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Greeting

Again we greet the Loyal Home Worker as editor of a paper published in their interest. It was with deep regret that the Recreation Echo was discontinued, but owing to misfortunes of the publisher, Mr. Galyon, which he explains in this issue of the H. W., there was no other alternative.

We have ever cherished a fond hope of publishing a successful paper for our Order, and while it seems that the Fates have been against us along this line, we still glory in the grand principles and the cause we espouse and feel sanguine of eventual triumph.

THE HOME WORKER is to be your paper; it will be just what you make it and we solicit the support of every one of the bright young people who compose the membership of the C. C. and Loyal Home Workers. To do our part well will be our chief aim.

The Louisville Reunion.

Those of us who had the pleasure of attending the Sixth Annual Reunion of Loyal Home Workers at Louisville, can testify that the same was a success, filled with many enjoyments.

Tennessee was represented by E. C. Searcy, John O. and Ross King, Finn L. Marrow and the writer. We were pleased to see our state represented as well in numbers and intellect as any state. Our own Searcy loomed up as one of the Stars of the meeting. Then there was the gallant Marrow, the witty John and the handsome Ross, making a quartette that we might well be proud of.

On Tuesday afternoon we held our first meeting, which was of a social nature, and many of us had the great honor and pleasure of meeting for the first time our noble "mother general," Mrs. Sherwood. There were many pleasant exchanges of words and greetings, and would that all of our thousands of members might have been there and enjoyed the sweetness of that hour. If they had been, I am sure we would all feel that we are linked together by dearer ties than we realize.

Tuesday evening we were all invited to the reception at the Gault House, given by the "Women's Relief Corps." Many of us went, and found it to be a brilliant occasion indeed. It seemed for a while that we were dwelling in "marble palaces," where

pleasure and joy held full sway.

On Thursday we held our business meeting, and all of our old officers were re-elected.

Amos L. Seaman was appointed Secretary in place of Warner Hargrove, who had "married him a wife," and could no longer find time to fill the place of Secretary. Amos L. has been tried as Secretary, and we all know what an efficient one he makes.

We adopted a button with the flower "Forget-me-not" engraved on it, and we hope all Loyal Home Workers will procure one and wear it.

Mrs. Sherwood presented the Loyal Home Workers with a beautiful banner, and we all felt grand marching under our new gift—feeling ourselves workers for Home and Loyalty.

Presents were made to Mrs. Sherwood and Miss Georgia Martin for their untiring labors, and to Mrs. Short, who proved such an entertaining hostess. We will all remember Mrs. Short very kindly as "the years go rolling on" for her many kindnesses. She gave up her home to us, and all she could do, she did for us.

There were receptions, campfires, etc., for us to attend every night, while the days that were not occupied in our business, we spent in pleasant excursions and jolly pastimes. We would take possession of a street car and ride for miles, singing, talking and laughing, but we always paid our fare.

On Friday night we held our entertainment at the Baptist church and it was a creditable and pleasant affair. Dr. Christian, the able and eloquent pastor of the church, gave us a royal welcome, which was happily responded to by Mrs. Sherwood.

We have not time to notice the entire program, but all went off well and we are sure the Loyal Home Workers' interests are advanced in Louisville. As one of the girls expressed it, "we are the people," and the future is bright with the tints of the rainbow seen in the horizon.

Sad were our hearts when we bade each other good-bye, and returned to our respective homes; but pleasant the memories we cherished of this, our best of all reunions. In our hearts we breathe the fervent prayer, "God be with you till we meet again."

May we all meet at St. Paul next September.

G. ELMER SLATER.

Haley, Tenn.

An Indian Mound.

About one-half of a mile southwest of Haley, Tenn., on the point of a rugged hill near whose base the murmuring waters of Duck river have flowed for ages, is located a mound supposed to have been built by the North American Indians, and in which the bones and ashes of some of these "copper-colored children of the woods" rest.

For many years, passing hunters and wayfarers have noticed the mound, but it seems that not one ever felt interest enough to fully investigate its contents; and so it has always remained intact. Having from boyhood ever felt an inclination to investigate any thing that might lead to a wider knowledge of the red man, and having also commenced a collection of Indian relics, we determined to search this pyramid of stone and see what might be revealed. Equipping ourselves with pick and shovel, we started for the mound. On reaching our destination, we found a circle, perhaps twenty feet in diameter, in which were heaped lime stone boulders to the amount of a hundred wagon loads. These had evidently been carried some distance, as there were not, and judging from the natural surroundings, never had been very many surface stones about the place.

Before commencing our work, we took a view of the country around, and wondered what scenes had been witnessed there two centuries ago, when these wild nomads of the forest held full possession. In all directions, as far as the eye could reach, stretched a country which, before the pale faces invaded it, must have been to the Indian a veritable earthly paradise, a type of his home hereafter—the "Happy Hunting Grounds." Rising hills on every side were covered with forests in whose recesses the deer bear and all game belonging to this wild region awaited their bow and arrow. Away to the east trending its western course, Duck river gleamed in the summer sun. From the north flowed the Garrison; and here, where these two streams meet, must once have been a sportive place for the Indian, for everywhere he has left traces of his former habitation.

Remembering that "a dead Indian is a good Indian," we then proceeded to go into the mound without any fear of his exercising his nobler virtue, revenge, upon us. We had hoped to discover many relics such as their rude implements of warfare; and one of our party, remembering the tradition that all the Indian's belongings were buried with him, essayed to build his hopes on things more valuable—gold, bright gold. Commencing in the center of the mound, we dug down through the stone perhaps to the depth of three feet till we reached

the earth. When only half way down we began to discover human bones, showing plainly that the bodies had been laid on the surface of the earth and then covered with stones. As to the number of bodies that had been placed in the mound, there was no way of determining, as the bones were badly decayed and fragments of skulls were found in all parts of the mound that was explored.

Faithfully did we work, expecting some startling discovery; but only the dust and decayed bones of "Poor Lo" were revealed. Ah, what a strange people! Strange in their mode of living, stranger in their manner of starting their fellow Indian on his journey to the "Happy Hunting Grounds" by placing ton after ton of stone upon his dead body.

It is evident that this country once afforded the Indian a rendezvous not surpassed anywhere, and that he took advantage of the situation. In the fields along the streams flints fashioned into every conceivable implement for fighting and for killing game are found. Plow boys unearth the arrow heads, pick them up and wonder how such a crude weapon could be utilized in the chase or in self defense.

But the Indian is gone and only these rude traces are left of him. The hills and valleys over which he once roamed in his wild freedom, the streams over which his bark canoe once peacefully glided are all utilized by the highly civilized Saxon, and these wild sons of the bow and arrow will be seen no more.

E. C. S.

Notes by the Way.

It was on a trolley car. A crowd of Loyal Home Workers were singing such soul-stirring airs as "The Red White and Blue," "Marching Through Georgia," "John Brown's Body," "America," etc., with a wind-up of three cheers for the flag, when a G. A. R. man over in one corner of the car asked our pardon for joining in with us. He was a stranger to all, but the patriotic thrill that stirred our hearts had reached his own breast—the common love we each felt for one flag and our own dear America, made us known to each other—and a number of voices greeted him with the friendly reply: "Join right in comrade," and we were all happy together.

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Immediately on his return from Louisville, Jno. O. King left for Clarksville, Texas, where he will engage in business.

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Rube Leon Martin is a good worker any where you put him. He handles the mail in the Pittsburg office with great dispatch; he is always at his post in patriotic work, and when it comes to making room in crowded places a street car conductor can't surpass

him. At L. H. W. head-quarters, when ere wasn't "room for one more" he made the boys "double up," when this plan would no longer suffice he wanted to put one poor belated brother in the bath room with a bath-tub for a bunk. Great fellow is this Rube Leon.

