BASIL LEE: OR, THE GLORIOUS REVENGE. "I will never forgive him, that I won't," exclaimed Basil Lee, bursting into the room where his eldest sister was quietly seated at her work. "I will never forgive

"Never forgive whom, Basil? My dear boy, how angry and excited you look. Who has offended you?"

"Why, Charles West, Alice," replied Basil, as he put his books away in their

"And what has Charles West done to offend you? Come and sit by me-there, now tell me all about it."

"Well," said Basil, "Mr. Raymond, who is a friend of Mr. Matthews, and is stopping with him, came into the school. room to-day: he is a very nice, kind gentleman, and so he offered a half dollar to the boy who first did a sum he should set out. Five boys beside me took up their slates, he set us all the same, and then we all set to work .- Charles West came and sat next to me, and I saw him copy I had only one figure to do, Mr. Matthews you may take your pick out of my whole down every figureas fast as I did ii. When left the room; I looked to see who went out, and when I turned to my slate again, every figure was rubbed out. I know Charles did it, because he colored so. In a minute he had finished his sum and car. ried it up; it was first done and correct, the bell rung to go home, and I ran off directly; but I am determined to have a glorious revenge on him. Was it not provoking, Alice?" "Yes, very, dear; and what is your revenge to be?"

"O, I know; I will tell you; he just deserves it. Mr. Matthews has said that he will turn away any boy out of the school who uses the key to the Grammar Exercise. Well I saw Charles using one yesterday, and I will tell of him, I am de-

termined. "Listen to me a moment, Basil. Charthe end of that time a gentleman has promised, if he behaves well, to place him in a rendy too. Love will beget love; a wish able to support his widowed mother. Do evil with good. There is no other way. you think the gentleman will give him his Democratic Review. situation if he is turned in disgrace from his school?-And what would be the disappointment of his aged mother, to think that her son, who she hoped would support and comfort her latter days, had dis- more than six hundred years ago. He grave."

"O, Alice," exclaimed Basil, with tears in h s eyes. "I never thought of all that: engaged in various experiments. Waile no, I would not ruin poor Charley for the thus employed, he had found that sulphur,

my dear boy," said Alice quietly. "O, no, no! dear Alice, I never, never les did make me very angry at that time; fore told no one of his discovery.

but you know I should like to punish him Alice, dear, pray tell me," said Basil.

not overcome with evil'-what comes in chemistry-but he never allowed him "Why, 'but overcome evil with good,' name was Hubert de Dreux.

to be sure, Alice. I know what you mean

revenge you can have by obeying the com- distant thunder coming from his master's left the room."

permission, on the following day he invited excited his curiosity; but, whenever he expressed great admiration; but the time words and severe looks. for his return to school came. Basil took "I could not think of such a thing."

Alice lets me do what I lke with my who had been dangerously hurt. The ships, and I can make myself another just monk gave all necessary orders to Hubert, like it, and papa, says if Mr. Matthews and bidding him put out the fires and lock will allow you, you can come up on Saturday and sail it with mine, and I will his errand of mercy. teach you how to make ships, too."

his tears.

never will. Good night, dear Basil." firm friends. Charles was easily per- he reached the fordidden room. The key suaded never to use the key to the exercises is not there and there is no hope of enter again-he always after tried to imitate his of his master, and the love of his schoolfellows .- My young readers, was not Basil Boys' and Girls' Magazine.

### THE LAW OF LOVE.

I had, said he, a fine field of grain him. character: growing upon an out farm, at some dis- Now he must try it for himself, to see growing upon an out larm, at some distance from the homestead. Whenever I if indeed this mixture is so wonderful. rode by, I saw neighbor Pulsifer's sheep in "Ah," he exclaims, "this yellow powder is the lot, destroying my hopes of harvest. the sulphur, and this black powder must be These sheep were of the gaunt, long eared the other. Here is the very bottle my kind, active as spaniels; they could spring master has used; I will mix it in this over the highest fence, and no partition and see."—The fire is not dead in the furwall could keep them out. I complained nace; a few sparks will give heat enough, to neighbor Pulsifer about them, sent him and Hubert de Dreux is as wise as his messages, but all without avail. Perhaps wisest teacher. would shoot the sheep.

now and I felt literally full of fight. All at him with lights twinkling here and there, the perilous voyage. - N. Y. Times.

myself would it not be well for you to try in your own conduct the peace principle you are preaching to others? I thought it all over, and settled in my mind as to the best course to be pursued.

