

Courtesy at Home.

Something is wrong in those families, says the Bazar, where the little courtesies of speech are ignored in the every-day home life.

Many who would not be guilty of discourtesy to a stranger, or to a friend in the world without, lay aside much if not all their suavity of manner on entering the home circle.

In many families there is no positive rudeness among the members, only a lack of those simple affectionate attentions which awaken a spontaneous return: a want of that consideration and gentleness of demeanour which are wellspring of comfort in every household.

No pleasanter sight is there than a family of young folks who are quick to perform little acts of attention toward their elders. The placing of the big arm chair in a warm place for mamma, running for a footstool for aunty, hunting up papa's spectacles, and scores of little deeds show unexpressed and loving hearts.

Scolding is never allowable; reproof and criticism from parents must have their time and place, but should never intrude so far upon the social life of the family as to render the home uncomfortable.

In the home where true courtesy prevails it seems to meet you on the very threshold. You feel the kindly welcome on entering. No rude eyes scan your dress. No angry voices are heard up stairs.

The Alabama State Fair is indefinitely postponed on account of the sombre times.

Love among Thorns.

The elastic age, which has exploded ancient legends, disproved traditions and reversed the oldest practices of history, has destroyed nearly all the romance of courtship by dragging it into court.

A merchant named Alexander Earle was sued for breach of promise by Miss Roxalena Homan, and Judge Neilson, finding that the lady offered no other proof of the contract of matrimony except the fact that she had been kissed by the aforesaid Earle, decided that no words were necessary to constitute an engagement; that the gleam of the eye, and the conjunction of the lips, are overtures where they become frequent and protracted.

The flinty-hearted Judge, compared with whom Judge Jeffries was as mild as the moon-light dream of a maid of sweet sixteen on a midsummer night, added, with all the acrid partiality of exasperating detail: "In an engagement to marry, the contract can be entered into between lovers without his asking in words the question whether she will marry him, and without her answering in words that she will do so."

And so for luxuriating in Roxalena's "eye gleams" and "lip conjunctions," Sandy Earle is doomed to pay the enormous price of \$15,000! Miserable lover! He had better have bought \$15,000 worth of Pacific Mail stock at 250, and seen it drop to 50 the day following, than paid so dear a price for "eye gleams," which are transitory, and lip conjunctions, whose sweetness, though fraught with entwining bliss, fade away like a dream of the morning.

Scenes in an Opium Shop. On all four sides of the room were couches placed thickly against the walls, and others were scattered over the apartment wherever there was room for them.

The "City of the Kings." One of the peculiar institutions of Lima is the police. They are generally natives, and are armed with a musket and bayonet, and dressed in a military uniform.

About a week since while Mr. Charles A. Nickerson, residing in East Boston, was picking his teeth with a piece of broom-rod, a sliver caught in the roots of his tongue and subsequently worked its way down into his throat, where it lodged.

Manufacture of 35-ton Guns at the Royal Arsenal.

The manufacture of the seventeen land service "Woolwich Infants," or 35-ton guns, which was ordered from the Royal gun factories some months ago, is progressing rapidly at the Arsenal, Woolwich. Several enormous series of coils, weighing each some twenty-two tons, and which are intended for these guns, have been lately removed from the reverberatory furnaces in the coiling shed, and lie outside ready for welding.

Noddle's Baby.

"Have you ever seen a baby?" writes M. T. Noddle. "I don't mean the senseless, squalling bits of humanity that most people have; but a pure, sweet little human cherub, like that precious little son of mine, who is one week old to-day.

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Scarborough, Maine, claims possession of the most economical man in the State, who feeds his horses upon nothing, and whose son, now twenty-one years of age, cannot read, because he has never been allowed to go to school.

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News Items.

The Maine State Prison has so few prisoners that the value of the work done is greatly diminished, and it will require \$20,000 to cover this year's deficit.

