YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER.

DEAR GRANDMOTHER.

Grandmother paces with stately tread
Forward and back through the quaint old room,
Out of the firelight, dancing and red,
Into the gathering dust and gloom.
Forward and back, in her silken dress,
With its full ruffles of front-like lace,
A look of the deepest tenderness
In the faded lines of her fine old face.

Warm on her breast in his red night-gown
Like a scarlet lily the baby lies,
While softly the tired lids droop down
Over the little sleepy eyes.
Grandmother sings to him sweet and low,
And memories come with the cradle-song
Of the days when she sang it long ago,
When her life was young and her heart was strong.

Grandmother's children back left her now,
The large old house is a shadowed place,
But shining out in the sunset glow
Of her life, like a star, comes the baby's face.
He lies where once his father lay
Softly she sings him the same sweet strain,
Till the years intervening are swept away,
And the joy of life's morning is hers again.

Grandmother's gray head is bending low
Over the dear little downy one;
The steps of her pathway are few to go,
The baby's journey is just begun.
Yet the rosy dawn of his childish love
Brightens the evening that else were dim,
And in after years, from her home above,
The light of her blessing will rest on him.

Boys and Girls.

Give me the boy or girl who smiles as soon as the first rays of the morning sun glance in through the window-pane, happy, and kind. Such a boy will be fit to "make up" into a man at least when contrasted with the sullen, morose, crabbed fellow who sings and cheats like a hyena from the moment he opens his angry eyes till he is reconverted to by his breakfast. Such a girl, other things being favorable, will be good material to aid in gladdening some comfortable home or to relieve, civilize, tame and humanize a rude brother, making him gentle, affectionate and lovable. It is a feast to even look at such a joy inspiring girl, and see the smiles flowing, so to speak, from the pearly lips displaying a set of clean, well-brushed teeth, looking almost the personification of beauty and goodness, singing, and as merry as the birds that commenced their morning concert long before the lazy boys dreamed that the sun was approaching and about to pour a whole flood of light and warmth upon the earth. Such a girl is like a gentle shower to the parching earth, bestowing kind words.

Among the most trustworthy tests of good home training is placed that of table manners; and an individual can here to acquire and to keep them who knows any difference in them between the privacy of the family circle and when in company. The properly trained youth does not annoy those next to whom he sits by fidgetting in his chair, moving his feet, playing with his bread, or or with any of the table equipage. Neither does he chew his food with his mouth open, talk with his mouth open, talk with it in his mouth, or make any of those noises in eating which are the characteristics of vulgarity. His food is not conveyed in too large and too small portions to his mouth; he neither holds his head as erect as though he had swallowed a ramrod, nor does he bury his face in his plate.

He handles his knife and fork properly, and not as "greenhorns," as a clown would; he removes them, the plates, as soon as it is placed before him, and he crosses them side by side when he has finished, and not before, as this is the signal which well-drilled butler observes for removing the plate. He does not leave his coffee spoon or teaspoon in his cup. He avoids using his handkerchief obtrusively, or disgusting those who are eating by trumpet-like performances with it. He does not converse in a loud tone, nor indulge in uproarious laughter.

The well-bred youth breaks his bread instead of cutting it, taking care not to crumble it in a slovenly way. He does not hesitate to pass any course of which he does not wish to partake instead of playing with it as a writer on table etiquette advises. He swallows his food before he leaves the table, and sees no occasion for astonishment because eating on the street is forbidden. All the details of good breeding are as familiar to him as his alphabet, and he has been taught to think that attention to small things is the true sign of a great mind, and that he who can, in necessity, consider the smallest, can also compass the largest subjects.

A mosquito always settles before he presents his bill.

The best thing for a bathing-dress would be a duck suit.

The female whose advice is oftenest asked is the lawyer.

The man who carries all before him is the wheelbarrow man.

Why is a farmer who "can't swing a scythe" like a dead man?—Because he is no mower.

An innkeeper observed a postillion with one spur, and he inquired the reason. "Why, what would be the use of the other?" said the postillion, "if one side of the horse goes the other can't stand still."

An Englishman at a hotel in New York asked the clerk if there were "oysters in the hotel." "Oh, yes," was the reply; "step right in the restaurant; we don't keep them in the office." "Egad!" said Mr. John Bull, "I think you misunderstand me, you know; I mean a 'oyster, don't you know; a 'lift'—a hellevator, maybe you call it in this country."