The next morning I rode over to see neighbor Pulsifer. I found him chopping wood at his door.

"Good morning neighbor." No answer.

"Good morning, I repeated." He gave a kind of a grunt like a hog, vithout looking up.

"I came," continued I, "to see about the

At this he threw down his axe, and exaimed in a most angry manner-"Now aren't you a pretty neighbor, to ell your men to kill my sheep? I heard of it-a rich man like you to shoot a poor

man's sheep !" "I was wrong, neighbour,' said I, "but it will not do to let your sheep eat up all my grain; so I came to say that I would take your sheep to my pasture, and put them in with mine and in the fall you may take them back ; and if any one is missing,

Pulsifer looked confounded-he did not know how to take me. At last he stammered out-

" Now, Squire, are you in earnest?" "Certainly, I am," I answered; it is better for me to feed your sheep in my

claimed. "The sheep shan't trouble you again; will fetter them all; but I'll let you know that when any man talks of shooting, I can shoot, too; and when they are kind and neighborly, I can be kind too."

The sheep never again trespassed on my lot. And my friends, he would coninue, addressing the audience, remember when you talk of injuring your neighbors, they talk of injuring you, and when nations situation where in a few years he will be to be at peace. You can only overcome

### THE MONK'S SECRET.

Roger Bacon was an English monk, who taught in the University of Oxford graced himself! Surely, he would bring was a man of great skill in Latin, Greek down her gray hairs with sorrow to the and Hebrew, but especially fond of chemistry. He used to spend many hours a day in one of the secret cells in the convent, charcoal, and saltpetre mingled together "This would be your glorious revenge, in a certain way would make a new and strange compound; indeed, so strange did could be so wicked as that, though Char- himself was almost afraid of it, and there-

"Well, Basil, I know a way to punish him, and to have a really glorious revenge." ite with all and Roger Bacon would often "Well, do you remember the text, Be room where the students were instructed to enter his private cell. This youth's

Sometmes as Hubert sat reading, or studying, or mixing medicines in the "Well, then think over what a glorious larger room, he was startled by sounds like mand in that text, my dear," and Alice apartment: sometimes a bright light shone for a moment through the chinks of the Basil did not sit thinking long, before he door, and then an unpleasant odor would decided what he would do. With Alice's almost suffocate him. All these things Charles West to tea; he was much sur- knocked, or strove to enter, Roger Bacon prised on receiving the invitation, but accepted it. They had a very pleasant affairs and never again interrupt him. The evening together. Their principal amuse- door was always kept locked, and every ment consisted in sailing Basil's ships on a time the boy ventured to ask the cause pond in the garden; for the finest, Charles he was silenced by his teacher with gruff

Months, glided away, and still he him up to his play room. "Charley," said eagerly, but vainly, sought to learn the he, "you admited the Hero most of all my secret. At length an opportunity offered. vessels, so I will make you a present of it." Roger Bacon was widely known as a "O, no," cried Charles, stepping back, physician and surgeon. One cold November day, he was called to wait on Walter "O, but Charley, you must have it. de Losely, a rich man in the next town,

