A tiny young apple, so green and so round, Peeped down from his home in the tree, And there just before him, stretched out on the

ground,
A pumpkin he happened to see; And admired him so much, That he wished he were such

A fine thriving fellow as he.

A week or two passed, and the apple began To murmur because he was small, And he said to himself, "Though I do what I

I don't seem to be growing at all; While that sober and steady Old punkin already

Is such a large, grand-looking ball." A fortnight rolled by, and then, quite in despair Said the poor little apple, " I tear That though the soft rains and bright sunshing

I am making no progress up here; For that punkin, so strong, And so healthful, ere long More than ten times my size will appear."

He strained every nerve, and he earnestly tried As fast as the pumpkin to grow; But vain were his efforts, and sadly he sighed As he gazed on his rival below; " Alas !" he said, " I May just as well die, For my life is a failure, I know.

"Instead of advancing, I really believe I get smaller and smaller each day!" "Oh, you dear little apple, why foolishly grieve?"

Said a stone near the pumpkin which lay; " It is very unfair, Yourself to compare

With my neighbor in this sort of way, "You really are growing, and must not refus The comfort which thus is your due; But, of course, when a changeable standard yo

It gives of yourself a wrong view: Had you measured by me, Now, for instance, you'd see, That your growth had been constant and true.

So we, as we glance at the past, may suppose That we are not improving; and yet The truth really is, that the faster one grows The higher one's standard is set; And thus we are ever Aspiring, and never The prize we are aiming at get.

Take courage, press on; for if daily you strive. To be loving, unselfish and pure Though you may not just yet at perfection

Yet your growth will be steady and sure; And you, though oft fearful, And anxious and tearful, Will the end you are seeking secure.

YEDDIE'S FIRST AND LAST SACRA-

A half-witted lad, who was supported by his bit of whispering and muttering to himself as he trudged along the highway, or performed the simple tasks which any neighbor felt at liberty to demand of him. The boys, while they were never cruel to him, often got a little fun out of his odd ways. He believed every word they said to him; and because he had been told in sport that if he once rode over the hills to kirk in a donkey-cart he would never be heir to the Earl of Glen-Allen, he refused all the kind offers of farmers and cotters, and replied always in the same words:

"Na. na: ill luck falls on me the day I mount a cart; so I will aye gang on my ain feet up to the courts of the Lord's house, and be talking to Himsel' as I gang." Once when a merry boy heard him pleading

earnestly with some unseen one, he asked, "What ghost or goblin are you begging favors of now Yeddie ?" "Netther the one nor the tither, laddie,"

replied. "I was just having a few words wi' him that neither versel' nor I can see, and yet wi' Him that sees baith o' us !" The poor fellow was talking to God, while the

careless wise ones, laughingly said, "He is talking to himself." g to himself."

One day Yeddie presented himself in hi hob-nailed shoes before the minister, and ma-

king a bow much like that of a wooden toy when pulled by a string, he said: " Please, minister, let poor Yeddie eat su

per on the coming day wi' the Lord Jesus." The good man was preparing for the sacramental season, which came half-yearly in that sparsely settled region, and was celebrated by several churches together, when the concourse of people made it necessary to hold the services

He was too busy to be disturbed by the sim ple youth, and strove to put him off as gently as possible, But Yeddie pleaded, "O, minister! if ye but kenned how I love

Him, ye wud let me go where He's to sit as This so touched his heart that permission was

granted for Yeddie to take his seat with the rest. And although he had many miles to trudge over hill and moor, he was on the ground long before those who lived near, and drove good horses. As the service proceeded, tears flowed freely

from the eyes of the poor "innocent," and at the name of Jesus he would shake his head mournfully, and whisper, " But I dinna see Him."

At length, however, after partaking of the bread and the cup, he raised his head, wiped away the traces of his tears, and looking in the minister's face nodded and smiled. Then he covered his face with his hands, and buried it between his knees, and remained in that posture till the parting blessing was given, and the people began to scatter. He then rose, and with a face lighteh with joy and yet marked with solemnity, he followed tho rest.

One and another from his own parish spoke to him, but he made no reply until pressed by some boys. Then he said.

"Ah lads! dinna bid Yeddie talk to-day! He's seen the face of the Lord Jesus among His ain ones. He got a smile fro' His eye and word fro' His tongue, and he's afeard to speak tie, "and that will make you feel badly," lest he lose memory o't; for it's but a bad memory he has at best. Ah lads, lads! I ha' said Nellie. "I like your new bonnet very seen Him this day that I never seed before! I much, and at the same time I am contented ha' seen wi' these dull eyes you lovely Man! with my old one."

daft. The senses ha' come into his head, and he looks and speaks like a wise one."

When Yeddie reached the poor cot he called what we think is right." man, to show her that he was not out of humor, of bravery. he climbed the ladder to the loft where his pallet of straw was, to get another look and another word "fro' the you lovely Men." And "I am sure that it is not a great cross to me, his voice was heard below in low tones.

