## The family.

WHERE IS PLEASURE?

BY ALICE CARY.

The roses were red at the window. And sweet with the Mid-May weather, And close to the bloom, inside of the room, Sat mother and child together ; And the mother was rocking the babe

heart. And they both were rocked together.

And soft through the curtain of roses, Which the roses could not smother, A beam of light, all golden white, Came in to the child and the mother-Came tenderly in through the tender leaves, A-kissing the child and the mother !

And the child was as fair as a picture That is painted in fairy story : And he opened his eyes to a glad surprise, A-seeing the wonderful glory-Opening his baby and beautiful eyes, A-seeing the wonderful glory !

" 'Tis a wing of gold in the roses," Though he-" it can be no other ;" And with hand so white he caught at the light, Then held it wide to his mother. And the tears said plain as tears could say : "Ah ! where is it gone my mother ?"

And the May-times came and faded, One May-time after another, And a stalwart man, all brown with tan. And tar from the lap of his mother, Was he that had wept for the vanished light. In the rosy home with his mother !

He had sailed and sailed the ocean, And had roamed the world for treasure, And with main and might had sought the

light, The light of unfading pleasure ; And now he was old, and he said to his heart, " I have got me no such pleasure."

For still it had fluttered before him. And still he had striven to gather, From sea and land, the light in his hand; And his cry was now : " My Father ! It is with thee, beyond life's sea-It is all with thee, my Father !"

THE LOST FOUND.

There was once a boy in Liverpool, who wen into the water to bathe, and he was carried out by the tide. Though he struggled long and hard, he was not able to swim against the ebbing tide, and he was taken far out to sea. He

almost lost. The sailors were all very kind to the information they possess or the moral senti-always feel as though I would like to have almost lost. The sallors were all very kind to the information meres they berish. Compared with any past him make the figures for me." gave him a cap, another a jacket, another a age of the world, this is a remarkably enlightpair of shoes and so on.

ened period. A large portion of the people But that evening a gentleman, who was walk- have a considerable share of correct informaing near the place where the little boy had gone tion on almost all topics of any real iminto the water, found his clothes lying on the portance. Religion, geography, history the shore. He searched and made inquiries; but political condition of the world, astronomy the no tidings were to be heard of the poor little important practical features of natural philos. years, passed away to his eternal reward after no tidings were to be neard of the poor little important practical relation of matter parts of a second a piece of paper in the pocket ophy, something of geology, chemistry as ap-boy. He found a piece of paper in the pocket ophy, something of geology, chemistry as ap-a ingering illness, which he bore with that paboy. Ite found a piece of paper in the poece of the boy's coat, by which he discovered who phot to agriculture and and her subjects, are familarized to the ance upon the atonement of Christ. The deit was to whom the clothes belonged. The and many other subjects, are functioned to the and upon the atomement of cluster and the second secon break the news to the parents. He said to the gently about them without pretending to learn- were led to the Saviour during a revival of refather, "I am sorry to tell you that I found ing or research.

tather, "I am sorry to tell you that I found ing of research." those clothes on the shore; and could not find But how did they come by this knowledge? Not at a school, nor from books-generally h3 labored on the Wallace circuit. Immedithe lad to whom they belonged; I almost fear

reading.

He went with him and received a volume is not this one of the deep laws of our being? "There," said the man, "read that, and the the circle of lif. If this be true, or only cherokee Vermifuge. Childhood receives, manil o d unfolds; it is f Franklin's works come and tell me what you have read." The lad kept his promise. He found it hard soul be garded and taught. Early, very early

work to keep the simple'and wise sentences of should the seeds be sown As soon as possithe philosopner, but he persevered. The more ble let there be the work of implanting the truth he read, and the more he talked with his friend of life. In that early period of the Jewish about what he read, the more interested he nation, when instruction came direct from the became. Ere long he felt no desire to read the lips of Jehovah, the duty of teaching children feeble and foolish books he had formerly those truths, which by way of pre-eminence are delighted in. He derived a great deal more called divine, was especially enjoined. And pleasure from reading good books than he had the latter revelations reannounce the same duty. ever derived from reading poor ones. Be- Each race of men by its failures or successes, sides, his mind began to grow. He began to has echoed the same inspired sentiment. Those be spoken of as an intellegent and promising systems of religion, that have endured the wearing of the ages, repeat the solemn lesson,