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The lovely banner presented by Mrs. Sherwood to the Loyal Home Workers, met the admiring gaze of every boy and girl and merited all encomiums bestowed upon it.

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Frank McMurray, the old stand-by of the L. H. W., was at Louisville and scattered kindnesses so promiscuously that he will never be forgotten.

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G. Elmer Slater seemed possessed of an irresistible magnetism at L. H. W. headquarters. The crowds gathered about him and it was there that the laughs were the loudest and longest.

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We venture to say there isn't a more patriotic, up-to-date Loyal Home Worker than Addie B. Stephens of New York. She was at Louisville and "re-unned" with much gusto.

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Since Homer C. Miller heard reports given by the Tennessee delegation of the good time they had at the Re-union, he is almost broken-hearted because he wasn't there. We are not much sorry for him, for we tried to get him to go.

To Our Shut-in Friends.

There is healing in the touch of a sympathetic hand.

There is balm in every gentle word we say;
There is magic in the smile given truly for loves sake,

To suffering souls and lonely hearts we meet upon our way.

There is hope and courage new in good wishes and in our prayers.

There is cheer in friendship's misadvised kindly given.

There is comfort in the thought that no one is quite forgot.

There is peace in every glimpse of God's high heaven.

There is not a tender hand clasp given ever in vain,

And soothing 'tis to know a friend is at our side
There's a joy that the sweet and true in the lonely hours of pain.

To know that still God's love can keep and guide.

There's not a white winged messenger by kindly hearts sent out

But brings a tender radiance where it goes.

There's not a low-breathed song but it echoes softly

In a sweet melodious strain before it closes.

There's not an earthly grief of such deep and untold pain.

But that Heaven's eternal peace can heal its woe;

There is not a bitter tear shed in lonely hours of night,

But in that immortal life shall cease to flow.

There is not a frowny brow that gladdens some bare spot.

Nor the lowliest form of life but has its place.

There's not a silent prayer offered with an earnest heart

That will not ascend and soar to heavenly space.

There's not a single song that human lips have sung,

But its echoes reach the gates of heaven above.

There's not a gentle deed done to help a friend in need.

But perfects that earthly life with purest love

—Nellie May.

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ALMOST A FAIRY TALE.

FOR YOUNG HOME WORKERS.

BY KATE WARTHEK SEABOY.

There was once a little girl who did not live in France, but in the United States of America.

Neither did she live in a hut in a forest, but in a comfortable country home with a grassy lawn in front of the house, broad meadows on either side, and a woodland in the rear. She did not have a cruel step-mother nor an ugly old grand-mother. She had two of the calmest, loveliest grand-mothers in all the world, and her mother was as charming a little woman as ever lived. Her father was a good business man; hard-working, honest, and devoted to his family. Her brothers were handsome and strong; her sisters were pretty and graceful. She had plenty to eat and good clothes to wear. She had a cozy little room of her own in which to sleep; a play-house for her dolls and a book-case with glass doors for her books.

The one unpleasant fact of this young girl's life was her ugliness of form and feature. Her body was small and her limbs slender, but she had disproportionately large hands, head and feet. Her skin was brown and oily; her nose flat, her mouth big, and her ears stood out from her face like the wings of a big brown butterfly. If it had not been for her hair, teeth and eyes she would have been positively hideous. They were redeeming points. Her hair was rich and soft; her teeth were white and regular; her eyes—well, they looked common enough, truly, but finally were found to be lustrous and soulful. Toward the conclusion of this tale, a record will be made of this discovery.

The little girl would not have thought of her own lack of beauty if it had not been for many reminders of it given by those around her. There was no real unkindness intended by her grandmother, her parents, her brothers, her sisters and her play-mates; but they certainly were thoughtless in making her want of comeliness manifest by frequent comparisons.

No one ever once said Eliza was especially good for anything, but they often spoke of how pretty Nora was in her picture that George was painting so skilfully, of how Bessie charmed by her graceful manners, and of how Carrie's white fingers glided over the keys of the piano. Really, Eliza, with all her beautiful surroundings, was as unhappy as any persecuted fairy in a dismal for-

est in France surrounded by wicked genii.

She was a very sensitive child, and many an hour of her life had floated the River of Time in bitter tears. Sometimes her heart simply ached with neglect, and sometimes it throbbed with agonizing beats when made extremely sore by the keen thrusts of unkind criticism.

One summer a cousin came to visit the family. She, too, was comely and accomplished. The compliments paid her made Eliza's value even more depreciated than before. A grand concert was given one night. Cousin Ethel rendered several solos in her entrancing voice, while the supple fingers of sister Carrie and brother Arthur brought music from piano and violin. Almost all of Eliza's associates had some part to perform, but she herself was considered too dull to appreciate and too homely to be seen.

The day after, as Ethel was collecting a bouquet from the flower-beds, she heard several sobs among the honeysuckle frames. It was Eliza, crying.

Ethel, surprised, stared for some moments. Then, directed by deep pity, sat down beside her on the grass and took one brown hand between her own little pink palms. All she said was, "don't cry, cousin Eliza. Tell me all about it."

"O, said Eliza, with an accompaniment of sighs, "I have been thinking of how my life has been wasted. I ought to have made something of myself by this time, and here I can do nothing. I suppose my time has been wasted, but I have tried hard, and learned just as I was told to learn. O, if I had only been better taught! O, if I only had not been made to learn so many things of no use to me!"

"Eliza, Eliza, my cousin!" exclaimed Ethel, "don't go on this way, child! Spend little time—indeed, no time—bemoaning along this line. Doubtless, in some way, all the apparently useless things have been of untold value. Doubtless, not one day of all the time you talk about has been lost; not one hour misspent; not a moment purposeless. They all have served a purpose along the way. Your life may yet be rounded out and finished beautifully and usefully. You know a carpenter spends much time in erecting scaffolding that is taken down and laid aside when the building is so far complete as to make the unsightly scantlings seem to be in the way. You know a seamstress carefully bastes the parts of a garment together until the permanent seams are made. When you look at the handsome structure, do you despise the hum-

ble scaffolding? When you see the pretty garment neatly stitched do you condemn the long, uneven basting threads that helped to make it perfect as it is? If there sometimes arise in your mind doubts about the utility of some things that have taken your time, do not waste any more time grieving over time wasted. Each lesson had its occasion, and aided in cultivating the soul called "you."

"So, cousin Eliza, don't be troubled. You'll be all right yet. With gentle hands pile up the old lumber, put away the broken threads, and count yourself fortunate for possessing a character worth molding by the most careful hands."

Then it was that the luster and the soul came to the surface in Eliza's eyes. It was Ethel who called it there, and it was she who first saw it mirrored in their depths.

Even the accomplished Ethel was amazed at the fire that sparkled in the child's eyes, at the noble look that spread over her face, and at the strange and wonderful sweetness that enveloped her voice as she said:

"You help me so, cousin Ethel. I don't feel as stupid as I look, when you talk that way."

"Stupid!" Ethel spoke slowly with an air of deep feeling and conviction. "You are not stupid at all. You will be foremost in something great, sometime."

It is proper to record here that Eliza still lives; is no longer a child, and bids fair to verify Ethel's prediction, since she has already neared the front in something, and Ethel's "sometime" may not be far away. However this narrative need go no further, as fairy tales do not deal with futures.

Today I went to an old-fashioned fireplace for a shovel of coals to kindle a fire in my stove. Disappointment met me—there were no live coals to be seen. Gone. Only pale, dead ashes. Standing in brief indecision I listlessly stirred the ashes with the shovel. The ashes being pushed aside, there below lay a bed of large, bright, live, red embers.

Instantly I thought of Eliza; and presently of all others like her. Thinking, I moralized thus:

"In real life we should not expect all of a person's brilliancy to shine on the surface. Beneath the apparently dull, dead being may be living coals ready to appear at the first touch of a tender hand, and to glow under the first fanning of a kindly breath.

