

Poetry.

Child on the Judgment Seat. BY THE AUTHOR OF THE CHRONICLES OF THE SCHROEDER-ROTTA FAMILY. Where hast thou been toiling all day, sweet heart, That thy brow is burdened and sad?

A Sabbath-school Teacher's Duties and Encouragements.

- 1. Constant and strict punctuality. 2. Thorough acquaintance with the lesson. 3. Regular attendance on the teachers' meeting and the concert. 4. Go from the closet to the class.

Miscellaneous.

Around the World.

Stopping over Sunday—Rocky Mountains—Scattered Sheep—Preaching in Laramie City—Meeting Christ's Friends and ours.

In the course of a year or two, when the Pacific Railroad becomes well settled, the journey from New York to San Francisco will doubtless be accomplished within six days, obviating the necessity of spending a Sabbath on the way.

THE PEAKS OF THE MOUNTAINS.

The view of the Rocky Mountains on the West was grand beyond description. They seemed to come almost to our feet, although they were, in reality, some 60 miles distant.

House and Farm.

Peach Preserves.—One pound of sugar to one of fruit; put on the sugar; let it come to a boil; have the fruit pared and cut in large pieces; let them boil till thoroughly done, but not too soft; drain the fruit from the syrup, and place on flat dishes in the sun until they harden; then boil the syrup until thick, and pour all into a jar; add a little mace and tie up closely. A piece of writing paper cut to fit the jar, steeped in brandy and put over the fruit, will keep them.

Tomato Catsup.—Take one bushel of tomatoes and boil them until very soft; squeeze them through a fine wire sieve, and add half a gallon of vinegar and one pint and a half of salt, two ounces of cloves, quarter of a pound of allspice, two ounces of Cayenne pepper, three table spoonsful of black pepper, five heads of garlic, skinned and separated; mix together and boil about three hours; or, until reduced to about one-half; then bottle without straining.

An Ice Preservative.—Place between two sheets of thick brown paper, a layer of cotton batting about half an inch in thickness; fasten the ends of paper and batting together, forming a circle; then sew or paste a crown over one end, making a box the shape of a stove-pipe hat, minus the rim. Place this over an ordinary pitcher filled with ice-water, making it deep enough to rest on the table, so as to exclude the air, and the reader will be astonished at the length of time his ice will keep, and the water remain cold after the ice is melted.

Fried Potatoes.—How few cooks know how to fry potatoes! There is nothing so easy to get, and yet so palatable, for breakfast, with a thick tender beefsteak, or a mutton-chop fender from the grilliron. To fry raw potatoes properly, they should be prepared, cut lengthwise into slices, an eighth of an inch in thickness, dropped into a pan over the fire containing hot beef drippings, turned frequently, nicely browned all over, but never burned. The adding of a little salt and pepper while in the pan, and a little flour dredged over them, is an improvement. We have, however, found that a good slice of salt pork, instead of the beef drippings, answered well. Every one to his taste.

New Way of Making Butter.—A singular method of making butter has lately come into quite extensive use in France, based upon the observed fact, that cream is changed into butter by being simply buried in the earth. The theory of this result is not very intelligible, though the fact is stated to be beyond question; and in Normandy and other parts of France, butter is actually prepared on a large scale in this way. The process consists in placing the cream in a linen bag of moderate thickness, which is carefully closed; then burying the bag about a foot and a half deep in the earth, and allowing it to remain from twenty-four to twenty-five hours. After the expiration of this period the cream is found to have become hard, and it is then broken up by means of a wooden beater into small pieces, and enough water poured upon it to wash out the buttermilk. To prevent any mixture of earth, it is advisable to inclose the bag in a second one of larger size and coarser quality. This method of making butter saves a great deal of labor, and separates the butter more perfectly than the ordinary process; and we are assured that butter thus prepared is of most excellent quality.