Hubert soon finished his task, rnd was Charles turned away his head to hide just bounding up the oaken stairway, when an evil thought came into his mind. "Ro-"Basil," he exclaimed, as they bid each ger Bacon is gone; he will not be back for other good night, "I will never try to in- several days; I can now find out what jure you again, as I did yesterday-no, I keeps him so much in the dark, damp cell.' He looks anxiously around; no one is near, From that day Charley and Basil were and with a light step and fast beating heart ing; yet, perhaps he may see something friend's example, and he gained the esteem through the key hole, and kneeling, he presses his cheek against the heavy door It opened at his touch, for Roger Bacon Lee's a glorious revenge?-Forrester's in his haste, had locked without closing it, and thus the eager boy stands where he had for months longed to be. In vain he looks for anything new or strange and with It was not mere good nature, but the a sad face turns away, when his eyes falls adoption of the peace principles, which upon a huge book whose open page is still made Wm. Ladd, thus gentle hearted. A wet with ink from the teacher's pen. It is story which he often told with peculiar written in Latin but that is as plain to him relish, will illustrate this moulding of his as his own English, and in another moment he has read the secret so long hidden from

they would be kept out a day or two, but All that afternoon Roger Bacon had the legs of the sheep were long, and my been bending over a sick man's bed; he grain more tempting than the adjoining had done all he could to relieve his sufpasture. I rode by again, the sheep were ferings, and as night came on he bade him will there—I became angry and told my adieu, and set out for home. The wind men to set the dogs on them, and if that whistled over the bleak hills, and the would not do, I would pay them if they monk wrapped his cloak closer around him, and hurried his horse towards the professional remedies were equally amus-I rode away much agitated, for I was convent's good shelter. As he reached ing and effective; so effective in fact, that not so much of a peace man then as I am the top of the last hill, Oxford lay before of the entire crew not one was lost during

once a light flashed upon me. I asked and its tall spires rising high. Suddenly a stream of flame rose from the convent high on the darkened sky, and in an instant a loud roar, as of the heaviest thun. der burst on the still night air, and distinctly amid this fearful sound was heard a sharp, short cry of distress. In a moment the

horse a man drew from the ruins, the lifeless form of Hubert. without listening to his defence threw him into a gloomy dungeon. For many years it appears that overtures of the same unprindown in death. He wrote this well-kept

The terrible explosion of 1282 does to be the work of an evil spirit. Thus year | tantly given. by year the world advances in knowledge, and the children of 1854 are familiar with learned men six hundred years ago.

#### DRIFT ICE IN THE FROZEN OCEAN.

A large portion of Dr. Kane's Narrative is occupied with the description of the incidents and perils of this wonderful drift. It is told in the words of his journal, written on the spot and at the time of the occurrence, which are described with a vividness which no subsequent elaboration could have attained. During almost the whole maintain a strictly defensive position for the period they were in momentary peril of protection of her "material guarantee" north period they were in momentary peril of being crushed or overwhelmed by the huge masses of ice among which their own island was drifting. Sometimes they would encounter a field of ice moving in a contrary direction, great fragments from which, broken by the tempest, came tumbling on their part for the security of those waters. proken by the tempest, came tumbling along, heaping themselves high above the bulwarks of the vessel.; summoning all hands out in the darkness to "fight the" explanations. The answer which he received hands out in the darkness to "light the ice." Other portions would slide under the vessel, lifting them completely out of the water, with one end far above the other.

\*\*Explanations.\*\* The answer which he received may be summed up in the pointed and pertinent observation made by the EMPEROR NAPOLEON to the Russian Envoy at Paris: "Russia "excludes all Turks from the Principalities," At other times the ice would bear down upon them in huge mountains, grinding its "from the Black Sea" This determination on it approached so near that a man could scarcely pass between. One half-minute strange compound, indeed, and so on froze this new mixture seem, that the monk, himself was almost afraid of it, and therefore told no one of his discovery.