Some who do not read flashy and worthless That vast old structure of the Veda religion, young man. books, and who read good books, read them on which the frosty rime of thirty centuries has hastily, and with very little attention. They gathered, if it had a tongue 'o utter the secrets seem to desire to be able to say that they have of its perpetuity would say to us with special emphasis, "You must educate the young." read certain books.

It does one very little good to say that he has CURIOSITIES OF LIFE. read a book. A gentleman once asked a reader of his class if he had read a certain book. The Philadelphia Medical Times gives the following as interesting to many readers. Half "Yes, sir." was the prompt reply. "What do you know about it " asked the gentleman.

of all who live die before seventeen. Only one person in ten thousand lives to be one hundred "I know-I know that I have read it." He spoke the truth. He had read the book, years old, and but one in a hundred reaches and he knew that he had read it, and that was sixty. The married live longer than the single and out of every thousand born only ninety Of course he derived no benefit trom read- five weddings take place. Of a thousand perall he knew about it. ing that book. Perhaps the reading it kept sons who have reached seventy, there are of

him out of some mischief; but, on the clergymen, orators, and public speakers, forty; other hand, it tended to form a bad habit of workmen thirty three; soldiers thirty-two; lawyers, twenty-nine; professors twenty-seven: doctors twenty four. Farmers and workmen No book does any one any good unless it is und rstood. Unless you get some definite do not arrive at good old age, as often as cler-

ideas from a book there is no use in reading it. gymen and others who perform no manual labour; but this is owing to the neglect of the -Rev. Jos ph Alden, D. D. laws of health. inattention to proper habits of lite in eating, drinking, sleeping, dress, and

the proper care of themselves after the work NOVEL READING.

FAMILY NEWSPAPERS.

It cannot but be injurious to the human mind never to be called into effort; the habit of re-ceiving pleasure without any exertion of thought and sit around the doors in their shirt-sleeves, ceiving pleasure without any exertion of thought and in their tired condition and weakened cirby the more excitement of curiosity and senculation, are easily chilled, laying the foundasibility may be justly ranked among the worst effects of babitual novel reading. Like idle tion for diarrhea, bilious colic pneumonia, or morning visitors, the brisk and breathless periconsumption. ods hurry in and off in quick and profitless suces-

WE are apt to mistake our vocation by looksion-each, indeed, for the moment of its stay ing out of the way for occasions to exercise prevents the pain of vacancy, while it indulges great and rare virtues, and by stepping over the love of sloth; but, altogether, they leave the ordinary ones that lie directly in the road the mistress of house-the soul, I mean-flat before us. When we read we fancy we could and exhausted, incapable of attending to her be martyrs; when we come to act we cannot own concerns, and unfitted for the conversation bear a provoking word.-H. More. of more rational guests.-Coleridge.

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the has been drowned." The father could speaking—but by picking up here a little, and ately after his conversion he joined the Methohardly speak for grief; the mother was wild there a little, from the family newspapers, in dist Society, and continued to hold to the docmardly speak for grief; the mother was what there a interval the interval and installments. Let any trines of scripture as taught by that branch of made, but no account was to be had of their one ask himself where he obtained his know-dear boy. The house was sad, the fille child child be and provide the providet the provide the providet the providet the provi 