If you feel weak
and all worn out take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

Dark and Light.

[FOR THE HOME WORKER.]

"How can you be always so cheerful,
Ne'er sorrowing or vexed, come what
may?"

You ever continue so steadfast,
While often I balt on the way?
Your crosses must all be of ether,
Your life-path a gentle incline.
Are burdens distributed driflike,
Or do I magnify mine?"

"Ah, child, I was once just like you!
A pilgrim whose race is near run,—
I would give a ray of my sunshine
To you who have only begun.
Begin with the brightness of morning
To walk the straight path all the day.
'Tis so easy to do good and be happy,
If one only starts the right way.

"Full of we find rocks 'stead of mosses,
And gather the weeds 'stead of flowers,
Climb mountains when plainspread before us.

And enter dark caves 'stead of bowers.
Droop not; for by effort comes pleasure;
We have but to struggle to own!
And joy comes in fullest measure
When we overcome trouble alone.

"Look up when the sun is shining,
And the brightness dazzles your view,
And scan farther off in the sky-land—
You'll see little cloudlets, too.
Look 'round in the faces near you
Of friends who seem buoyant and glad,
And see 'neath the laugh and the light-
ness,
Some lines that are heavy and sad.

"Keep trying; the gloom will be lifted;
Changed burdens for sweet duties
lie."

Bright thro' the clouds that are rifted,
Points a star to the Haven of Rest.
How easy: do right and be happy!
The worst is o'er when we begin;
* Though we think, when we're tempted
the hardest,
'Tis easier for me toals to sin.

"'Tis a beautiful world that we live in!
Yet Heaven is far more fair!
And if we'll be happy in this world,
Our bliss will be boundless there.
All around us, within and above us,
We feel the glad Presence Divine;
We love, and we see those who love us,
While hearts wreaths about us entwine.

"So grieve not, Child, for what you bear,
There's hope and rest for you somewhere
And at the end I, think, we'll see
Each life is what 'twas meant to be;
For God is over all." —K. W. S.

Why is He Single?

In The Loyal Home Workers' department of The National Tribune for October 10th, appears a paper read by Amos L. Seaman at the Louisville Reunion. In it, Mr. Seaman tells why he and many similar young men are single.

At the outset he makes marriage synonymous with paregoric bottles, hallucinations, bed posts, tacks, pins, cold floors and midnight darkness. It is quite plain to see why, with such views, he and the other similar young men are advocates of the single state. However, most married men would say that the observation of Amos has been limited; or his surroundings, from babyhood to the present time, have been distressingly singular. Many a benedict might dis-abuse his mind by picturing to him his home with a loving wife and children—a place of light and love, of warmth and security and comfort—a home where the pleasant dreams of night merge into days of unalloyed happiness.

Mr. Seaman says further that lack of means prevents anticipa-

tions of wedded bliss. Living on the fifth floor of an apartment house has no charms for him. Brother Amos, neither has it any charms for the average young woman of culture. You might have to search very hard and very long for one who would consent to marry you or similar young men with such a prospect, especially if you and the similar others smoke a few cigars, swear sometimes, drink just a little with the boys, and attend theaters occasionally. Let a man of good habits wed a woman as good as himself and soon she will help him move from the apartment to the cottage. Samuel Smiles, in "Happy Homes and the Hearts that Make Them," tells of a workingman who had once been a drinker. One day he happened to see his wife's savings-bank deposit-book, from which he learned she had laid by \$100. He said; "well, now, if this can be done while I am spending, what might we do if both were saving?" He gave up drinking, and became prosperous and respectable. "I owe it all," he said, "to my wife and the savings-bank."

Young man, and similar young men, you are mistaken when you think your progress will be retarded and your pocketbook lightened by the wife whose clear eyes look beyond her own yard-gate, discerning what is right and royal, great and good in the world that is for her as well as for you. The risk is greater when you marry the woman who aspires to nothing above the kitchen kindlings and sees nothing higher than a sponge cake or a loaf of light bread; who can see nothing beyond the cloud that rises from the soup kettle, nor let her thoughts venture out on any broader expanse than a pan of dish-water. The rich cake is toothsome, the bread and soup are wholesome, and the dishes pretty when washed and polished by snowy teatowl in dainty fingers; but there are also wholesome, healthy questions in the moral economy of life that women might well discuss and knead and mould into beautiful opinions, wielding an influence by voice and pen and presence.

The woman whose intelligent thoughts do not go out with her husband to his office, his lodge-room, his daily occupation whatever it may be, is the woman who cannot understand him, help him, shield him and sympathize with him on his own ground. Likewise is she the same who continually demands his sympathy in matters connected only with smoking flues, greasy floors, with broken dishes and other petty household annoyances.

Believe this, Brother Home

Worker! You will be the happier, the healthier and more successful if you choose for a wife that young woman who will "interest herself in other affairs of life" and yet attempt properly to "care for her home duties," one whose life is an echo of Tennyson's words:

"We have proved we have hearts in a cause, we are noble still; it is better to fight for the good, than to fall at the ill."

And such young women are to be found. Yes, Brother Amos, they are. You admit that, grudgingly. You say "They are as rare as icicles in July at the equator." Indeed, there is no lack of icicles in July at the equator, but they are in the high altitudes. And that is where you must look for this woman of whom I write—high, away up on the heights. Is she beyond your reach, Mr. Seaman, and the other young men with cases similar to yours?

The paper contains Mr. Seaman's assertion that of all the distinguished single women he has seen, no man would have one of them or all would have been married. It is his assertion. Can he advance the proof? I take the opposite ground and say that seldom a woman lives a life of spinsterhood who could not at some time have married if she would. I know not what distinguished women Amos L. Seaman has seen, but let him give their names, and if they really are in the least distinguished I will undertake to show that all have met men who would have had them and have sought to win them.

No matter how widely two people may differ in opinion, some spot may be found upon which both can stand together, side by side, hand in hand, eyes toward the same front and voices blending in perfect harmony. So, on

one point I stand with A. L. S. Both of us disapprove of women who do not respect their husbands, and "whose whole time is absorbed in work that causes them to neglect their household affairs." But, rest assured, neither of those detestable faults belong to the true, womanly woman (who is sometimes styled "new" by certain immature masculine minds.)

Since Mr. Seaman is "open to any reasonable, seasonable argument with a smack of sentiment to it," there is strong suspicion that he expects some irresistible talk to win his desire to exchange his singular state for a life of dual bliss. No such combination is aimed at in this response.

Bachelors all may remain bachelors still, but when they speak disparagingly of the sweet intellectual girls of our day they will occasionally hear from

A LIVE WOMAN.

What Shall We Read?

The above question seems an easy one to answer at first sight, but when we consider its great scope, its application to so many persons of different positions and dispositions, it makes one stagger to find a satisfactory solution to the problem; and it seems impossible to draw a line applicable to all classes of society.

Some people have plenty of time, giving them opportunities to read "ad lib." while with others time is limited. With the latter class, such as business and professional people, the morning daily is the first to receive attention. To keep one's hand on the throbbing pulse of this big, busy world of ours is almost a necessity to this class of people. Yet, even this busy class will find many minutes to nibble at the good things which are strewn so lavishly upon the highway of our life—with an occasional flight on the wings of poetry into the realms of dreamland.

There is no apparent reason why anyone should read trashy literature, unless

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Once more we are permitted to present to our many friends and readers the Recreation Echo in a new dress called THE HOME WORKER.

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that of any other publication of its class. We further desire to call special attention to our Free Exchange Columns and the H. W. Prize Story Club. We are well aware of the fact that a Free Exchange Column is an essential feature of any publication of this class, and it will be our aim to make this feature in THE HOME WORKER more interesting each month in order to further serve our friends. You are invited to use them at any and all times and free of all cost.