Among the pupils was a youth who was so fond of study, and so prompt to obey his teachers, that he became a favorite with all and Roger Bacon would often ask his help in the laboratory—a large room where the students were instructed room where the students were instructed in advanced him the laboratory—but be never allowed him the laboratory but he for transmission to Constantinople. Of this proposition to Constantinople. Of this poetic temperament. Having been obliged, the ville of the summons for the forwarded from St. Petersburg to Constantinople. Of this poetic temperament. Having been obliged, the ville of the summons for the forwarded from St. Petersburg to Constantinople. Of this poetic temperament. Having been obliged, the ville summons for the forwarded from St. Petersburg to Constantinople. Of this poetic temperament. Having been obliged, the ville summons for the forwarded from St. Petersburg to Constantinople. Of this poetic temperament. Having been obliged, the ville summons for t the author of the Narrative had his Journal their representatives at the Imperial Court.

betake themselves to the ice. All this, it must be borne in mind, took decided. added the horror of unbroken gloom. It the nearest approach to daylight was a faint rosy streak just crowning the southern horizon. For eighty-six times four-and. wenty hours, the sun never rose above the porizon. "Never," says Dr. Kane, in recording the joy caused by the reappearance of the great luminary, "Never, until the grave-cold or the ice covers me, may foregoe this blessing of blessings again.

For weeks after they were frozen fast they were unable to make any adequate provision against the cold. It was not till the thermometer without had fallen to twenty degrees below zero that they were able o set up stoves in the cabin; the only artificial heat in their power was derived from smoky lamps, which could raise the temprature only a little above the freezing point. The cold, however, was less insupportable than the constant dripping from every timber, produced by the condensation of the moisture of the atmosphere. At last, when the ice around them had become so solid as to afford something like security, such prepations for comfort as the case admitted were made. The crews of both vessels were housed in the cabin of the Advance, the narrow limits of which became the home of thirty-three persons. Warmth was produced by three stoves; lamps supplied, as far as possible the plac of daylight, and aided in overcom-, ing the cold. Need enough was there of their assistance, for the thermometer had now fallen to forty degrees below zero.

The discomforts of so small a space, at once the cooking, eating, sleeping, loung. ing, smoking and dressing room of so atmosphere, the enforced want of due exerdreamed that he had wandered away on the ice, and had come back laden with the preservation of peace, sets forth the neceswatermelons; another had discovered Sir sity of having recourse to force of arms in the John Franklin in a beautiful village filled following terms:with orange groves. Then they grew strangely apathetic and careless .- Their physical system shared in the depression. Old ulcers, healed long ago, and forgotten, burst out again; old bruises grew painful "PEROR of RUSSIA has entered upon a course of again. Dr. Kane, though himself a sufferer, brought all his art into requisition to heal the mental and bodily ills of the old salts among the crew. Some of his extra

From our English Files.

THE DECLARATION OF WAR. (From the John Bull.) of the SULTAN. To the very last the EMPEROR of Russia has

maintained his twofold character of a robber and a hypocrite. The papers, of which we gave our readers an abstract last week, showed that the bling monk dashed down the hill side to the scene of woe. As he sprung from his horses of works are sprung from his horses of works. ambitious designs which underlie his policy the Earl of ABERDEEN, the CZAR did not hesitate to offer to the British Government Egypt The terrified crowd believed that Roger and Candia by way of a bribe, to induce it to a general spoliation of Turkey, in which Russia was to have had the lion's share. he remained in prison, but at last he was cipled character were made to the EMPEROR of released, and at the age of eighty, lay the FRENCH, by whom they were likewise down in death. He wrote this well-kept Austria and Prussia, to purchase their acquies secret in strange words in one of his books, and wise men studied long years before they could understand it. He had discovered how to make gunpowder.

Austria and Tressa, to purchase their requires ence, if not co-operation, in the nefarious designs of the Czar, is not known, nor at present, likely to become known. That such offers, offers of a most tempting character, actually were made, is rendered extremely probable by the conduct of those two Courts, not seem strange to us for we know the whose passive assent to the efforts of France and England to preserve Turkey from the propeople of England at that time, it appeared posed spoliation, has been so tardily and reluc-The papers which have since been laid before

Parliament by command of Her Majesty, exhibited the determined perseverance of the Notices of Motion in the House of Commons. many things that were mysterious to Czar in the evil course upon which he had learned men six hundred years ago. relate are, the suspension of diplomatic relations, consequent upon the massacre of Sinope, and the ultimatum addressed to Russia, previous to the formal declaration of war. In reference to both those points the conduct of Russia is, by the clear evidence of the State papers last

produced, wholly indefensible.

