Home Chats

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The Home

"Mid pleasures and palaces, though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

Home life is the same the world over. It means the living together of members of families, each home a small world in itself.

A mother, after bringing up a large family, said after visiting them in their respective homes, "Although they are all my children, each home is as different as can be. I don't see where they all came from and why their homes are not more alike, when they were all brought up under the same roof." Yet there is a similarity. The stamp of the teachings and lives of the parents is indelibly marked on the future lives of their children in a more or less degree.

In the home are taught the first ways to work, how to do things efficiently and well. If one can also secure inspiration it is surely a haven from which much good will come.

It is the place where the best as well as the worst is seen, where tolerance and unselfishness make for the happy home and where thoughtlessness and unkindness make for the unhappy home. Naturally because of the closeness and intimacies of home life, controversies will arise. "Tell me what you quarrel about and I will tell you what you are," was the pointed title of an excellent magazine article.

Then we mothers must make the home beautiful and comfortable for our own. We should study color to have the rooms restful and harmonious, study foods and their values to keep the body healthy and study home economics in all its phases to make it truly successful. One enters one house where all may be beautiful but it lacks the atmosphere of home. In another is immediately imparted to one the friendly warm atmosphere of the perfect home where joy and love reign supreme. It is here the young must be taught the first great lessons of life under the firm hand of the ones who love them the best, and it surely depends on the kind of homes we give our children as to the kind of citizens our boys and girls will become.

Great characters come from great homes, and it is what takes pace behind the closed door in the secrecy of family life that builds the nation to greatness more surely than all other things put together, governments, business life, or industries, for it is from character that good citizenship grows. Religion is the first necessity in the making of that character since religion is the great father of all that is good.

Ventilation and Warmth

Very soon these bright, warm autumn days will make way for the more sombre shades and chill of late fall. Furs and heavy coats are brought out after their long rest in their moth bags; they are examined and brushed and their cosy warmth feels good. The furnace, long since black and cold, is sought to cheer the rooms with heat.

It is well to remember the importance of having sufficient moisture in the closed up rooms; artificial heating needs artificial moisture to keep the rooms right. This can be done by having water pans attached to the radiators or on or near the hot air registers, as well as keeping the furnace water pans filled. The singing of the tea kettle as it sends forth its steam might well keep up its song, at the same time giving off steady curling streams of moisture.

Dry air is hard on the nose, throat and lungs, and it is a fact that one feels comfortable in a much lower temperature if there is proper humidity in a heated room. A quick change of air every few hours by opening the windows for a few minutes is also a good practice and it is surprising how quickly the fresh air will warm up again and one feels a new sense of comfort, because of the oxygen admitted.

Good Things to Eat

Arkansas Ham

Ham cut in thin slices, 3 tablespoons vinegar, 1½ teasp. sugar, paprika, 1½ teasp. mustard.

Cook ham in hot frying fat until lighty browned. Remove to hot platter. To the fat in pan add the vinegar, sugar, paprika and mustard well mixed. When heated pour over ham, and serve at once. Ham cut an inch thick is sometimes preferred to thin slices.

Lemon Pie

Cream together one cup sugar, one tablespoon butter, yolks of two eggs. Then add juice and grated rind of one lemon, three tablespoons flour, one cup of milk and fold in the beaten whites of two eggs. Pour this filling into your pie crust and put into an oven very hot for a few minutes, then decrease the heat until it is quite low.

Children's Earnings

Children like to be given an opportunity to make a little money. If there is no chance for them to sell flowers, magazines, papers or any other article pay them for helping in the garden, around the house, with the dishes or cooking. A flat rate of so much per hour agreed upon by the children is a good idea.

Summer Squeaks

Many doors and hinges develop squeaks in summer. It is a good plan to thoroughly oil mechanical devices about the house regularly. Too hot weather dries out oil very fast and lack of oil ruins the best machine.

Why Worry? It's Unnecessary

"My, but I will be anxious until I get a letter from you telling me you are safe at home," said Mrs. Martin as she bid her sister and her two children good-bye at the station.

"Why worry?" exclaimed her sister. "I will telephone you from the Junction when we change trains, and again the minute we get home."

"Indeed, I forgot all about the telephone, Maggie," said Mrs. Martin. "Instead of worrying, I will be listening for your call. It really takes the heartbreak out of saying good-bye, now that we can talk to one another so easily by telephone."