A house containing three rooms, in Quincy, Mass., was recently found to be inhabited by sixteen persons—a man and his wife, eleven children, and three boarders.

There is said to be a woman in Ritchie County, Va., eighty-three years old, whose oldest child is a grandparent and whose youngest is a few days old.

A Salt Lake girl significantly said to her Mormon father, who urged her to marry a man with three wives, that she would consent with the understanding that her husband could only claim one quarter of her.

A paper called The Interior is published at Stanford, Ky., and a correspondent says that from his knowledge of the editor he is "enabled to state positively that he will throw a great deal of spirit into his Interior."

A consequential young fop asked an aged country sexton if the ringing of a bell did not put him in mind of his latter end. "No, sir," replied the grim old gravedigger, "but the rope puts me in mind of yours."

A little boy has been fairly driven from a Slawson school by the disgraceful persecution of the other scholars, who taunted him with the fact that his father had been a New York jurymen.

A western paper says of the air, in its relation to man. "It kisses him and blesses him, but it will not obey him." Poor Doods says that description suits his wife exactly.

An Iowa wife eloped with a young fellow recently, and as soon as she got intimate enough with him to have free access to his pockets stole \$700 therefrom and travelled triumphantly back to her husband.

"Cap" Hyman, a noted gambler of Chicago, who has been alternately wealthy and poor, sometimes winning \$10,000 to \$20,000 in an evening, but who threw up his business shortly after the great fire, died a few days, a lunatic.

A New Orleans letter says it is currently reported in that city that Long street is now busily engaged in organizing an expedition for a descent upon Cuba, and that he is doing it with the knowledge and countenance, if not with the actual assistance, of Grant.

A prominent McKeesport merchant lost his coupon ticket for the Connellsville Railway nearly a year ago. Last week he found it in his bag. He has thought it necessary to publish a card in the newspapers, stating that "it wasn't his other Bible."

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When an enthusiastic editor describes a bride as sonny, and an envious compositor set her up as bonny, as was done at Jacksonville the other day, hope for a season bids the world farewell, and freedom shrieks as the compositor falls at his form, brained by the brother of the blooming bride.

The pan-cake season has commenced in Richmond, Ind. A hired girl employed in a family there, while baking cakes the other morning, stepped backward to a chair in which reposed the batter, and deliberately sat down in the pan. As she subsequently refused to sit down on the stove, the breakfast was finished with bread.

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A Cool Robbery.

A Melbourne paper gives the following as the latest bushranger gossip:—Recently a certain person was travelling along the road, when he heard a great noise and an outcry. Thinking bushrangers were at work, he fired off a pistol to intimidate them; and presently the noise ceased and a scampering was heard. On coming to the open, the traveller discovered a man tied to a tree. "Oh! sir," cried the victim, "I am so glad you are come. I've been attacked by ruffians, and they were robbing me when they heard your pistol."

Mr. John T. Musselman, of Logansport, Ind., subscribed \$5,000 to a Universalist College of that place, a year or two since, and now refuses to pay his subscription, on the ground that he was insane. The trustees sued him and obtained judgment against him, but Mr. M. has carried the case to the Supreme Court.

An exchange remarks:—"All over the country the balloon mania still rages, and bids fair to do so until the snows of winter make the air too opaque for ascensions. It is gratifying to read that all of these numerous aerial voyages are made in the interests of science solely—pecuniary profit, a love of wild adventure, and the desire to see names in print, have nothing to do with the aeronautic fever which has become an epidemic. All of the aeronauts are working for the attainment of one and the same object—the testing of the theory that a steady and undeviating eastern current of air is in constant motion above the clouds. Thus far the voyagers in the balloon have demonstrated nothing more important than the truth of the old law of gravity, and of the older proverb that the wind is a model of uncertainty. However, time is required to discover the hidden laws of the universe, and some aeronaut luckier than his fellows may yet get beyond the powerful attraction of the earth and float serenely to Europe, propelled by the potent and faithful eastern current."

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