An old darkey, who was asked if in his experience prayer was ever answered, replied: "Well, sah! 'pend on wa't you axes fo'. Jurt arter the wah, we'en it was mighty hard scratchin' for de cullud breddern, I 'bserved dat we'n ebber I pray de Lord to sen' one o' Marse Peyton's fat turkeys fo' de ole man, dere was no notice taken ob de partition; but we'en I pray dat He wud sen' de ole man fo' de turkey, de matter wuz 'tended to befo' sun up nex' mornin', dead sartin!"

The Fall Fairs.

Though September is a busy month on the farm, it is the season usually selected for farmers' fairs, and no one interested in agriculture can afford wholly to neglect these exhibitions.

The Ohio *Farmer* offers this bit of advice to those who attend agricultural fairs. "Do not hang around the race track all the time, and then blame the Board for encouraging horse racing.

FARMERS.—Now is your time to be happy, if ever. Wear smiling faces at the fair, and let everybody see that you are in fact, as you ought to be, the most contented class of people on the earth.

It is to be hoped that those who attend fairs this season will resolve beforehand not to find fault with the awards of prizes. Judges are not paid for their services, and, as a rule, they award prizes according to the merits of exhibits as they seem to them. There is, no doubt, favoritism sometimes, but it is the exception.

The *Prairie farmer* remarks that it has often been said—and is worth repeating because it is an important fact—that our Fall fairs have been of great benefit to the cause of agriculture. They are really institutions of practical information—rewards for the farmer and his family, where object lessons meet the eye on every hand which may be, and are, turned to good account. Contact with others, a comparison of results in the production of crops, or stock, and other things on the farm or in the dairy, in the orchard or in the vineyard, cannot fail to be of advantage to an intelligent observer.

Wit and Humor.

Noah was an ark angel.

A man over bored!—The editor.

A prickly pair.—Needles and pins.

"Talk is cheap." Is it? Just hire a lawyer once.

To make a monkey wrench feel him on green apples.

A cruel husband calls his wife "green fruit," because she never agrees with him.

Now let some other fellow eat steadily for 40 days "in the interest of science."

Spots on the sun are sometimes freckles and sometimes photographs of a mother's loving but weighty hand.

It is pitiful to see a bald headed man fumbling for the parting on his head while he sings, "There's no place like home."

"Money makes the mare go"—and the mate, particularly when she is the better horse, generally manages to make the money go.

Trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You may know what you are doing, but nobody else does.

The devil tempts men through their ambition, their cupidity, or their appetite, until he comes to the profane swearer, whom he catches without any reward.

"Mercy!" exclaimed an old lady upon first seeing an engraving of the passage of the Red Sea by the children of Israel, "mercy what a family the man had!"

Words of Wisdom.

Hard workers are usually honest. Industry lifts them above temptation.

An ability and an opportunity to do good ought to be considered as a call to do it.

He that blows the coals in quarrels has nothing to complain if the sparks fly in his face.

Make yourself an honest man and then you may be sure that there is one rascal less in the world.

Success is full of promise till men get it; and then it is a last year's nest from which the bird has flown.

It is extraordinary how long a man may look among a crowd without discovering the face of a friend.

True goodness is like the glow worm in this, that it shines most when no eyes except those of heaven are upon it.

To be perfectly just is an attribute of the divine nature; to be so to the utmost of our abilities is the glory of man.

A sin without its punishment is as impossible as complete a contradiction in terms, as a cause without an effect.

If we sacrifice to dress, the household joys and comfort cease. Dress drains our cellar dry and keeps our larder clean.

The greatest evils in life have their rise from something which was thought to be of too little importance to be attended to.

To please, one must make up his mind to be taught many things he already knows, by people who do not know them.

He who is false to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the effect when the weaving of a life time is unravelled.

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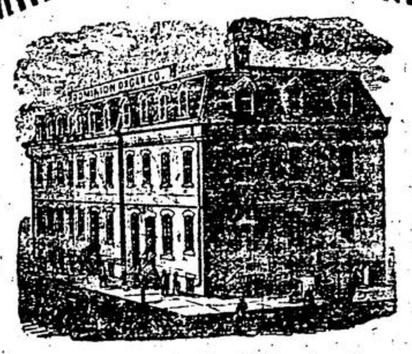

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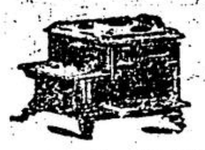

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