The Fireside.

FOR LOVE'S SAKE.

Sometimes I am tempted to murmur
That life is flitting away,
With only a round of trifles
Filling each busy day;
Dusting nooks and corners,
Making the house look fair,
And patiently taking on me
The burden of woman's care.

Comforting childish sorrows,
And charming the childish heart
With the simple song and story,
Told with a mother's art;
Setting the dear home table,
And clearing the meal away,
And going on little errands
In the twilight of the day.

One day is just like another!
Sewing and piecing well
Little jackets and trousers
So neatly that none can tell
Where are the seams and joinings—
Ah! the seamy side of life
Is kept out of sight by the magic
Of many a mother and wife!

And oft when I am ready to murmur
That life is flitting away,
With the self-same round of duties
Filling each busy day,
It comes to my spirit sweetly,
With the grace of thought divine:
"You are living, toiling for love's sake,
And the loving should never repine.

"You are guiding the little footsteps
In the way they ought to walk;
You are dropping a word for Jesus
In the midst of your household talk;
Living your life for love's sake
Till the homely cares grow sweet—
And sacred the self-denial
That is latin at the Master's feet."

—*Selected.*

Keep Your Best for Home.

Keep your best fare for home. You will never have any company that will so much appreciate the choice things of the table as your own family. It is in excellent form to place before visitors the daintiest fare, with all the tasteful furnishings at your command; but a refined influence is wholly wanting in that home where they are put out of sight when company are gone, where coarse diet makes the daily fare, and the refinement that lift eating and drinking into social enjoyment, is omitted. It may not be economical or desirable to use the best at all times, but there are many homes whose choice things are kept in the closest seclusion, only brought out on state occasions, when the children gaze in wonder and awe on the fine linen and china, and are in a state of delight at the prospect of "good things," when there is company. There are farm houses where the turkeys and chickens are sold, the money put in the bank, and the children never know what it is to "keep Christmas," and birthdays are unmarked in the family calendar. Children remember such things long, and a happy home with a share in the best the house affords without regard to company, educates a lad to the ease of polite society, to a loving respect for his early home that is worth to him more than bank stock accumulated by close economy. Keep the best manners for home. It is instinctive with most people to put on the best appearances when in society. There is a woful ignoring of the simplest rules of etiquette and common politeness in the several relations of home life. Members of a family will omit a morning salutation that they accord the humblest servant; they will contradict and deny the assertions of each other with acrimony they would be ashamed to use to an inferior, and they refuse favors to one another that they would not deny a stranger. There is no place where good manners and punctilious etiquette is of more value than in the home circle. It is the moral agent of good breeding; it is the law that governs the manifestations of kindness and good feeling, and also the law that restrains unkind and ignoble traits of human nature from expression. Keep your best temper for home. In society, on the streets, in business, everywhere, it is easier to control that attribute, if we guard the hasty word, the peevish tone, the irritating action in the home circle, and study to wound none of its inmates. Keep your best spirits for home. No where do gloomy and depressed spirits tell so disastrously as at home. The parents may have just cause for anxiety and care, but it is wrong and unjust to shadow the young life of children with anxieties they cannot appreciate, and cares they cannot understand. The tendency to brood over trouble or misfortune increases with its indulgence. So, also, does the disposition to be cheerful and happy at all times increase with cultivation. This is by far the most admirable trait. Those who are sunshiny and cheerful in character always have the most friends, and where are friends so true and loyal, and so desirable to perpetuate as those of home and family? The old comparison of the bent twig is as true in this case as any other, and children who grow up in an atmosphere of forboding of the future, anxieties about the present, and cynical reflections on the motives and actions of people about them, are training a tendency to be miserable and sad, and in their turn cast shadows, instead of sunshine, on the path of all about them.—*Selected.*

Ladies of Seville at a Bull-Fight.