We open, with this issue, THE HOME WORKER Prize Story Club, and feel safe in predicting for it an interesting and successful future. It will afford all an excellent opportunity to compete for a cash prize and at the same time to further develop their literary talent.

There will be no change in the management of the paper from that of the Recreation Echo, with the exception of the absence of one whose presence and influence will forever be missed, and while we feel the loss far greater than our friends, we hope to partially overcome it, that is, to such an extent that we cannot but feel that success awaits THE HOME WORKER.

It is our aim to furnish our old friends, as well as new ones, with a much better paper than they have ever had, and to accomplish this we have spared no pains nor expense to get up a first-class paper, which fact can be seen by a careful examination of this, the first issue.

We feel that it will thoroughly cover the field for which it is intended, though we invite suggestions from any of our readers, and if they think they can offer one whereby a modification, addition or improvement can be made effective in the production of the paper, it will be carefully considered, and if accepted we will promptly mail to the party sending the suggestion \$1. In cash for their services. If you have a suggestion to offer send it along.

We have decided to consolidate our Invalid or Shut-in department with that of the Loyal Home Worker's, inasmuch as they are greatly interested in our invalid friends, and will always contribute something of interest to each and every one in all issues of the paper.

We would ask, for our new paper, the kindest indulgence and consideration of our many friends, and hope to see them unhesitatingly rally to its support.

We promise to furnish you promptly a paper worthy your support.

AN EXPLANATION.

Perhaps some friends have judged us harshly relative to the long suspension of the Recreation Echo. But now that we are about to set forth the facts in this article, by which all will be made clear, we hope to have our friends and subscribers with raw these feelings of harshness, wherever such exists and instil in their stead a feeling of kindness for the HOME WORKER.

We shall endeavor to furnish you with a paper that has no equal; your interest shall be our study, and nothing has been left undone in our efforts to furnish you with an interesting up-to-date paper.

After our baby Edna was born we moved to Harriman, Tenn., with our hearts light and full of love for our darling baby, and our prospects bright for the future success of the Echo.

Fortune seemed to have smiled upon us, and it seemed as though all obstacles had been removed from our path of progress. With a bright prattling baby to scatter loving rays of sunshine upon our happy home, our work was converted into a pleasant diversity. We worked zealously to further the interest of our paper, and when our reward of success

was making itself perceptible, placed in our vision the Echo upon the highest pinnacle in Journalism, without warning the tide was turned.

With a loving wife and a beautiful baby to bless our home, and our paper in a prosperous condition, being well supported by the different orders which it espouses, life indeed was bright. But this joy and happiness was to soon terminate, and like a bomb from the enemy's camp the calamity was hurled upon us, bringing death and destruction in its wake.

A decline in Mrs. Galyon's health began and in a few short days that dreaded disease, consumption, made plainly its presence. The best physicians were called in and making a thorough examination advised us to return to Knoxville with her where she could have best possible attention, adding that the end would be only a question of time.

So with baby Edna Mrs. Galyon returned to her mother's at Knoxville where she lingered until November.

On the morning of Saturday, November 24th, at 4:40 o'clock, her suffering ceased and she passed to the great beyond where suffering is no more; to her everlasting home in the skies where sickness and sorrow are unknown.

For three months she suffered intensely though fully reconciled to her sad fate, and when the end came she passed peacefully from this cold, sinful world to that brighter shore on the other side. She paid that great debt which we all sooner or later have to pay.

At this time our paper for December (Christmas Number), was more than half set up, but as it was impossible for us to be in our office the paper was compelled to suffer.

Mrs. Galyon's sickness and death completely exhausted our funds and there was no other alternative left us but to suspend publication for an indefinite length of time. It was our intention, however, to resume publication about January 1st, 1895, but were prevented on account of the illness of baby Edna, who died on January 23d. During Mrs. Galyon's sickness every possible attention was shown her by kind friends who did everything in their power to give her the slightest relief.

On Sunday, November 25th, at 3:30 o'clock, she was laid to rest in Gray Cemetery at Knoxville. Funeral services, held in the Broad Street M. E. Church, conducted by the Rev. Burrows and Richardson, were very impressive. Her remains were followed to the grave by a large number of friends and relatives. Beautiful flowers, consisting mostly of white geraniums, were tenderly placed upon her grave by her many friends, marking the last resting place of one who was cherished and loved by all.

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I would like some one to send me words to Battle of Gettysburg and the Dying Californian. Will send in return if desired words to either I've Worked Eight Hours This Day, or After the Ball. Mrs. B. F. Kellogg, Oregon City, Box 140, Oregon.

We want you to use our free exchange column.

I want to send a lot of reading matter to shut-ins who will send me postage. I have enough to send a good many persons. Mary A. Rhodes, Hinton, Rockingham Co., Va.

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I will exchange five Indian Ocean shells, also Plantain shells of this set on, for any good stone age arrow heads, old stamps or good offers. W. W. Robinson, Robin Hill, Tenn.

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Stamp Department

We want an Editor for this department. If there is a member of some good Philatelic Society, who is in good standing, who has the time, and thinks he is capable to take charge of this department and conduct it intelligently and satisfactorily to the majority of the fraternity, (no one can suit all,) we would be pleased to correspond with them. They must be way up in stamps and furnish good reference.

Philately as a Diversion.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

It has been more than fifty-four years since postage stamps were first issued, and though we have no absolute data on the subject it is reasonable to suppose that nearly as long a time has elapsed since collecting canceled specimens began.

It is likewise an impossibility to state accurately the number of collectors in the world, or even in the United States, but the number will reach several hundred thousand taking in the whole world, and between fifty and a hundred thousand in this country alone.

Among the devotees of this splendid pursuit may be numbered all the professions, students and rich men of leisure as well. We find among those who collect stamps the poor as well as the rich, the honest and dishonest, although the latter are happily a small minority.

The business man who collects stamps tells us that it is by way of diversion from business cares and anxieties. That in his album full of stamps he finds a mecca for earthly sorrow and disappointments. That when he returns home from his office where he has spent a weary, harassing day over ledgers and ponderous volumes of records that he finds a sweet, consoling balm for ruffled feelings in turning the leaves of a stamp album and arranging therein some newly acquired treasures.

The one power of philately which marks it as more pleasing and fascinating than all other hobbies is the way it has of diverting one's thoughts from less pleasant themes and riveting a close attention, which does not weary, to itself.

Students, who have as their every-day comparisons books of learning, and whose lives are passed in the narrow confines of a school room, return from their ordeal of brain work to their rooms to spend a quiet hour with their stamp collections and in that quiet hour to forget all the cares that should be forgotten and retain only that which it is desirable to remember.

As a diversion philately is a success. And if there were nothing else to be said in its favor this alone would commend it to

the weary players on life's great stage.

Since it is such a pleasure to business men, whose brains are racked by worldly cares, who find in it an allayer of mental agony, how beneficial it must be to the army of shut-ins, the poor unfortunates on whom has fallen the blight of disease and bodily suffering. Did I say unfortunates? Pardon the expression for sometimes when I look into the upturned face of an invalid and see the light of heaven reflected in that happy sunny face I am led to believe that it is I, robust, hearty and blessed with health, who is truly the unfortunate, for I fail to see half the beauty, the earnestness, the reality in life that my less favored brother sees. There are many invalids who have taken up stamp collecting as a diversion from thoughts of suffering and have found the delights to be real and not fancied.

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As soon as you become sufficiently interested in stamps as to desire closer relations with the great army of collectors you should join some stamp collectors society of which the best in the world today is the Philatelic Sons of America. The cost of membership is nominal, the advantages cannot be estimated. A new world will open up before you where all men are brothers and heart grows close to heart.

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However, notwithstanding the above facts, there still remains the one incontrovertible fact that any society to be prosperous must have its own periodical to represent its welfare, aims, etc.; a mouthpiece through which all may speak for the good of the order; for progress and patriotism and all themes nearest the heart of all humanity.

