

# The Family Circle

## CHANGED.

It is when the babes are sleeping  
In their cosy little beds,  
And I tiptoe to leave kisses  
On their tousled golden heads,  
That I get to thinking serious,  
And I'm scared as I'm glad—  
I tell you it's responsible,  
This job o' bein' dad.

When I tiptoe in beside 'em,  
And I'm bendin' down above  
As careful as I can be,  
So's to give 'em both a love,  
I'm a-buildin' castles for 'em,  
Big an' grand as they can be,  
An' you bet that I'm a-feelin'  
My responsibility.

Beats all how a fellow changes!  
Days I used to hopo and plan  
For to get myself a fortune  
'Gainst the time I come a man.  
Now myself's obliterated,  
And I'm mighty proud an' glad  
To be plannin' an' a-toilin'  
For the babes that call me dad.

## WOMEN'S NEW SPHERE OF ACTION.

At the annual distribution of prizes at the Convent of Notre Dame de Sion, Sale, the Bishop (Right Rev. Dr. Phelan) tendered sound advice to the girls on the enlarged mission of woman and its attendant dangers. In the course of the address his Lordship said:—

"During the past five years woman, all the world over, has been brought out from that reserve and retirement which sheltered her and safeguarded her from time immemorial. New fields of activity have opened up before her vision, and the exigencies of the war-time drew her into positions which hitherto were regarded as exclusively belonging to man. On the battlefield, in the hospitals, and providing funds for the Red Cross Society, woman was drawn into closer contact with man than she was in past times. Then she had to replace man in the munition factories, on the motor cars, on the tram cars, and various other works where the nerve and strength of man were needed. Again, only a few weeks ago we were told that a lady of title in England fought and won an election, and will be the first woman to sit in the British House of Commons, while in Ireland, over 12 months ago, an Irish countess was elected as a Sinn Fein member of the coming Irish Republic.

"If ten years ago a man ventured to prophesy those events he would be regarded as a dreamer.

"But, unfortunately for woman herself, and for mankind in general, the coming in contact with the world has blunted that fine, sensitive reserve which was woman's greatest charm, and in too many cases has destroyed that maidenly modesty which is the guardian of virtue. This is plainly evident in the matter of dress.

"And you, girls, going out on the world, with the convent doors closing behind you for the last time, are exposed to dangers unknown to the girls who left those walls ten years ago.

"Your position, while sheltered by the rules of this house, and your position for the coming few years, suggest to me the security of a ship when anchored under the shelter of a harbor and that same ship facing the storms of the open sea. The safety of that ship, battling a fierce storm, depends on the care bestowed on her during the building period, and the safety of the young lady facing the storms of early maidenhood life depends on the character that has been built up within the convent walls. And you will never suffer shipwreck on the ocean of life if you are faithful to the principles which during your school years have grown to be part of yourselves.

"But the one note of warning I would venture to sound is to avoid all indecency in dress, and everything that would be unworthy of a Catholic girl, particularly of a convent-educated girl.

"The flagrant violation of modesty in female dress to-day, in every country in the world, has called forth protests from many quarters. Recently I read of a society of young men being formed in Europe for the purpose of boycotting all young ladies whose dress is unbecoming. Those young men have bound themselves by a promise to refuse to accompany to theatres, balls, parties, etc., any lady who has not respect for herself, for her own maiden

modesty. And only this morning I read a vigorous address delivered by the Pope seven weeks ago on the same subject.

"His Holiness was speaking to a league of Italian ladies formed for the purpose of combating the evil fashions of the day. He applauded their action and encouraged their mission. In the course of that address he said: 'We know that certain styles of dress which nowadays have become usual among women are harmful to the well-being of society, as being provocative of evil; and We are filled with amazement to find that those who set the house on fire seem to ignore the destructive force of that fire.' Again, he says: 'We believe that the league against the evil fashions will be well received by the fathers, husbands, and brothers, and We certainly wish that the bishops and priests would promote and encourage this league in every place where the fashions have exceeded the bounds of modesty—and they have exceeded it in only too many places.'

"You see, then, girls, the world you are entering, and the atmosphere you will have to breathe in social life.

"Woman is the guardian of the world's virtue; she is the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savor, with what shall it be salted? are the words of Our Blessed Lord.

"It will be your grand mission, then, to purify the society in which your lot is cast by fidelity to those great principles on which your character has been built during your happy years within those convent walls."

## A HYMN OF LOVE.

I love the beautiful bright blue sky, and the smiling earth below;  
I love the fields and gardens fair, where trees and flowers grow.  
I love the shimmering noonday heat, and waving cornfields gay;  
I love the sound of the reaping machine, and the smell of new-mown hay.  
I love the orchard when the trees are blooming pink and white;  
I love the sea at sunset all bathed in golden light.  
I love the fall of kindly rain on earth that's parched and hot;  
I love the murmuring of a stream in some secluded spot.  
I love the bees and butterflies, and birds that gaily sing,  
I love the sights and sounds of life and every living thing.  
I love them all, both great and small, and, loving them, you see,  
I love the God Who made this world for happy you and me.

## O'CONNELL'S RULE OF LIFE.

The following resolutions formed the rule of life of the great Irish patriot and Catholic emancipator, Daniel O'Connell:—

1. To begin every day with an unlimited offering of myself to my Crucified Redeemer, begging Him by all His infinite merits and divine charity to take me under His direction and control in all things.
2. To meditate and make mental prayer for at least a half-hour every day.
3. To aim at pleasing God in all my actions; striving to be influenced by love of God rather than by hope of reward or fear of punishment.
4. To avoid all voluntary occasions of temptation.
5. To appeal to God and to invoke the Blessed Virgin in all real temptations.
6. To say every day the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity.
7. Every day to say an Act of fervent Contrition.
8. Every day to say the "Memorare" and the "Sub Tuum," adding many ejaculatory prayers to Our Blessed Mother.
9. Every day to pray to God, His Blessed Mother, and the saints for a happy death.
10. To avoid carefully small faults and venial sins.

## NUTS TO CRACK.

Why is a false friend like the letter P?—Because, though always first in pity, he is ever last in help.

What is the difference between a teacher and a poor gunner?—One marks the misses; the other misses the mark.

What word is there of five letters that, by taking two away, leaves but one?—Stone.

Why are the fourteenth and fifteenth letters of the alphabet of more importance than the others?—Because we cannot get ON without them.

What prescription is the best for a poet?—A composing draft.

If you see a car with torn tyres, what time of the day is it?—Time to retire.

**After Influenza your system needs bracing up. Get a bottle of Dr. Claude's Vigor Tonic, 3/6 and 4/6 per bottle.**

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