

# THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH.

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*Moderato.*

1. Oh, the birds have flown a-way, and the  
2. Oh, 'twas when a child at home, in my

flow'rs have died and wither'd, And the autumn leaves they now are falling fast;.... As I sit a-lone to-moth-er's arms I nestled, And I list-en'd to the sweet songs she would sing;.... As I sat up-on her

night by the dear old hearth-stone fire, Fond mem'ries 'round my heart they sweetly cast;..... 'Twas knee, in those hap-py days so bright, Sweet thoughts of her to me they ev-er bring;..... Oh,

there my dear old mother and my father sat at night, While on the hearth the cricket it would sing;.... Its hap-py were those days to me, so full of childish glee, When ev'ry moment pass'd in joy-ous mirth;.... They'll'

*rit.*

sad and lone-ly song, till the em-bers died a-way, Oh, my heart a-round those happy days doth cling... nev-er more re-turn, those bright, sunny days, to me, When the crick-et sang its songs up-on the hearth...

*rit.*

*Refrain.—Tempo di Valce.*

List-en to the crick-et's song, Sing-ing on the hearth,..... Reo-ol-  
lec-tions fond it brings Of days once full of mirth,..... List-en to the crick-et's  
song, Sing-ing there to-night,..... Could I on-ly call them back, Those hap-py  
days so bright.

*rit.*

*a tempo.*

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### Doesn't Like Church Shows.

A breeze was raised in the Court Street Methodist Church Sunday school at Rockford when John W. Hart arose and severely criticised an entertainment given by a Sunday school class the week before. The entertainment was an "Uncle Sam's Reception," in which a score of young people costumed to represent different nationalities went through a short dialogue on an improvised stage. Mr. Hart objected on the ground that it was too theatrical for a church entertainment, and said if such things were persisted in he would have to withdraw from the church. He was answered by several members, among them Editor A. E. Smith, of The Rockford Gazette, who said that unless the children were given some entertainment in the church they would drift elsewhere. Mrs. Melcher, the lady who arranged the show which put over \$100 into the church treasury, was affected to tears under Mr. Hart's denunciation. Mr. Hart objected to an entertainment of the same kind a year ago and prevented it. There is considerable feeling in the matter. —Chicago Tribune.

### Foreign Postal Facilities.

Germany has 19,476 postoffices, England 17,587, France only 7,346. Last year 65,000,000 postoffice orders, with a value of 4,800,000,000 francs, were forwarded in Germany, and 21,000,000 orders, the value of 658,000,000 francs, forwarded in France. The bad showing of France in postal statistics is in no small degree due to the fact that the postal authorities may found yearly only twenty-five new postoffices, although almost 2,000 applications for new postoffices are made annually. In Paris a pneumatic postal card reaches its destination between an hour and an hour and a half after mailing. A similar card in Berlin is delivered within thirty-five or forty minutes after mailing. Since the inauguration of a new system of postal wagons for emptying the mail boxes in Berlin, an ordinary city letter reaches its destination in an hour after leaving the hand of the sender. —Exchange.

### Between and Among.

Judge Hanna at Philadelphia has filed an opinion in the orphans' court, deciding the difference in the meaning of the words "between" and "among." William Hicks made a will in 1883, in which he said: "After my debts are paid my property shall be equally divided between my wife, Martha R. Hicks, and my daughters, Ida Bell and Ella Billmeyer." It was urged that the word between meant that the widow should get one-half of the estate, and the other heirs the remaining half. The judge says that it is plain the testator meant to divide the estate equally between and not among the heirs, and that by the word "between" each of the heirs is entitled to the third. The personal property amounted to only \$1,300, but the real estate will foot up \$100,000. —New Orleans Picayune.

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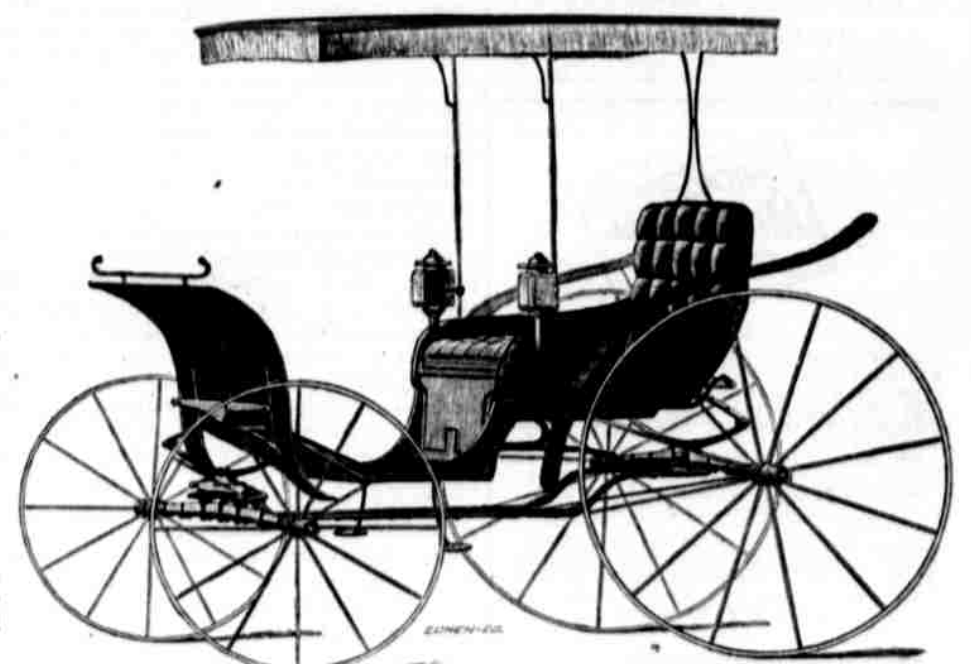
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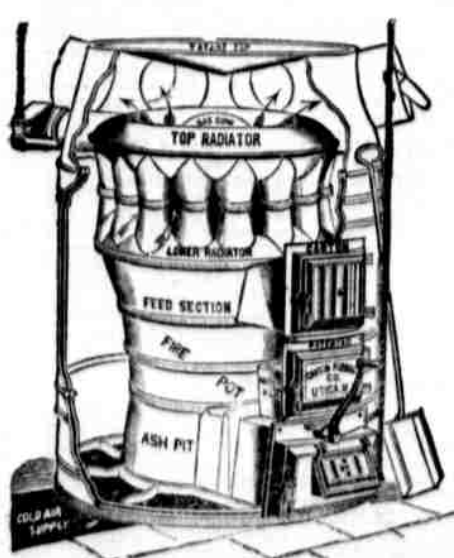
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