"Ay Lord! it's just poor me that has been er and never part more. Oh ! ay; but this is know to be satisfied with what I have." a bonny loft, all goold and precious stones! The hall o' the castle is a poor place to my loft this bonny nicht!" And then his voice grew softer and softer till it died away.

Granny set over the smouldering peat below, with her elbows on her knees, relating in loud dy would laugh at her if she did not have a whispers to a neighboring crone the stories of bonnet as gay as a peacock's tail, and be in the the boys who had preceded Yeddie from the height of fashion. She had not courage to say. service, and also his own strange words and ap-

sleep with Him."

"Noo, Molly, replied granny's guest doesna' that remind ve o' the words o' our Lord Himsel', when he tell'd them that bid Him eat, 'I ha' meat that ye know not o'? Who'll dare to say that the blessed hand that fed the multitude when they were set upon the grass, hasna this day been feeding the soul o' poor Yeddie as he sat at his table? Ah Molly! we little know what humble work He will stoop to. We canna tell noo but this daft laddie will be greater in the kingdom of heaven than the earl himsel'-puir body-that looks so very little no as it he'd be able to crowd in at the pearly

" And O Janet! if ye could ha' seen the face of your puir lad as he cam' into the cot! It shone just like the light, and at first-even afore he spoke a word-I thocht he was carryying a candle in his hand! I believe in my soul. good neighbor that Yeddie was in great company to-day, and that the same shining was on him as was on Moses and Elias when they talked to Jesus on the Mount. I e'en hope he brocht the blessing hame wi' him to 'bide on the widow that was too auld and feeble to walk to the table, but has borne with him, and toiled patiently for him, because he was one of the Lord's little and feeble ones."

"Oo, av. doubtless he did bring hame the blessing, and that ye'll get the reward o' these many cups o' cold water ye've given him; for what's the few pence or shillings the parish grants ye, compared wi' the mother's care ye gave him.

the reward, it will not be because I wrought for what are you sowing now?" parish in the highlands of Scotland, passed his that. I seemed e'er to ken, syne the day I The farmer seemed startled. A new meantime in wandering from house to house. He was took the daft and orphanted lad, that I was ing at once flashed on him from the question silent and peaceable, and won the pity of all kind minding and feeding and clothing one o' these of the morning. "What!" he said in a sub hearts. He had little power to converse with little ones, and I ken it better to-night than dued and thoughtful tone, "do you take such hearts. He had little power to converse with little ones,' and I ken it better to-night than used and thoughts. He had little power to converse with little ones,' and I ken it better to-night than used and thoughts are prepared without regard to economy and contain the purest and best vegetable Medicine. tate. Yeddie, as he was called, was in the habit of whispering and muttering to himself as

within them as they talked. When the morrow's sun rose, granny, un-

and made her "parritch;" and then, remem- wiser and better man. bering that he went supperless to bed, she calwas no reply. She called again and again, but head resting on his folded arms, she found Yed- a man soweth, that also shall he reap. die. She laid her hand upon his head, but instantly recoiled in terror. The heavy iron crown had been replaced with the crown of the ransomed, which fadeth not away. Yeddie had caught a glimpse of Jesus, and could not live apart from Him. As he had supped so be had slept with Him.

A deep awe fell on the parish and the minister at this evident token that Christ had been among them; and the funeral of the poor lad was attended from far and wide. A solemnity rarely seen was noticed there, as if a great loss had fallen on the community instead of the parish having been relieved of a burden. Poor granny" was not left alone in her cot; for He who had come hither after that last supper with Yeddie was with her even to the end -Edinburgh Tract.

A BRAVE GIRL. e

let the girls say what they please to the contra-

do what they think is right. There was Hattle Stone, a bright-eyed, intelligent, sprightly, loveable creature. sitting by her mother, who was trimming her winter bonnet with gay ribbons and beautiful feathers, when Nellie Larkin, one of her playmates

it will, myself." "You will be the only girl in the meetinghouse with an old bonnet on," continued Hat-"No, it will not make me feel badly at all,"

Dinna ye speak, but just leave poor Yeddie in laugh at me when every body else had new most delightful.

bonnets," responded Hattie. "I want to look Provincial Wesleyan Almanac. as well as the rest."

"Mother says its cowardly to be afraid of what people will say about us, if we are doing

"home," he hardly dared to speak to "granny" who sheltered him, lest he might, as he the world," and Hattie, "and I suppose I am said, "lose the bonny face." He left his par-one. But you mean to be brave and wear your ritch and treacle "untasted; and after smiling old bonnet," and Hattie smiled as she said it, on and patting the faded cheek of the old wo- for she evidently meant to ridicule Nellie's idea

"I don't think it necessary to be very brave to wear a last year's bonnet," replied Nellie. although I don't like to be laughed at any better than you do. Mother says she can't atsae long seeking ye; and now we'll bide togeth- ford a better one, and that is enough for me to