The telephone calls were made as promised, and Mrs. Martin's sister was so impressed with the courtesy of the Bell Telephone operator at the big city terminus that she wrote the station master, saying in part:

"I was passing through —— with my two children, and had occasion to use the telephone. The young lady on duty was so courteous and nice to me. Nothing seemed to be a trouble, and she not only took my message but directed me to the stores during my wait. Altogether, I had a most delightful journey, due largely to the kindly assistance of the telephone operator."

Sunday School Lesson

November 2. Lesson V—Simon Peter (From Weakness to Strength)—Mark 8: 27-29; Luke 22: 31-34; John 18: 25-27; 21: 15-17. Golden Text—Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.—Acts 4: 13.

ANALYSIS

I. A GREAT CONFESSION, Mark 8: 27-29.
II. A GREAT DENIAL, Luke 22: 31-34; John 18: 25-27.
III. A GREAT LOVE, John 21: 15-17.

INTRODUCTION — Simon Peter appears in the Gospel according to Mark first of all as a fisherman with his brother Andrew, at the sea of Galilee, casting a net in the sea. Jesus called them to follow him and they left the nets and followed. It is quite evident from this story that they had known Jesus before and had listened to his teaching. They were, therefore, in some measure prepared for the call to full discipleship. This harmonizes with the story told in the Gospel of John, according to which Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist to whom John pointed out Jesus, calling him "the Son of God." Andrew then followed Jesus and brought to him also his brother Peter, John 1: 35-42. They had apparently been disciples of Jesus for a time during his early ministry, had then returned to their home in Capernaum, and were now called to be permanently with him. In Mark's list of disciples Peter is given first place (3: 13-19), as also on Matthew (10: 2-5) and Luke, 6: 12-16. He was one of the three, Peter, James and John, who seem to have formed an inner circle about the Master, and whom he brought into a closer intimacy with himself.

I. A GREAT CONFESSION, Mark 8: 27-29.

It was well on in the second year of Jesus' ministry in Galilee that he came with his disciples *"into the village of Caesarea Phillipi,"* on the southern slopes of Mount Hermon. This is where the modern town of Banias now stands and is a place of great natural beauty situated more than a thousand feet above the level of the sea. Here Jesus appears to have sought retirement and opportunity for closer conversation with his disciples. A crisis in his ministry was approaching. Believing that he was the Messiah, the King, the Saviour, predicted by the prophets and long looked for by the people, he knew that the public announcement of this fact could not be much longer delayed. He had been preaching the coming of the kingdom of God. Now he must declare himself as King. Would the people accept him? Would the multitudes who had been thronging about him acknowledge him as King and Lord? Could he rely upon his little band of disciples to stand by him? Knowing now full well that the malice of his enemies would not stop short of his death, he must have desired to know how such an announcement would affect their minds. The announcement, he felt, must be made in order that the minds of his disciples might be prepared for such a tragedy and that they might be assured that this was not the end.

The answer of the disciples to Jesus' first question (v. 27) reveals to us something of what was being said in the towns and villages of Galilee about him by those who had listened to his teaching. One of the great prophets of a former age had come to life again, they said, or it was John the Baptist escaped from Herod's prison, and not really dead as had been reported. But the answer of Peter to his second question (v. 29) must have greatly pleased him. Peter, believing his beloved Master to be indeed the promised King and Saviour, the Messiah, the Christ, speaking for all the disciples, made his great confession—"Thou are the Christ." First of that great company of confessors, who would through the coming centuries believe and declare their faith in him, Jesus saw in Peter the living rock upon which his church would be built (compare Eph. 2: 20-22). So it has ever been. The strength of the church has always lain in the steadfast faith of believing souls instructed by the Spirit of God and confessing Christ before the world.

II. A GREAT DENIAL, Luke 22: 31-34; John 18: 25-27.

All four Gospels tell of Peter's denial. Like the other disciples he had fled from the scene of the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane. But his flight was only for the moment. John tells us that Peter and another disciple followed Jesus, 18: 15-16. One can imagine the state of mind into which they had fallen. Peter was no coward. In the garden he had drawn his sword and had struck a blow in defence of his Master, in spite of the fearful odds which were against him. But Jesus had bidden him put up his sword. His whole being must have been aroused in flaming protest against what he saw—his Lord whom he had confessed now helpless in the power of his enemies. If Peter could have led the band of disciples in battle for Jesus to attempt his rescue there would have been no denial. But unable to do anything, for the moment, only his faith failed. He denied his Lord.