tather's beart was neavy. He said little, but impressions and sentiments. They have been of grace, yet he had many unmistakeable mani-telt much. Suggested, reiterated and fastened on the mind testations of God's love to him, while in the The lad was taken back in a vessel bound suggested, reference and instance on the family press. The pulpit does much; quiet of the night he communed with his own nourning was to be brought home. As soon parental instruction, in many cases does much; heart upon his bed, or in the solit.de of retireas he reached Liverpool, he set off towards his but the press more than either, often more than ment, his soul drew near to God in prayer. as he reached Liverpool, he set of towards his but the press more than or the press more th Tather's nouse. He did not like to be seed in family paper open its pages and consider he thought it more convenient for his purpose you will find it unfailing; coughs are cured by it he thought it more convenient for his purpose you will find it unfailing; coughs are cured by it the strange cap and jacket and shoes he had on ; many paper open no page and in thought it more convenient for his paper in the paper of the better in the thought it more convenient for his paper in the paper is the better is the so he went by the lanes, where he would not along the sometimes from one hundred and accordingly removed to the place of his labor, to the [hall door. He knocked. When the fifty two hundred seperate and distinct articles, where the first three months of his sickness servant opened it, and saw who it was, she each one conveying an idea or a fact or a sen-were spent. While there few indeed were his servant opened it, and saw who it was, she taken one conveying an interest of a pro-screamed with joy, and said, "Here is Master timent, and stated and illustrated so as to pro-privileges of conversing with those by whose Tom!" His father rushed out, and, bursting duce an effect in enlarging the reader's store of words he might profit, and but very seldom did knowledge or giving a right direction to thought he hear prayer offered in his behalf. The cirinto tears, embraced him. His mother fainted; "there was no spirit in her." What a and action. Must not all this have its influence cumstances were trying, and he became so dehappy evening they all, parents and children and in the aggregate a mighty influence, upon pressed in spirit that he began to question his fitness for heaven, but the Lord whose mercy spent! They did not want the mourning. The the reader ? We think so. never faileth, was to him a very present help. -----

tather could say with Jacob, " It is enough my son is yet alive." But what do you think will be the rejoicing in

Think what it is, and then do it.

whither ?- Loving Words.

heaven, and who do not know that there is any

How would your spirit have died within you !

WHAT TO READ, AND HOW.

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THE SEED-TIME OF LIFE.

ral weeks thus severely tried, one afternoon, Marvel of marvels is the soul of a child. heaven, when those who were in danger of be-Approach it on any side, and you will find mys-while left alone for a short time he cried to the ing lost forever arrive safely on that happy shore? How will the angels rejoice, and the tery. The beginnings of all lite are mysteri- Lord for deliverance, and for a token of his fafamily of heaven be glad! Perhaps when some ous, but especially the beginning of intelligent vour, and was answered in a most convincing manner, "Suddenly the room was filled with of you will hereafter go to heaven, your fathers life. It seems only large enough for the moand mothers, or brothers and sisters, will weland mothers, or brothers and sisters, will well show to mage attend that of the great world may pour itself. light, and a voice space to make the set of the great world may pour itself. be of good cheer, I am with thee." This is you safe. Welcome ! Welcome !" You will not Children absorb the age-not its learning, as he gave it, only it was with tears flowing go there like the boy with a cap and clothes of perhaps not its thought, but the spirit of its freely down his face, and frequently interruptwhich he was ashamed, but in garments of sal- progress, its rectitude or its unrighteousness. ed by words of praise to Him who had deliverwhich he was ashamed, but in garments of sale progress, its rectilide of its unique entry ed by words of plaise to thin who had denoted with vation, white as show, with crowns of glory They drink in good or ill, as the sponge takes ed him from all tear. From that moment no up the crystal water or the stenchful ichor. It cloud shut out the glorious rays of the Sun o. that fade not away. And what must you do the life of the home be devout, so will they; if Righteousness in which his soul rejoiced conto be ready to enter heaven when you die? it is full of affection, so are they. Children tinually. Curiosity might prompt enquiries But remember the great multitude of heathen are the measure of the world's life; that is to concerning the light which he saw and the voice