The massacre of Sinope was a flagrant violation of a pledge given by Russia that during the continuance of the negociations set on foot by the Western Powers with a view to the solution of "the Eastern difficulty," she would of the Danube. Instead of resorting to active reprisals, which, under the circumstances, France and England would have been perfectly Thereupon the CZAR, affecting to misapprehend

sively and decidedly, the act of the CZAR. The only alternative that now remained open more of advance, and no human power to the Western Powers, was to summon Russia could have saved the vessel and crew. to withdraw from the Principalities. Before Those few inches of distance were the sole the arrangement for sending this summons Those few inches of distance were the sole thing that intervened between them and death. The space was not passed; the mass of ice was checked, and soon froze were forwarded from St. Petersburg to Vienna, almost desperate hope of reaching the shore deny that such a summons was just in itself, over the floating masses. Four times, in and called for by the position of affairs; they the course of a single twenty four hours, both felt it incumbent on them to support it by

place during the unbroken night of an Arctic Winter. To the cons ant peril, and the by the Earl of Clarendon, and supported by a erpetual internal noise of the ice crush. despatch from the French Government to the ng and grating, and bursting around, was same effect, "has for many months anxiously laboured, in conjunction with its allies to health compelled him to resign. effect a reconciliation of differences between was a perpetual twilight. For months, "Russia and the Sublime Porte, and it is with has come to the conclusion that one last hope 'alone remains of averting the calamity which is known. has so long impended over Europe.

"It rests with the Government of Russia to determine whether that hope shall be realized or extinguished; for the British Government, having exhausted all the efforts of negociation, is compelled to declare to the Cabine of St. Petersburg, that if Russia should de-'cline to restrict within purely diplomatic limits past been engaged with the Sublime Porte, and does not by return of the messenger who is the bearer of my present letter, announce her intention of causing the Russian troops under the orders of Prince Gortschakoff to commence their march with a view to recross the Pruth, so that the provinces of Moldavia and Wallachia shall be completely evacuated

measures accordingly." A term of six days was fixed for receiving he answer of the Russian Cabinet to this intimation. No answer was given. The British Consul at St. Petersburg was informed by Count
NESSELRODE that "the EMPEROR did not think proper to return any answer to Lord CLAREN "DON'S letter;" and this intimation was accom-panied by the statement that "Russia would "not declare war!!" Summed up in a few words, what does all this amount to? The EMPEROR OF RUSSIA says in fact: "I will "commit what violence I please, and any inter-

All means to avoid the alternative of war having thus been exhausted on the part of having thus been exhausted on the part of having thus been exhausted on the part of France and England, nothing remained but to issue the formal declaration of war, which has the formal declaration of issue the formal declaration of war, which has many persons, can easily be imagined. since been done, simultaneously, by the two thistory of England in Verse: by Hannah TownSince been done, simultaneously, by the two dovernments. The Queen's messenger, who Governments. The Queen's intimation the Yankee Stories: by Judge Haliburton.... was the bearer of the CZAR's intimation that 'there was no answer," arrived in London on of the men. Their faces grew pale and livid, like those of corpses. They became livid, like those of corpses. They became moody and gloomy. They fancied they heard strange voices around them. One dreamed that he had wandered away on dreamed that he had wandered away on ument, after recapitulating the efforts made for

> "The time has now arrived when the advice "The time has now arrived when the advice and remonstrances of the Four Powers having proved wholly ineffectual, and the military proved wholly ineffectual, and the military properations of Russia becoming daily more the total properation of Russia becoming that the Event of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the Children of the New Testament: by Stork of the New Tes extended, it is but too obvious that the EM policy which, if unchecked, must lead to the destruction of Ottoman Empire.