III. A GREAT LOVE, John 21: 15-17.

The true disciple appears again in Peter's reconciliation and forgiveness. His deep and abiding love for Jesus prevails. His final commission from the Lord is to be a shepherd of the flock of Christ.

New Competition Facing Railways

Airplane Becoming Real Competitor of Railroad Systems

Atlantic City.—A marked increased in train speeds with added attention to the comfort and convenience of passengers' accommodation will be the answer of the railroads to competition of automobiles and airplanes.

This impending development, details of which are already being planned by rail systems of this continent, along with the important part played by Canadian and United States transportation companies in supporting the social and moral structure of the two countries, was emphasized here recently by Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railwys, in his ddress before the seventy-fifth annual dinner of the American Association of Passenger Traffic Officers.

"A new competitor is challenging the railroads, said Sir Henry to his international audience of traffic leaders, in reference to the airplne. "We will have to meet that by increased speed and with the safety facilities at our disposal. The time of land travel between London and Paris already compares measurably with that by air. At the same time we are confronted with the mecessity of making travel by rail more agreeable and comfortable by attention to proper heating and cooling, and progress along this line is rapidly being made.

Train Requirements

"Train travellers should have facilities reasonably equivalent to those provided by ocean liners when undertaking a journey across the continent," declared Sir Henry.

Shower baths, moving pictures, gymnasiums, are among the requirements of this sort now being supplied by some transcontinental trains.

Dealing with the function of the great railroad organization as a force for law, order and social well-being. Sir Henry pointed out that "by good will, sympathy, recognition of economic principles, by a desire to serve, we, in the transportation industry, are making notable contributions to our respective countries. By compliance with the rules of our own groups, we encourage obedience to the laws of our countries."

Nations of World To Race in Air

Millionaire Donor of Prize to French Fliers is Backer

Boston.—Colonel William E. Easterwood, Dallas, Texas, millionaire donor of the $25,000 prize which is to be awarded to Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte for their cross-country flight to Texas, announced before leaving the recent American Legion convention that he had definite plans for an international air meet to be held at Le Bourget Field in France in June of 1931.

He said he had been in conference with M. Laurent Eynac, French Minister of Air, and that they had formulated plans for the meet, which would feature speed and endurance tests. He said he had received the assurance of Great Britain, Canada, Germany, France, Portugal and the United States that they would participate.

What is it that goes upstairs on its head? A tack in your shoes.

"Experience and its memories are better than philosophy."—Dr. Will Durant.

Steam-Cooled Engine Tested in British Plane

Condenser Smaller Than Radiator and Requires Less Water Than Older Type

London.—Cooling airplane engines by the use of steam has been successfully tried here in secret flying tests carried out under the direction of the British Air Ministry. In addition to the usual speed and climbing tests, the trials included an elaborate demonstration of aerial acrobatics, indicating that the system is being studied with an eye to incorporating it in military planes.

Water-cooled airplanes usually encounter criticism because of the weight of the water which must be carried and the vulnerability of the plumbing and the large radiator in air fighting.

After two years of research the system has been developed to its final design by the Fairey Aviation ompany. A steam-cooled engine, it is reported, needs much less water than the old type water-cooled engine. The condensers employed are smaller than the water radiator, and little damage would be done if the system should be pierced by a bullet. The puncture would result only in the escape of a thin wisp of steam. Similar damage to a water-cooled system would be followed by a rapid loss of water and the plane would soon be deprived of its motive power through heat seizure of the engine.

The interest which the British Air Ministry has shown in this development and other recent aircraft innovations indicates a new trend period.

In a surprise raid the dreadnaughts were struck eight out of seventeen times by bombs launched from airplanes.

Household Pests

Roaches will disappear if you make a paste of boric acid powder and condensed milk then form into balls and place where these insects congregate.

Water bugs will run away from kerosene so pour a small quantity down the drain pipe once or twice a week.

Echoes

Echoes of Summer reach my heart today,
Like mystic music, borne from the far-away;
Elusive strains like wind o'er waving wheat,
Bird voices vibrant in the summer heat,
Sweet spectral music from days dead and dear.
Thin, phantom strains that but the heart can hear.

Faintly the echoes come, then die away,
For Summer is a dream of yesterday;
No more she strays o'er field and hill and plain
Where Autumn flaunts her robes of crimson stain;
In vain we seek for Summer's robes of light—
She's passed beyond the range of human sight;
And only echoes reach the heart today—
Echoes of footsteps that have passed for aye.

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