Charles Dudley Warner's humorous account in the November *Century* of a fashionable bull-fight at Seville (illustrated by Blum) describes the ladies in attendance as follows: "The ladies of Spain, except in some remote towns in the mountain regions, have laid aside the national costume, and dress according to the dictates of Paris, preferring even the French fans to their own decorated with the incidents of the bull-fight and the serenade. In Seville, the black lace mantilla is still worn at church, and to some extent on the street; but the hat is the cover of the new fashion, more's the pity, and the high combs have gone altogether. I do not know why a woman, even a plain woman, should be so utterly fascinating in a mantilla, thrown over a high comb and falling gracefully over the shoulders, stepping daintily in high-heeled shoes with pointed toes, and moving her large fan with just that nonchalant air so accurately calculated to wound but not to kill. In the whole assembly I saw only one or two national costumes; the mantilla and the high comb, with the short petticoat, brilliant in color. Nothing could be more becoming, and it makes one doubt whether woman's strongest desire is to please, and whether it is not rather to follow the fashion, when we see a whole nation abandon such a charming attire. But the white mantilla is *de rigueur* for a bull-fight, and every lady wore one. It was a little odd to see ladies in the open light of a brilliant, cloudless day, and in the gaze of the public, in full (as it is called) costume of the ball room; but the creamy-white mantillas softened somewhat the too brilliant display, and threw over the whole the harmony of subdued splendor. What superb Spanish lace, blonde, soft, with a silken luster, falling in lovely folds that show its generous and exquisitely wrought figures, each leaf and stem and flower the creation of dainty fingers! Such work as this, of such a tone and fineness, in such large mantillas, sweeping from the head to the train, is scarcely to be found in the shops nowadays. These were heir-looms—great-great-grandmother's lace, long yellowing, and growing rich in locked chests, worn only on state occasions, and now brought forth to make a bull's holiday. We spent a good deal of the waiting time in scrutinizing the packed seats for beautiful women, and, I am sorry to say, with hardly a reward adequate to our anxiety. I am not sure how much the beauty of the women of Seville is traditional. They have good points. Graceful figures are not uncommon, and fine teeth; and dark, liquid, large eyes, which they use perpetually in *œillades* destructive to peace and security. And the fan, the most deadly weapon of coquetry, gives the *coup de grace* to those whom the eyes have wounded. But the Seville women have usually sallow, pasty, dead complexions. Perhaps the beauty of the skin is destroyed by cosmetics, for there was not a lady at the bull-fight who was not highly rouged and powdered. This gave an artificiality to their appearance *en masse*. Beauty of feature was very rare; and still rarer was that animation, that stamp of individual character, loveliness in the play of expression, and sprightliness, that charm in any assembly of American women. No, the handsome women in the ring were not numerous enough to make any impression on the general mass, and yet the total effect, with the blonde lace, the artificial color, the rich toilet, and the agitation of fans, was charming."

Finger-Bowls and Mince Pies.

"To-day is a finger-bowl day," said a winsome little girlie to me, when her mother urged me to stay to dinner, "we'll have oranges." "That is one of my ways of teaching the children table manners," said my friend. "I remember being so embarrassed as a young girl, when I was invited out to dinner, by oyster plates or finger-bowls, etc., and so I try to accustom my children to all these little things at home. Once a week we have fruit and use finger-bowls; once in a while we have raw oysters and use my pretty set of plates and oyster forks; every Sunday we have nuts cracked with the table nut-cracker, and coffee served in tiny cups; the children's coffee is really milk, but they learn to use the little cups." "I should think all that would make extra work for your one servant; do tell me how you manage," I said. "Stay to dinner and see," was the laughing rejoinder, and I stayed. When the bell rang, I rose to go at once to the table, but my friend said, "That is the children's bell; the boys wash their hands and Daisy goes down to get seated at the table with her pinafore tied on." I made a note of that idea at once and shall try it at home. How often Rob or Dick have to be sent away to wash a little of the dirt off their fingers, or the grown people are kept waiting while Blossom climbs up into her chair and gets her "feeder" adjusted. In a few minutes another bell rang and we went to the table. At my friend's right hand was a small stand with six finger-bowls on plates, with a colored napkin between each bowl and the plate. At her husband's right hand was another stand with plenty of extra plates and saucers. The oranges were already in the center of the table, taking the place of the pretty china flower-pot, holding a geranium in full bloom, which graced the table on other days. The older children helped the dishes in front of them, my friend saying that she had found this quite possible by trusting them first with rice or potatoes and gradually leading up to tomatoes or maccaroni. There was no waiting by the servant, except when the dishes were removed and the crumbs brushed off. "That is the only extra bit of work I give Bridget," said my friend, "and I feel it very important that children should be used to seeing the crumbs removed. We do not have dessert every day, by any means; never if Bridget is overworked." When the plates were removed, Mrs. D. passed the finger-bowls and dessert plates, a silver dessert knife being laid by each plate. It was pretty to see little Daisy lift her finger-bowl and put it by her side, and then, when her elder brother had cut her orange in quarters for her, manage it so daintily and rinse her fingers as prettily as any young lady "in society." The boys, too, used their finger-bowls with ease, and would know how to go through quite a state dinner. This is a little matter, of no very great importance, but it may be a useful hint to some other mother of young children, as it has been to me. One reader wishes to know when finger-bowls should be put on the table. When the dessert is served. If pudding or pie is served before the fruit (and finger-bowls are used only with fruit) the bowls are put on then and the pie or pudding is eaten first; then the fruit-plate, which is under the finger-bowl, is used. At this same dinner we fell to talking of mince pies; how to make them without wine or brandy. Mrs. D.'s recipe is two bowls of apple to one of meat, a pound of raisins, one of currants and a quarter of a pound of citron. Her bowl was a "slop-bowl" of an old tea-set. Sugar and spice according to taste and cider to moisten all. Another friend used the juice from her sweet pickled peaches as she did not approve of cider, while still another recommends making a syrup of the sugar and using the juice of two or three lemons in it. All this is hearsay with me, for mince-pies are unwholesome affairs and troublesome to make, therefore as my "John" fortunately does not crave them, I go without.—*Hope Ledyard, in Congregationalist.*

Reading Aloud.