Such is the aim of the editors of this paper, whose standing and worth is well known throughout the C. C., and if the L. H. W. and C. C. will give it their support such a paper deserves, the long felt want will be realized and success will crown their efforts, and who will say that the monthly chats from members of the club, through their medium, will not be good reading.

JOHN BRUNNY.

War Songs.

Just about the close of the late Civil War a Confederate officer listened to the war songs of the Union, as sung by Federal officers, at his request, and then remarked: "Gentlemen, if we had had such songs, you could never have conquered us!" Whether he was correct or not, it is certainly true that the strife of the sixties called forth, especially in the North, a number of songs which played a large part in kindling enthusiasm and sustaining patriotism both at home and in the military camp.

Chief among those who composed these lyrics was Dr. George Frederick Root, who has just died. During the war he was the chief musician of the Union. Such songs as "The Battle Cry of Freedom," "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching," and others, were given out by him to be caught up and sung by the home fireside and on the fields of battle by millions of voices. It is not too much to claim that in giving the country these war songs, Dr. Root rendered the nation as useful and important a service as that of any army commander. His songs were within the compass of the average voice and went straight to the average heart. "They supplied a definite want, they were suited to the occasion. Their merits were those of simplicity and directness. The people welcomed and cherished them and made them a part of the history of that terrible time of blood and tears, sacrifice and desolation." They were written by a man endowed with a special talent and genius, and one whose name should ever be held in grateful remembrance by the country he helped to save—*Christian Evangelist*.

A Horse-Show Story.

Mrs. Burton Harrison has written a new novelette, dealing in the main with the "fashionables" of New York at the Horse Show, which *The Ladies' Home Journal* is about to begin. Mr. W. T. Smedley has illustrated the story.

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We, the undersigned citizens of the city of Redding, are personally acquainted with W. J. Marler, and are satisfied that the above statement is true in every particular.

J. W. CROUCH, JAS. M. SMITH, M. A. WAUGH, C. S. PUGSLEY, JOHN T. ROTHWELL, J. S. HADLEY. 11

Lincoln as a Lover

Abraham Lincoln's sentimental perplexities are to be shown in an article of singular interest which John Gilmer Speed has written from unpublished letters of Lincoln to Joshua Speed, for the next issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. The article will show that the great President was not steady in his affairs of the heart, that he floundered in his love, and finally induced his friend Speed to marry and tell him (Lincoln) whether marriage was a failure or not.

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4. All contributions must have the number of words they contain plainly noted thereon in addition to the writer's full name and address with home telephone if desired; must be written on one side of the paper only, enclosed in the same envelope as the letter and remittance for the subscriptions, and address to EDITOR THE HOME WORKER, Box 512, Knoxville, Tenn.
5. All stories must be strictly original with the contributors, and must not have appeared in print before. Contributors may write upon any subject whether based upon fact, fancy or fiction, but no story must contain more than 500 nor less than 200 words.
6. No manuscript will be returned under any circumstances and competitors should retain a copy of what they send us.
7. The writer of the best original story will receive \$2. cash; if the second, \$1. cash; if the third best 50 cents cash. Remittances will be sent on the tenth day after publication of the prize stories.
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EDITORIAL.

Since the organization of the N. T. C. Guards, which was later changed to the Loyal Home Workers, there has been a great cry going up for more space in the *National Tribune*, or for some medium through which our ideas could be interchanged at greater length. While the *Tribune* has kindly fostered us, it could not well afford to devote any more of the space of the great soldier paper to our order. And now, THE HOME WORKER has come to the rescue, and opens wide its columns to all our young literary aspirants. Journalism is comparatively a new field of labor to us, but our aspirations are in this direction; and for this reason and the great objects of our organization—Progress and Patriotism—ours shall be a work of love. Believing in the truism, that one profits by errors made, our progress will no doubt be marked and rapid; we hope for leniency in your judgment and criticisms.

THE HOME WORKER shall not in any way be antagonistic to the *National Tribune*, but we propose that it shall be an auxiliary to it in its great work for the inculcation of the principles of American patriotism.

And now, friends, the paper is at your service; will you accept it? To make it a success, we must have your aid. If our effort meets your approval, kindly write us and tell us as much. Send us your subscriptions—we can't publish the paper without money; write something for publication; and we will give you the very best paper our ability and your support will allow.

The American Flag salute: "We give our heads and our hearts to God and our country. One country, one language, one flag," is the sentiment that the Loyal Home Workers are laboring to get rooted in the heart of every American boy and girl.

A C. C. tracer that lately passed through our hands was started out in April, 1894. About half its pages had been filled. The ready-witted John Brummy's tribute was in the nature of a needed admonition: "If you boys and girls don't hurry up, Pearl will 'an old woman before this goes back to her.'" Our editorial comment was added, and the little tracer posted on its way.

The first issue of THE HOME WORKER elicited many admiring words from its readers. One of oldest and most prominent members of the order writes: "THE HOME WORKER is an improvement on all previous C. C. papers, and the contents are good, very. This is the best chance we have ever had to obtain a medium, and I hope the members will improve the opportunity thus offered."

All honor is due the law makers of New York and Illinois for providing their States with a flag law, a statute which requires that the American flag shall float over every public school building while the school is in session. The school children of these states will now "do their suns" and "con their spelling" with the Stars and Stripes waving above them. May the same ruling soon be adopted by every state in the Union. Our head is uncovered, and we bow toward New York and Illinois.

Jessie Prescott Dils, a former C. C., of Albert Lea, Minn., wants to know if she is an L. H. W. For the benefit of Mrs. Dils and others we will state the relation of the C. C. to the L. H. W. Any

member of the *National Tribune* Conversation Club can become a member of the Loyal Home Workers upon application vouched for by some good member and with payment of dues. The yearly dues are 25 cents. Application should be made through the Assistant Secretary of each state. Any one desiring Rules and Regulations and explanatory circular of the Loyal Home Workers, can obtain them by addressing the Secretary, Amos J. Seaman, 516 Minerva Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

"Is the world growing worse?" This is a question that bobs up intermittently like a piece of cork on troubled waters. Several months ago we heard a minister proclaim in his pulpit: "This world is going to ruin and chaos. What we want is men who will get down into the vortex and put their shoulders to it." That was a startling assertion. We felt anxious about the poor old debilitated world, but were puzzled to know where the vortex might be for men to get down into, and whose shoulder they should put to it when they got there. We want the world to be saved, and are willing to aid in its salvation; but the splenetic prating of illiterate agitators falls like blighted seed on unmoved soil. The question for L. H. W.'s to consider most is: "Is the world made any better by my being in it."

The story is told of a little boy who was boasting of his home; he said it was the most delightful home in the neighborhood, for his mother said so, and his was the most important work done in it.

"Why," said an amused listener, "what great work do you do?" "I tote in the wood," replied the little fellow, proudly.

"Tofing in the wood" is indeed of major importance. This may serve as an illustration of what Loyal Home Workers can do to make our paper most successful. Bring in fuel for the fire. (Observe, the foregoing expression is purely figurative.) Keep the blaze brightly burning. Our fireplace is large, and there is space for the resinous pine-knot, the crackling hickory, the soft poplar and the hard oak. We want the solid carbon, too, that will hold fire, as well as the chips that send forth flashes of abbreviated brilliance. In your own way, though it may seem small, contribute to the success that will become great by combined effort.

IMPRESSION OF KNOXVILLE

Bright Ohio Writer on Our Encampment.