How to Judge the Character of a Horse.—A writer in the Country Gentleman offers the following as the result of close observation and experience: If the color be light-sorrel or chestnut, his feet, legs and face white, these are marks of kindness. If he is broad and full between the eyes, he may be depended on as a horse of good sense, and capable of being trained to anything. As respects these horses, the more kindly you treat them, the better you will be treated in return. Nor will a horse of this description stand a whip, if well fed. If you want a safe horse, avoid one that is disfigured. He may be so far gentle as not to scare, but he will have too much go-ahead in him to be safe with everybody. If you want a fool, but a horse of great bottom, get a deep bay, with not a white hair about him. If his face is a little dished, so much the worse. Let no man ride such a horse that is not an expert rider—they are always tricky and unsafe. If you want one that will never give out, never buy a large, overgrown one. A black horse can not stand heat, nor a white one cold. If you want a gentle horse, get one with more or less white about the head, the more the better. Selections thus made are of greater docility and gentleness.

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The Sunday-school.

In this number we introduce a new feature, which is to devote, in one number of each month, the space usually devoted to the FAMILY, to the interest of SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. We hope our friends will aid us in this matter, and send us articles, original and selected, so that we may make this department both interesting and profitable to our readers.

Ten Reasons why I Love to go to my Sunday-school.

- 1. Because I am ignorant, and want to be taught. 2. Because I shall get no good by spending the time in idleness and play. 3. Because God has commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath-day.

"Souls on Board."

A teacher had been thinking all the week about his class, and felt discouraged, just as many other teachers have done. He had labored long among them, but none were converted. That was the burden of his anxiety. He wished to see some fruits of the seed sown. He felt that something was wanting in his instructions, and prayed that he might be made a more efficient laborer.

PREACHING IN LARAMIE CITY.

Upon reaching Laramie city, on Saturday noon, and brushing off the dust of the plain, I sallied out to inquire after some christian people with whom to make arrangements for religious services on the Sabbath, if none were already made.

Don't run up Stairs.—Often practiced, it is ruinous to health.

An eminent physician once said to us that he would not go up stairs faster than a walk, if the house was on fire, and he had valuable property to save; and we believe he wouldn't. Much walking up stairs is especially injurious to women, and frequent running up stairs is a sure ticket to heart disease.

A young gentleman having called in his physician, said, "Now, sir, I wish no more trifling; my desire is, that you at once strike the root of my disease!"

BE REMEMBERED.

This first Sabbath in our journey round the world will be remembered with peculiar pleasure, not only during our anticipated wanderings, but to the end of the journey of life, and all the more because it was the first. We felt, on leaving home, somewhat as Jacob did on setting out upon his journey to Padan-aram.

AGRICULTURE IN CHINA.—The Chinese, who walk over bridges built two thousand years ago, who cultivated the cotton plant centuries before this country was heard of, who fed the silk-worm before King Solomon built his throne, have fifty thousand square miles around Shanghai which are called the Garden of China, and which have been tilled by countless generations, and are as productive now as ever.

THE AREA IS AS LARGE AS NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA COMBINED, and it all meadow land raised but a few feet above the river; lakes, rivers, canals—a complete net work of water communication; the land under the highest tith; three crops a year harvested; population so dense that wherever you look you see men and women in blue pants and blouse, so numerous that you fancy some fair or muster is coming off, and all hands have turned out for a holiday.—Western Farmer.

WHY CAN'T WE PRAY TOGETHER?

asked the other, whose soul was deeply touched. The two boys turned aside to a secluded place, and there prayed earnestly that God would bless their teacher and bless them. It has not long before these two lads were hopefully converted, and a long life of consistent walk as christian men showed that their hope had not been a delusion. All of the other members of the class were eventually converted.

Who should be faithful, if not a Sabbath-school teacher?

A gentleman once remarked to a captain who was taking great care in time of danger to prevent any accident, "I am glad to see we have so careful a commander." To which the captain replied: "It is necessary I should be careful. I have souls on board."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL TEACHER SAYS

that President Harrison taught for several years in a humble Sabbath-school on the banks of the Ohio. The Sabbath before he left home for Washington, to assume the duties of Chief-magistrate of the nation, he met his Bible-class, as usual; and his last counsel on the subject to his gardener at Washington, when advised to keep a dog to protect his fruit, was: "Rather set a Sabbath school teacher to take care of the boys."

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