving industrious
wife and mother have, but in the midst
of all if she goes to God in prayer, the
power to work willingly will be given.
The spirit "to will and to do of his good
pleasure" will be imparted.

Industry is sure to bring its own re-
ward. The mere habit of a mother regu-
larly employing time well, is a good
example to her children. They too will
be busy from their infancy. They will
want to help mother. They will learn
to be tidy, and cheerful, and active,
and an industrious mother will have daily
evidence showing them the way to be so, and it
follows that as years go on, and the
young folks are growing up, they will
become willing helpers.

The mother's
cares may not be less, but her tolls should
be as her strength begins to fail. And
if a whole family are workers—none of
them wasters, it is the rule—unless some
great calamity comes—that the worldly
condition of the household improves.
The wages of the sons, and the work of
the daughters, add to the family stock,
like the merchant ships, which every
wind blows to our shores, bearing their
produce for the comfort and benefit of
man. And of the good industrious moth-
er who has worked herself, and brought
up her children to work also, it may be
said in the words of Scripture, "She bringeth
her food from afar." Cultivate,
therefore, my dear toiling sister, an active,
hospitable spirit. Stagnant illness as a
disease that injures body and soul.

'Work while it is called to-day, for the
night cometh in which no man can work.'

Sung into Heaven.

There are in our city two orphan chil-
dren, a boy and a girl, deprived of their
parents within the last year. The lad is
but seven years old, and is sustained in
his grief by an almost glad remem-
brance that the last words his parents
ever spoke on earth were to him, and that
he sang his mother into heaven. He
lately told the story thus: his mother, it
must be remembered, had been sick some
time:

"My mother called me," said he, "and
told me that she felt like going to sleep,
and that if she did she wanted me to sing
to her, and if she fell asleep, she wished
me to sit by her bed till the doctor came.
So," said he, "I began."

Here the little fellow, with great tears
trickling down his cheeks, sung his little
song, beginning,

I want to be an angel,
to show just how it all happened—
"When I was done," continued he,
"mother had turned over and gone to
sleep, and I sat ever so still by her bed
till the doctor came. I told him she was
asleep; that I had sung her to sleep.
He went over to the back side of the bed,
and as soon as he touched her hand he
started back and said, 'My boy, your
mother is dead.' So I had sung my dear
mother into heaven."

God pity the orphan. How the light
from the cross mellows the darkness of
his lot! We sometimes fancy that the
Father in heaven, as a special privilege,
permits sainted parents to minister to
their bereaved offspring. It is pleasant,
in a thousand ways, to think of God as
"our Father which art in heaven." "He
is, in all points, touched with the feeling
of our infirmities."

We are reminded, in penning the fore-
going, of an incident narrated by an En-
glish paper, of a little boy who was found
asleep across a freshly-made grave in a
village church-yard. "My little friend,"
said a kind-hearted man, awaking him,
"what makes you sleep here?" Hesita-
ting, with the surprise of being discover-
ed, the child said in broken sentences,
"they wasn't kind to me at home, sir,
since mother is gone, and I came out here
to tell her all about it, and she's heard me,
and I s'pose I've gone to sleep by her
side." Little he knew that his
mother's hand was not any more to be
pressed on his brow in this world, but he
had faith to believe that her ears were
open to the voice of his pleadings, and
that she was able to soothe and answer.

Trusting faith of childhood, would that
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