The following concerning Knoxville and the Battle-field Encampment, held in this city September 16, 17 and 18, is from a letter written by J. H. Wickersham to the Greenfield, Ohio, Tri-County News:

"Well that parade went off all right and everybody did everything in their power to make everybody feel good. I am sure every visitor at Knoxville will agree with me when I say that the welcome was cordial and sincere, and that the result of both the G. A. R. Encampment at Louisville and the Sons of Veterans Encampment at Knoxville is a better feeling between the sections. As between the ex-soldiers of the two armies there never was a very great degree of animosity and all along the line they were trading yarns and war relics just as they used to trade "ter-backer" and coffee between the outposts in the sixties.

"Knoxville has grown wonderfully and is now a great manufacturing point, there being the largest woolen mill in the South, if not in the Southwest. I peeped into the weaving room where 300 jeans looms, (and a jeans loom is a lively little thing,) were kicking away. It was a pretty sight to me, having spent 25 years since the war in the woolen mill business. This mill also manufactures double-width cassimere and flannels, running ninety broad looms on these staples.

"Woolen mills, cotton mills, paper mills, rolling mills, marble mills, railroad shops and furniture factories make Knoxville a prosperous and growing city, and her citizens welcome any from the East, West or North, who come with energy, capital and sense to assist them in the development of their unlimited natural resources. If you ever decide to leave Ohio, go to East Tennessee and take a look at Knoxville and its surroundings, before locating elsewhere.

"And now, boys, before leaving Knoxville to write of my trip further south, I must speak of comrades, Kibby and Knabe, (who did so much to make my visit pleasant) both of whom are like you fellows' becoming old, and are severely afflicted—the one with

nervous, the other with rheumatic trouble. Each expressed a strong desire to be remembered to each member of the old band. They are living in ease, if not affluence, and have the respect and confidence of their fellow-citizens. One of them becomes thirsty when ever he meets a member of the old band; the other never does—that is hardly ever. It would do you good to visit them and realize how glad they would be to see you and how they can make you enjoy yourself. From Knoxville to Chattanooga there are many things yet to be seen that you can recognize—the eternal hills and those eternal springs of water—and I may also say, the eternal snuff-dipper. The Tennessee river at Loudon, with the island, where many of the regiments stood guard under the long railroad bridge; Sweetwater with her extensive flouring mills; Le-noir's station, Athens, Charleston, Cleveland, and other places look somewhat as they did—as far as I could see from the train. Old Fort McPherson, near Cleveland, is still intact, not having been defaced or despoiled. Even the rifle pits are plainly discernable from the railroad. You all remember it was here that Major Rothrock was fatally wounded in the summer of 1864, in an engagement between our forces and Wheeler's cavalry. "Many and vivid were the memories that came to me as that magnificent vestibule train of the Southern system rushed along through that valley, whose length we have measured with weary footsteps, years and years ago.

Amateur Journalism.

By LOU M. STANLEY, Grand View, Tenn.

Youth is the golden age of life, and naturally one's faculties would urge them to enter a sphere where they would encounter originality and freedom of action. Such a sphere, which offers every inducement to the free and self-thinking young man and young woman, the field of self culture and improvement is the ennobling and enduring institution of Amateur Journalism.

If we would raise the standard of practical education it is necessary to begin at the foundation and attempt to draw the minds of the young into those channels that will be at once instructive, refining and elevating. Amateur Journalism stands to-day pre-eminent as an institution of worth and merit and will ever stand a lasting and fitting monument to the ambitious American youth. The objects, aims, benefits and advantages of this commendable

work are manifold. The primary objects are, to cultivate a taste for pure and wholesome literature, to broaden the intellectual powers, to give one a practical knowledge of the world; to keep its constituents in touch with live and important topics, and lastly to teach one to think and act for himself. It has been aptly said that Amateur Journalism is a powerful engine of intellectual culture. It has commended itself to such men as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Charles Scribner, Daniel Webster, Charles Dana, Oliver Wendell Holmes and a score of influential and eminent men who have graduated from its ranks.

The institution of Amateur Journalism commends itself to every one who has an appreciation of the responsibilities incumbent upon the coming men and women of this nation; as an institution for the unlimited expression of opinions, ideas and conclusions, it is not equaled; and as an educator of the highest order of merit it is not surpassed. The tribe of Amateur Journalists may be classified thus:

The Amateur editor, author and politician. Each is essential to perfect organization, one is dependent upon the other. The author derives inestimable benefit from his or her writings which are criticised and commented upon in a friendly spirit. The editor is brought into closer relationship with his associates; he has the advantage of criticising and is criticised and can give full sway to his personal likes and dislikes. Like all other institutions, Amateur Journalism has its organization for the purpose of concerting efforts, fostering a spirit of unity and harmony, and for mutual improvement. The largest of these associations is the National Amateur Press Association, which includes in its territory the whole country. It is founded on purely business principles, and its scope is broad and liberal. To join this association, one must be a contributor to an amateur paper, either in prose or poetry or edit an amateur paper. The dues are \$1. a year. Conventions of this organization are held annually, and the pleasures of attendance can only be appreciated by those who are fortunate to attend. New and lasting friendships are formed and the old ones more firmly cemented. The social features are various, the business transacted important, while the election of officers invariably are the lively and vigorous contests. Every member is allowed to send in a proxy vote. Outside of the National are several sectional organizations, viz: the

New England Amateur Press Association, the Pacific Amateur Press Association, and the Southern Amateur Press Association. The Southern embraces the states of W. Va., Va., Ky., Tenn., N. C., S. C., Ga., Ala., Fla., Miss., La., Tex., Arkansas. Any person living in these states who writes for or edits an amateur paper is eligible for membership, the dues are one dollar. The Southern holds its conventions and elections semi-annually. Where several members reside in the same town or county, Press Clubs may be organized and regular meetings held. These meetings can be made very instructive as well as interesting. If any of the readers of the HOME WORKER would like to join this band of young authors and editors, they should address me, with stamps, and I will send blanks and papers. If you are the editor of an amateur paper, do not fail to say so, and send me a copy of the same.

A complete and immediate revolution of transportation methods, involving a reduction of freight charges on grain from the West to New York of from 50 to 60 per cent, is what is predicted in the November Cosmopolitan. The plan proposes using light and inexpensive corrugated iron cylinders, hung on a slight rail supported on poles from a cross-arm—the whole system involving an expense of not more than fifteen hundred dollars a mile for construction. The rolling stock is equally simple and comparatively inexpensive. Continuous lines of cylinders, moving with no interval to speak of, would carry more grain in a day than a quadruple track railway. This would constitute a sort of grain pipe line. The Cosmopolitan also points out the probable abolition of street cars before the coming horseless carriage, which can be operated by a boy on asphalt pavement at a total expense for labor, oil, and interest of not more than one dollar a day.

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THE SCHOOL-HOUSE FLAG.

BY KATE WARTHEN SEARLY.

The school-house flag comes a precious trust to the school over which it floats. Representing as it does, a pure and lofty affection on the part of those who plant it there, and a desire on their part to do what lies in their power toward increasing the sentiment of loyalty in the community, it expresses ardor not to be defined by words, and exerts an influence not to be limited by ages.

And what is it? What does it signify? Not the old English banner, emblazoned with St. George's Cross, dear to the pilgrims who sailed in the May-flower, but debased and stained later on by deeds of barbarity and bloodshed; not the cruel red signal of war; not the standard of 1776, bearing the watchful rattlesnake, so full of venomous warning that perpetual wakefulness might be supposed necessary, demanding alertness for the ominous sound of its rattles; no, not these, nor yet the old flag of liberty with thirteen stripes and thirteen stars,—but, ah, emblem of victory grand! evidence of prosperity wonderful! the flag of freedom, with 44 stars—each star a state, each state a bulwark of independence built round a system of enlightened actions, stable enough to resist the most formidable intruder. The Flag! What does it not represent? Our Flag! What devout admiration is twined about its staff! What tender memories hover, sprit like, in the very atmosphere surrounding the mere mention of its name! There is a world of love and devotion felt for its every fold. There is a high hope in every star; a straight path to duty and justice in every stripe; the evidence of liberty and equality in every fiber of which it is composed; and a vibrating, undulating, never ending progression indicated by its graceful movements.