"In this conjuncture Her Majesty feels "called upon, by regard for an ally, the integ-"rity and independence of whose empire have been recognized as essential to the peace of Europe, by the sympathies of her people with right against wrong, by a desire to avert from her dominions most injurious consequences, "and to save Europe from the preponderance

of a power which has violated the faith of treaties, and defies the opinion of the civilized world, to take up arms, in conjunction with the EMPEROR of the FRENCH, for the defence

"Her Majesty is persuaded that in so acting 'she will have a cordial support of her people; and that the pretext of zeal for the Christian religion will be used in vain to cover an "aggression undertaken in disregard of its holy precepts, and of its pure and beneficent spirit. "Her MAJESTY humbly trusts that her efforts

may be successful, and that, by the blessing of Providence, peace may be re-established on safe and solid foundations."

That in the struggle so commenced Her MAJESTY will have the hearty support of her Parliament and of her people, is beyond all doubt. The language held in both Houses on the receipt of the Royal Message, as well as the language held, without a single exception, by the organs of public opinion, is indicative of a most auspicious unanimity of national sentiof a most auspicious unanimity of national sentiment on the subject. Nor may we doubt that in so just a cause Heaven will prosper our arms, provided the war be entered upon and carried on, by Parliament and by the nation at large, in that spirit of humble reliance on "the "blessing of Providence," which had indited the concluding lines of the Declaration of War, and which it is intended to kindle in the hearts of the people by setting apart a special day of humiliation and prayer, for the purpose of making a national appeal to "Him who is the only given of all victor." only giver of all victory.

The second reading of the Oaths Bill is defer-

red till Monday, the 8th of May.

The committee of the Colonial Clergy Disabilities Bill is postponed for the present.

Sir W. Clay has given notice that, if Her Majesty's Government did not bring in a bill for the abolition of church-rates, he would, at an early period after Easter, submit a motion to the

The second reading of the University Reform Bill stands for Friday next, when Mr. Heywood, in committee, after clause 24, moves to add the following clauses:—"That from and after Michaelmas-day, 1854, it shall not be necessary for any person, upon matriculating in the University of Oxford, to make or subscribe any declaration, or to take any oath, save the oath of allegiance, or any equivalent declaration of allegiance, any law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding. That from and after Michael-mas-day, 1854, it shall not be necessary for any person, upon taking any of the degrees in arts, w, or medicine, usually conferred by the said University of Oxford, to make or subscribe any leclaration, or to take any oath, save the oath of allegiance, or an equivalent declaration of allegiance, any law or statute to the contrary

THE LATE PROFESSOR WILSON.—One of Scotand's most eloquent and noblest of sons, "Christopher North," is no more. The Caledo-"from the Black Sea" This determination on the part of the maritime Powers to oppose further aggression, was resented by the Carr midnight or Management and Mercury announces the decease of Professor Wilson, at Edinburgh, at ten minutes after way through their own Island, which was now their sole protector, with a force which nothing could resist, and in a direction nothing could resist, and in a direction paris and London, and caused the French and in the year 1788, and was thus in his sixty-fifth which seemed to render escape impossible.

On one occasion a great mass forced its way directly upon the vessel's stern, which it approached so near that a man could him, among other honours, to carry off the Newdegate prize for an English poem. [The first in 1806; subject, 'Recommendation of the Study of Grecian and Roman Architecture.'] At the end of that period he left Oxford, and having purchased the estate of Elleray, beautifully situated on the Windermere, he found, for a time, in the picturesque beauty of the district, something to minister to his naturally high poetic temperament. Having been obliged, published in a collected form, under the title of Recreations of Christopher North, and which, in many respects manifests that true poetry with which his other works were characterised. the author of the Narrative had his Journal secured in a canvass bag, ready to be flung overboard in case they were obliged to course of these protracted negociations; its course of the co course of these protracted negociations; its language is calm and dignified, its tone firm and decided. "The British Government," so runs continue to add to its pre-eminent celebrity among the other academic institutions. He continued in the office till the close of the session of 1850-51, when advancing years and declining retirement brought, however, little relief; the sun had evidently set for ever, and now he has the utmost pain that the British Government sunk into the grave to be honoured for ages to come-regretted wherever the English language

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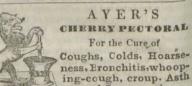
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