There is no accomplishment which is so fascinating as the power of reading well; it is a pleasing, although much-neglected accomplishment. No music has such a charm as good reading, and where one person will be charmed by music, twenty will be fascinated by good reading; and where one person can be a good musician, twenty can be good readers. It seems to bring back the old authors, to cause us to imagine ourselves sitting down and talking familiarly with them. What is more charming or interesting than the plays of Shakespeare, when delivered in a full, clear, distinct and well-modulated voice? There is no accomplishment which causes so much pleasure in the family or social circle, the invalid's chamber, the hospital, the nursery, as good reading.—*Selected.*

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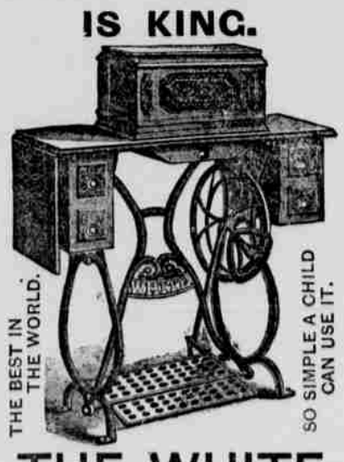

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The courier, Don Wan Maria,
Came riding wildly home.
"O! Spaniards high and low," he cried,
"Most evil news I bring;
The vulgar Frenchmen do deride
And stultify our king."

Up started Don Tomato then—
A brave hidalgo he—
And queried to his fellowmen
How they could silent be.
"Shall we," he cried, "look tamely on
Alfonso's shame, and mope
When we should shout for Arragon,
And strike for Castile's hope?"

Now tremble, France, thy doom is spoke,
And cooked thy fated goose;
The pestilential seals are broke;
The dogs of war turned loose.
"To arms, to arms, Cantharides!"
The Spanish courtiers cry;
And, maddened by such shouts as these,
To arms the Spanish fly. *Chicago News.*

Burdette's Advice to Young Men.

Remember that the world is older than you are by several thousand years; that for thousands of years it has been so full of smarter and better men than yourself that their feet stuck out of the dormer windows; and that when they died the old globe went whirling on and that not one man out of ten million went to the funeral or heard of their death. Be as smart as you can, of course; know as much as you can without blowing the packing out of your cylinder heads; shed the light of your wisdom in the world, but don't dazzle people with it; and don't imagine a thing is so, simply because you say it is. Don't you be too sorry for your father because he knows so much less than you do. Remember the reply of Dr. Wayland to the student of Brown university, who said it was an easy thing to make proverbs such as Solomon wrote. "Make a few," tersely replied the old man. We never heard that the young man made any—not more than two or three anyhow. The world has great need of young men, but no greater need than they have of it. Your clothes fit you better than your father's fit him; they cost more money; they are more stylish; your moustache is neater; your hat is better, and you are prettier—oh, far prettier than "pa." But, young man, the old gentleman gets the biggest salary, and his homely, scrambling signature on the business end of the check will draw more money in five minutes than you could get out of a ream of paper and a copper-plate signature in six months. Young men are useful, and they are ornamental, and we all love them. But they are not novelties—no, no, nothing of the kind. They have been here before. Don't be so modest as to shut yourself clear out, but don't be so fresh that you will have to put yourself away to keep from spoiling. Don't be afraid that your merits will not be discovered. People all over the world are hunting for you. A diamond is not so easily found as quartz, but people search for it more intently.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

Verbal Lapses.

Many laughable lapses have occurred in the pulpit. Naturally, most of these have resulted not from ignorance, but from that tendency to slips which no one can at all times avoid. The wonderful number of "clerical errors" which are current, arises, probably, from the fact that the opportunities of hearing them are more frequent than in the case of political or other speakers. A few Sundays ago, in a church which had recently been repaired, a venerable clergyman prayed "that this building may stand eternally for many generations to come." Another reverend gentleman wound up a glowing peroration with, "Oh! my brethren, the bridge was gulfed—ah—that is, the gulf was bridged!"—the prosaic, hurried tones of the explanation completely robbing the climax of its intended effect. Again, a clergyman solemnly enunciated the following pregnant truth: "If these men had been born Hottentots, they'd have been Hottentots still."—*Chambers' Journal.*

The Spartan Way.

He was driving out of Plainfield the other day with such a satisfied look on his face that an acquaintance hailed him with: "Well, Uncle Billy, what's happened?" "You know them five sons of mine?" "Oh, yes." "Wa'all, they are allus buyin' and sellin' and speculatin' and not a day passes that some one of 'em don't ask me to endorse his note." "And of course you do?" "No, I don't. Them boys are rather shaky, you know. But I'm going to after this. Hang it, I'm their own father, you see, and it looks rather mean to refuse 'em. I've been down here and deeded the farm to the old woman, put a chattel mortgage on the stock, and sold off most of the tools; and now if the boys want my name on their notes, I can sit down and give it to 'em like a Spartan father."—*Wall Street News.*

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