'Neath the fluttering folds of the school-house flag, as it floats tranquilly on the gentle breezes in time of peace, men will go about their daily work, their pastimes and devotions, with light and happy hearts. And I know a voiceless prayer ascends from every heart today that never more may men be called upon to march beneath the flying colors, as they are twisted and torn by the raging winds of war. We do earnestly supplicate not again shall the pulsations of our country's flag be made to move in unison with the excited throbs of anxious, war-fire hearts.

True, the school-house flag heralds a fight; not, however, against human battalions, but against such evils as intemperance and ignorance (the latter of which is in-itself the breeder of vices). Oh, how many adversaries have been conquered by little first readers and big geographies. What old soldier is there, who fought at Lookout Mountain, Kenesaw, Missionary Ridge, or some similar spot, under a battle flag, armed with musket, sword, bayonet, and followed by a sutler's wagon load of salt pork, hard crackers and gun-powder, who would not prefer to see his child climb the school-house hill and march up the school-house steps under the flag of Peace, armed with arithmetic, grammar, physiology, inkstands and pens, even if flanked by such incumbrances as peanuts, candies, balls and hard examinations?

The days of peaceful arbitration are here. The future is held in the hands of the present. Could I look on the faces assembled in the schools of our land to day, I should read there the assurance of our country's safety. School

children, the fortunes of our Republic depend upon the daily lessons learned in school by you, the protected, for whom the flag secures the priceless privilege. And if the time ever comes when you go out as teachers, or law-makers, or law-enforcers, we shall have no fears for you as defenders of that flag. Steadily, behind its strong staff, you will climb the heights, undaunted, and look forward to the future mastery of every wrong and the acquisition of every desirable thing that is right.

In days to come, when other forms shall stand at your desks, when other voices shall resound in your recitation rooms, your school-house flag will continue to float above, as a reminder of your untiring, persevering efforts; of these good days and the noble deeds you have done therein.

Young patriots, and all who have been instrumental in planting a banner on any school house, you have plant d also in the hearts of those with us now, and all who may come after us, a deeper reverence for our government, the principles it embodies, and the higher life it represents. You have re-awakened in the souls of brave veterans a feeling akin to that which inspired them years ago, as they were led across the field of battle; from doubt, and gloom, and misery, poverty and oppression on one side, to life, and liberty, and glorious victory on the other.

The school-house flag is a beautiful and significant memento in the entire educational texture, of which each school is one thread. It incites to truer zeal, and serves as a memorial—that the interests of the school shall ever be guarded. It is dear to us all as the

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Anna M. Williams

One Experience of Louisville.

DEAR HOME WORKER:—
In a recent issue of the National Tribune, Miss Martin writes as if she has cause to complain of my looking out for No. 1 on our trip to the mammoth cave, and says I must have had great confidence in the people with whom I left her. Why should I, when one was her especial escort, and another the exalted Chief of the Muzzios, Senathin. Apparently all who were there have a different story. My version of this trip is:

The cave party consisted of Misses Martin, Adams, Jansen, Schupp, Mr. A. L. Seaman, Dr. McClung, a G. A. R. man from Conn. and myself. We left Louisville on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for Glasgow Junction on the E. & N. R. R. Arriving there we hanged cars for a small road connecting this junction with Mammoth Cave Hotel.

When we arrived, we found the entire rolling stock of the road composed of one baggage and one day coach well filled by passengers from an earlier train. By the time seventy-five more got on, standing room was at a premium. Seaman was satisfied to get on the platform. After a very wearisome ride of an hour we reached the hotel. There being such a crowd, the prop' could give only

ladies in the party rooms; for others he had bunks, providing we wished to pay the price for them. After having dinner, we started for the cave, about 3 P. M.
After tramping, crawling, and sliding for twelve hours, under go-and, going eighteen miles, we were pleased to see the heavens again. I am very glad I went, but once is enough for me. I don't want any more.

When we returned to the hotel, tired and hungry, we were met by the proprietor who told us he was very sorry, but he could not give us any thing to eat until breakfast. Miss Jansen if she must have something. Borrowing a lantern, she went on a foraging expedition and managed to get about a peck of tomatoes. After these were eaten, the ladies made some kind of an arrangement with Seaman and Dr. McClung in regard to some place to sleep. I wasn't in it, but on wandering around the hotel I came across Mr. Seaman and Dr. McClung stretched out on a mat-

tress in the hall, near the young ladies room. This looked to me as though I wasn't in it.

When breakfast was ready, the ladies objected to going to the first table. Because I went, they got out their story of my wanting a seat in the train. If I did want it I did not get it. My reason for leaving was, to make connections to come east. If the train had left on the scheduled time, I would not have missed at Louisville.

During this trip, Mr. Seaman has been wearing a necktie that was long enough to hear a great distance. On our way home, one of the ladies suggested that we have a memento of this trip by cutting this tie in equal parts, the wearers to be known as the "Neck-tie Party." I knew no more concerning it as I began to get drowsy and soon fell asleep. I was not awakened until we reached Louisville. On coming out of the depot, I noticed a piece of the tie on my coat. How it got there I know not.

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Those intending competing for a prize in the L. H. W. Prize Story Club for the month of January should not delay in sending in their manuscript. This is going to prove one of the most interesting features of **THE HOME WORKER**, judging from the interest already shown by our subscribers. Send in your story, it may be a prize winner.

In answer to our request, in **THE HOME WORKER** last month, for a stamp editor more than 25 replies were received. The position has been awarded Mr. Roy F. Greene, Arkansas City, Kan., with Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., and Julius L. Cohn, 11 N. Division St., Buffalo, N. Y., as associates, and all we ask of the stamp fraternity is to "keep your eye on **THE HOME WORKER's** Philatelic Department."

DURING the life of the Recreation Echo a call for one column original stories was made for which we made an offer of \$100 cash for those accepted. Quite a number were submitted for consideration but none of them were used on account of the suspension of the paper. We have all the stories which were submitted to us with the exception of those that were returned at the time and if the authors desire they may enter them in our L. H. W. Prize Story Club for a cash prize by complying with the rules which will be found in this issue on another page.

SUGGESTIONS.

Quite a number of suggestions have been submitted for consideration as to improvements upon **THE HOME WORKER**; and while some of them are very good none of them can be adopted at present. One of the best received, and which has been placed upon file for further consideration, comes from Cecile Snell, Souix Falls, S. D., and is as follows:

"To set aside space for a Round Table Home Department, where we busy women can tell each other all we know about home making and cooking, and a great deal that we don't know. Have some unusual name for this corner, or department, and do not limit the number of words in each letter nor give them general directions how to write. Just pigeon-hole everything that is wrong as to length, paper, etc., without saying anything."

Miss (or Mrs.) Snell goes on to say: "Oh, I do wish you would accept my proposition as I am so enthusiastic over a Home Department in a paper. Wish I had a paper of my own, sometimes."

While the first part of her suggestion is very good, the rules governing such a department which she offers are very poor, which fact she will find out to her entire satisfaction should she ever have that "all absorbing pleasure of running a paper of her very own."

There is no doubt, however, but what this lady will claim the \$1. in cash for her suggestion unless a better one is offered inside the next 30 days. Another suggestion from this lady is:

"Limit the Exchanges to three columns, but do not limit the number of words in each Exchange."

Should we adopt this suggestion our three columns would be filled with about three exchanges. In order to give all a chance exchanges must be limited to 75 words.

Still another from this same lady reads:

"Publish the three Prize stories in each issue and also all the other good ones received each month in the contest. If you receive too many omit the offer for one or more months until all you have on hand have been published."