Now, Nellie really did not know that she was a brave girl in deciding to wear a bonnet that she had worn for a year. But she was the bravest girl in the neighbourhood. Hattie, poor little mincing coward, was afraid somebo-"Let others think as they please, I shall do what mother thinks best." Poor weak thing! "And besides all this," she said in a hoarse Suppose every body else was to take it into whisper, "he refused to taste his supper, a their heads to go without bonnets, she of course thing which he never done before since the par- would not dare to do otherwise, and so she 29 M. 5 23 6 38 8 32 2 32 8 31 9 1 ate his own portion and mine too, and then Nellie, who dares to follow her mother's councried for more—such a fearful appetite he had! sels, though she may not appear quite so fash-But to-night when he cam' in faint wi' the long | ionable! Yes, she is the genuine brave girl, unroad he had come, he cried, 'Na meat for me, like thousands who always stop to ask, What and Truro. granny; I ha' had a feast which I will feel with- will be thought of this or that? what will Mrs. in me while I live. I supped with the Lord Je- A. or Jemima B. say about me if I do thus and sus, and noo I must e'en go up to the loft, and so ? not having courage to do right even lest some one laugh or sneer .- Home Monthly.

SOWING AND REAPING.

An instructive incident, which in some particulars may find its counterpart somewhere among our readers, is thus given in the Ame-

A Christian gentleman was staying a few days with a farmer, who, though a man of sound sense and many amiable traits, was a neglecter of religion, and known to be both passionate and profane. He was an excellent farmer, priding himself not a little on the fine appearance and thorough culture of his farm, and evidently was pleased with his guest, who was a man of winning manners and extensive

One day as the gentleman walked out where the farmer was scattering his seed broadcast in the field-

"What are you sowing, Mr. H.---?" was the pleasant inquiry.

"And what do you expect to reap from it? "Why, wheat, of course," said the farmer. At the close of the day, as all were gather ed in the family circle, some little thing provoked the farmer-the husband, the father, and the head of the family-and at once he flew into a violent passion, and forgetting, in his excitement, the presence of his guest, he swore most profanely.

The latter, who was sitting next to him, at "Aweel, aweel," replied granny, "if I get once, in a low and serious tone, said, "And

faithful ones, the door being shut, and said, helps to form the permanent temper; and not but with very little attention, the mother canno "Peace be unto you." Surely this strange, every word we must give an account; and mistake. Amongst the many symptoms of heavenly calm can no' be of earth, and who every act but aids to form a habit, and habits shall say that Himsel' is not here besides us are to the souls what veins and arteries are to twa—come to this poor place more for the daft lad's sake than our ain?"

the blood, the course in which it moves, and will move forever. By all these little things and often bleeding nose; beadache, alim andy furned tongue, foul breath; variable, and some, whom there souls loved, their hearts burning will go with us to eternity, and according to it

will be our destiny forever. It was a new and startling view to the farwilling to disturb the weary Yeddie, left her mer, who, though sensible and thoughtful on poor pillow to perform his humble task. She most matters, had given little thought to the trial is given. brought peat from the stack and brought water subject of religion. And it led him to a train from the spring. She spread her humble table, of thought which, it is to be hoped. left him a

The lesson is full of meaning to all, and led him from the foot of the ladder. There especially to the young; that probation extends to every thing and every thing is but a there was no sound above but the wind whis- part of our probation; that in and through tling through the openings in the thatch. She and by all we are forming character; and achad not gone up the rickety ladder for years; cording to what that character on earth shall but anxiety gave strength to her limbs, and she be, will be our destiny for eternity. "He soon stood in the poor garret which had long that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful sheltered the poor half-idiot boy. Before a also in much;" and "he that despiseth small rude stool, half-sitting, half-kneeling, with his things, shall fall little by little. "Whatsoeve

EARTH CLOSET.

In suburban residences, and where an ample supply of water cannot be obtained, a most fruitful source of annoyance, and often of dis ease, is the foul odor from the privy. By the use of the "Earth Closet" we may be relieved from the evils attendant on carelessness, negligence, and ignorance in the removal and disposition of human excreia; by it the ordinary commode may be used in bedrooms and closets without offensive odor. Its use depends on the well-known nower of dry earth as a deodorizing gent more economical and of wider utility than the water-closet, and leaving a product of great value to the agriculturist. It is now well established that dry earth, at once applied, will instantly remove all foul odour from human excrement, whether in the chamber or in the privy; and this inodorous product, where earth There are not many brave girls in these days, is scare, may be used several times over, giving out no odor, and becoming each time a more ry. We have been watching to see how they valuable fertilizer. The importance of this in manoeuver, and this is the conclusion to which the sick chamber, and in places where water i we have come. Many of them are real cowards scarce, can hardly be over-estimated; it re -they are atraid to keep on the right side of moves a serious cause of disease in the house truth. They may not be afraid of the dark, and enables the farmer to convert his privi nor of dogs and spiders, but they are afraid to from an ever present nuisance into an oderles

JOB THROGMORTON.

my God! why hast thou forsaken me?" This prompt reply administered consolation to the troubled spirit of his dying friend, who departed within an hour after, rejoicing in the

Fix upon that course of life which is the most excellent, and habit will render it the

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"It is very pretty indeed, I think," answered Nellie. "Mine is a poor looking thing beside that."

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