but remember the great multitude of heathen are the measure of the works they interpret ourselves. Your life, my which he heard. If there had been others in the lite-not that which stands out to men, but room at the time, it might have been with them Saviour for lost men. Suppose you had seen that which God sees-is rushing like a torrent as with those who accompanied the Apostle hat Liverpool boy carried out to sea by the or distilling like dew into the souls of our chil-Paul in the way to Damascus or it might have tide. How would you have pitied him! Then dren. Check it you cannot. You love them; been otherwise, it could not have mattered with suppose you had seen the water full of boys, all but it is life that flows with love, into those him however, whether they " saw the light " or heard the voice," he recognized in it an answer drifting out beyond the reach of human help. absorbing spirits.

How often do we think of their little helpless to his prayer, and from that moment rejoiced forms, forgetting their more helpless spirits. A in the assurance of an Almighty Father's prehome, how sad you would have felt! No thousand averues are reaching into that myste- sence and care. It was cur privilege to see "pleasant bread" could you have eaten that rious and glorious put i land more beautiful him frequently during the latter part of his sicknight. But all the children in heathen lands than the old historic Eden; but no angel with ness, and we always found him rejoicing in God are drifting hopelessly onward—can you tell flaming sword stands at the entrance. Wild and only anxious for those he was about to beasts of evil may enter there and despoil, and leave. Very early on Thursday morning his

who can hinder? Profane hands may pluck happy spirit triumphing in the Redeemer's love those flowers of human possibility and truits of escaped from its clay tenament, and we doubt either good or evil. Is there anything as help- not winged its way to the blest seats above. A young man found that he could read with less as the soul of a child? Yet God had a beau-On Friday we lay his body to rest in the grave

interest nothing but sensation stories. The tiful design in this. He made the child to a yard at Lower Wentworth, where much preciinterest nothing but sensation stories. The third design in this, are hinde the time to a yard at Lower wentworth, where inded precision precision best books were placed in his hands, but they Christian home, and that home was to be a ous dust awaits the dawning of that giorious Will cure pain wherever it may exist. To be taken were not interesting. One afternoon as he was wall over which nothing evil should pass. This resurrection morning. reading a foolish story he overheard one say marvelous spirit land would then be amply pro-"That boy is a great reader; does he read tected by its double defense of the Christian

duce only a deadly, noxious fruit.

home, and the Christian Church; and into it anything that is worth reading ?" would only enter peace and purity and love. ' No," was the reply ; " his mind wil! run Childhood and youth are thus the receptive out if he keeps on reading after his present period of life; and when this state of passivity

fashion. He used to be a sensible boy till he took to reading nonsense and nothing." The boy sat still for a time, then rose, threw the book into the ditch, went up to the man who said that his mind would run out and of seeds dron into the embosoming soil: but of her age. Mrs. Walker's last illness was brief but found her happily trusting in the Saviour with whom she had been long acquainted. In early

book to read.

have one?"

" It will be hard work for you." " I will do it." "Well, come home with me, and I

lend you a good book."

J F BETTE Mary M. beloved wife of William Walker,

Esq., of Shubenacadie, was called away by death on the 5th of Nov. 1871 in the 64th year is ended and activity is commenced, that which of her age.

the book into the ditch, went up to the man something else. In the fail of the year failed, who she had been long acquainted. In early the she had given herself to the Lord and his church. Society tickets which she had carebook to read. "Will you read a good book if I will let you have one?" "Yes sir." "I t will be hard work for you." the heavens, these same seeds evolve into vari-ous forms of growth and fruit. So the soul in childhood is a soil into which seed are cast, and when the spring of manhood comes they shoot up into forms of ever gladdening beauty, or prowith the Lord, her memory is sweetly fragrant We know that freedom makes ever-varying to all who knew her. changes in the development of humanity, but