Three stories only will be published in any one issue of the paper for which the writers will receive their respective prize. Should more than three stories be submitted for any one month's contest that fails to win a prize the writer may re-enter them in the next month's contest provided they send us another 25c to pay for one new subscription for one year to **THE HOME WORKER**. No stories will be published unless paid for.

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Just now we are a little puzzled as to the outcome of the war in Cuba. The Colonial government may cease any day and the Republic arise. This would surely bring about a new stamp issue, and the chances would be that obsolete issues would rise in value as did the Hawaiian stamps after the founding of President Dole's government two years ago. The sentiment in the United States is strongly in favor of republican triumphs in the "Gem of the Antilles," and while, by such a change, we would lose those issues of Cuba lately given us with the effigy of Spain's young ruler, it is highly probable that the new design would please us as well, perhaps better.

Considering the possibilities of an advance in the market price, owing to greater demands for these stamps it would be well for dealers and collectors

to hold their Cuban issues a few months before disposing of them. They are good property to hold since they represent no considerable outlay of capital and the chance for speculation offered in this case can never be excelled.

We are entering upon the winter season of the stamp trade, the months which are conceded to be the most prosperous for dealers and the happiest for collectors. Long winter evenings will afford an opportunity to even up the neglect of the summer, in matters pertaining to collecting and a harvest of sheets will go out and come in through the channels of the stamp trade. Advertisers who push themselves to the front by a liberal patronage of the press in advertising lines will be the ones on whose banners are traced the word "success" next Spring. Contracts should be made now and copy hurried to the printer right away.

The auction season opens up auspiciously in the metropolis, and unusually fine specimens will go on the market this season. In the judgement of the experts better prices will prevail but a greater care in the selection of specimens may be exercised. The bidder should not be afraid to bid a little above catalogue prices for really desirable specimens seldom go below the catalogue's figures. Several fine collections will be disposed of this season, wholly or in part, and if watchful eyes are kept and some careful, conscientious bidding done a few spaces in our albums, long vacant, may be made to bloom as the rose in the splendor of an accumulated treasure.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington which now manufactures the current issues of postage stamps are giving us no cause for complaint lately at the fitness of their product. Their first attempt was a failure in every respect. Poor paper, poor gum, poor workmanship in every way, and the fastidious person was almost ashamed to put one of them on a letter to go out of this, our own country where it laid itself liable to criticism. Evidently they learned much by experience and the later work is not only pleasing to the public but the emissions are highly satisfactory to Philatelists.

In conclusion allow me to state that inasmuch as we intend the Philatelic Department of THE HOME WORKER to be of a personal benefit to each and every reader we ask of collectors to forward us any questions of information, any points they do not understand and wish explained and we shall answer such correspondence through this department, guaranteeing accuracy and terse though plain answers. If in doubt

about any particular stamp in your possession you may safely send to us being careful to enclose postage for return and we will be glad to give you the benefit of what knowledge of stamps we have acquired in ten years of collecting.

ROY F. GREENE.

Salutatory.

Greeting to you friends all, for friends you surely are or this page would not be likely to attract your attention. True, we are personally strangers to one another, but between philat-elists extends a broad band of good fellowship uniting all into one common family where each stands always ready to help the others, and in order that this band may be more firmly cemented ye editor-in-chief has not only put at the head of this department a gentleman whose name is well and favorably known to all the philatelic world, but has also acknowledged the growing feminine element by associating with him one of the other sex. This should do away with the dislike some ladies have of submitting their problems to the editorial eye, thinking, perhaps, that the "superior masculine nature" will consider their questions too trivial to be worthy of space for a reply. No such ideas need be considered here; I want to help you all, my sisters especially, and in order to do so must know just what your difficulties are; bring them here freely, and I will talk to you as though you sat by my side giving all the assistance in my power to each one, beginners particularly, who will be special favorites if it is allowable to have any. Were we not all beginners once, and will not the beginners of the present be those who must in the future stand in philately's ranks and uphold her banners? Are they not also the very ones who most need, and yet are most shy in claiming, the help which only those older in the pursuit are competent to give?

We are to have monthly chats here, my friends, and as I hope to receive help as well as give it, any philatelic items will be welcomed.

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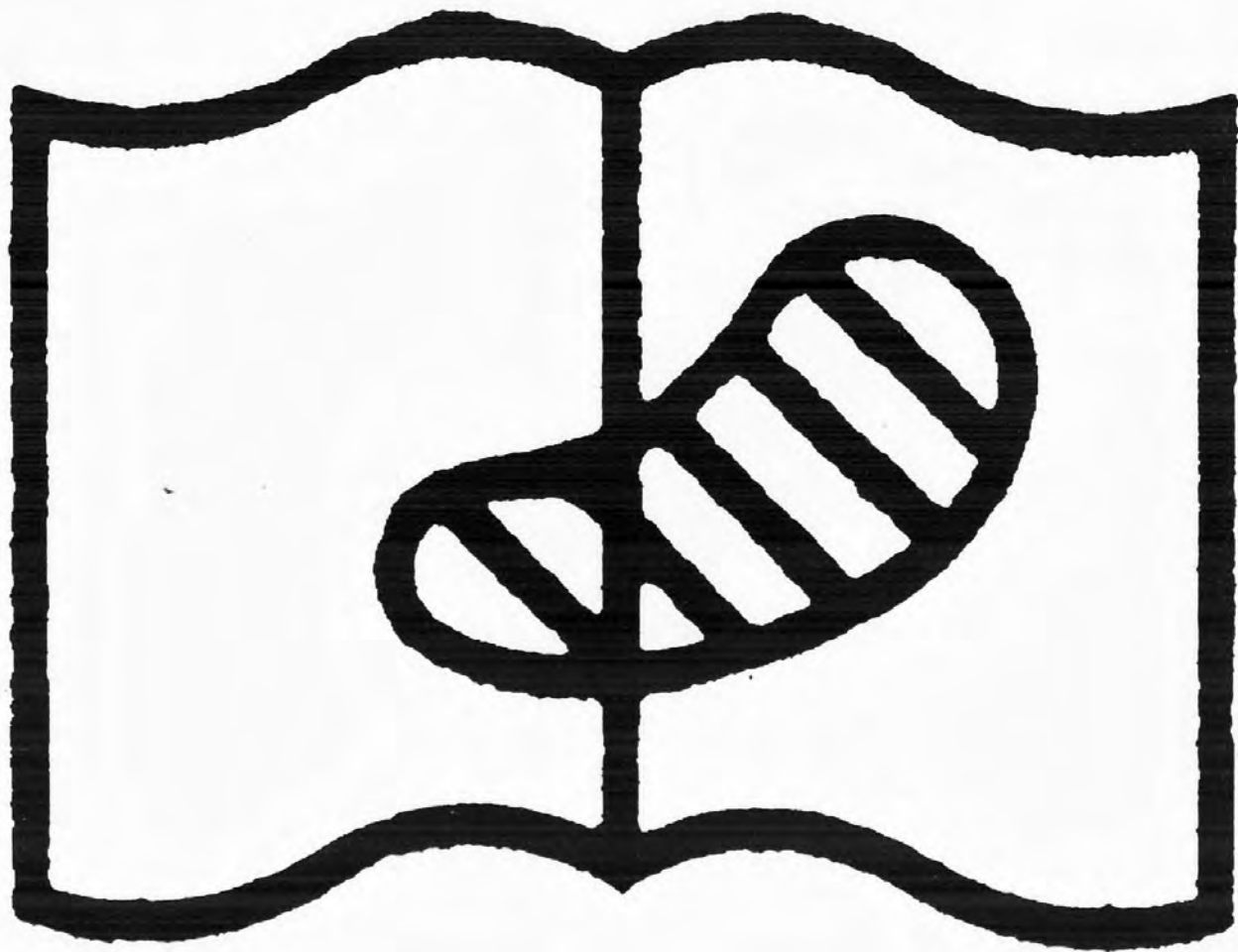
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