Family Reading.

A DOLLAR ON THE CONSCIENCE.

Fifty-five cents a yard, I believe you said?" The customer was opening her purse. the goods, and so Mr. Levering had in- again, but the memory of this wrong deed formed the lady. She misunderstood him, cannot be wholly effaced from his mind."

the reputation of being a conscientious, he not then have given to have the weight high-minded man. He knew that he was of that dollar removed? Its pressure was thus esteemed, and self complacently ap- so great as almost to suffocate him. It propriated the good opinion as clearly his was all in vain that he tried to be cheerful,

It came instantly to the lip of Mr. Levering to say, "Yes, fifty-five." The prattle of his children had lost its wonted love of gain was strong in his mind, and ever ready to accede to new plans for pression in the eye of his wife, as, in the adding dollar to dollar. But ere the words were uttered, a disturbing perception of she looked soberly upon him. Unable to something wrong restrained him.

"I wish twenty yards," said the customer, taking it for granted that fifty-five the streets for an hour. On his return, cents was the price of the goods. Mr. Levering was still silent; though

he commenced promptly to measure off "Not dear at that price," remarked the

"I think not," said the store-keeper. "I bought the case of goods, from which

this piece was taken, low." "Twenty yards at fity-five cents!

bewildered store keeper.

about to do so, the quick suggestion came, keeper's relief, opened her purse, and that in acknowledging to the lady the fact dropped it therein. of her having paid five cents a yard too wrong. And so he kept silence, and let his breast expanded with a sense of relief. her depart beyond recall.

self-respect, is acquired at too large a cost. paused, drew out her purse, and emptying A single dollar on the conscience may the contents of our end into her hand, press so heavily as to bear down a man's carefully noted the amount. Then walkspirits, and rob him of all the delights of ing back, she said with a thoughtful airlife. It was so in the present case. Vain was it that Mr. Levering sought self justi- change, Mr. Levering. fication. Argue the matter as he would, he found it impossible to escape the smart- four dollars and thirty-five," was the quick he found it impossible to escape in conviction that he had unjustly exacted ing conviction that he had unjustly exacted "Four thirty-five," said the lady, "Four thirty-five," said the lady, times through the day he found himself in musingly. "Yes, here is just four thirtya musing abstracted state, and, on rousing five. himself therefrom, became conscious in his external thought that it was the dollar by Levering spoke, somewhat nervously.

which he was troubled.

"The article came to six dollars and which he was troubled.

"I'm very foolish," said he mentally, as sixty-five cents, I believe?" he walked homeward, after closing his store "Yes, yes, that was it!" for the evening. "Very foolish to worry she is quite as well contented with her _- "You gave me too much." bargain as if she had only paid fifty."

remove it by efforts of this kind.

the day was over, he usually returned to to give away or to throw away. Such his own fire side with buoyant feeling. It prodigality or impulsive benevolence, was not so on this occasion. There was would be at the expense of another, and a pressure on his bosom—a want of self- this could not mend the matter. satisfaction. The kiss of his wife, and the "This is all squeamishness," said Mr. old delight.

"What is the matter with you this even. | ing as ever. ing, dear? Are you not well?' inquired Mrs. Levering, breaking in upon the Levering went to church, as usual, with thoughtful mood of her husband, as he sat his family. Scarcely had he taken a seat in unwonted silence. "I'm perfectly well," he replied, rousing

himself, and forcing a smile. " You look sober."

"Do I?" Another forced smile. "O no; it's all in your imagination."

you think so ?"

suspicion?" replied the father, laughing- box, at the close of the morning service, to winds.'

from the beginning, enter into this sport still a weight on his conscience that with his usual zest. "Does your head ache, papa?" inquired

sickness, as he saw his father leave the -He could not send it back to the lady floor, and seat himself, with some gravity and tell her the whole truth. Such an of manner, on a chair,

"Why don't you play longer, then?" "Oh, papa!" exclaimed another child,

don't know what a time we had at school inclosed her a dollar, anonymously, stating "Ah! what was the cause?"

"Oh! you'll hardly believe it. But Eddy tion which he did not care to name, and Jones stole a dollar from Maggy Enfield!" "Stole a dollar!" ejaculated Mr. Levercold chill passing along every nerve.

wasn't it dreadful?"

suggested Mrs. Levering. they found the dollar in his pocket. Oh! in the presence of his wife and children. he looked so pale, and it made me almost Not for worlds would he have suffered them sick to hear him cry as if his heart would to look into his heart.

Mrs. Levering.

dollar on his conscience ever be removed? Now fifty cents a yard was the price of _He may never do so wicked an act

How rebukingly fell all these words on In the community, Mr. Levering had the ear of Mr. Levering! Ah! what would or take an interest in what was passing immediately around him. The innocent charm, and there seemed an accusing exconcern his changed aspect had occasioned, bear all this, Mr. Levering went out, something unusual for him, and walked the children were in bed, and he had regained sufficient self-control to meet his

wife with a less disturbed appearance. On the next morning, Mr. Levering felt something better. Sleep had left his mind more tranquil. Still there was a pressure on his feelings, which thought could trace back to that unlucky dollar. About an hour after going to his store, Mr. Levering saw his customer of the day previous enter, Just eleven dollars." The customer opened her purse as she thus spoke, and counted out he stood behind his counter. His heart the sum in glittering gold dollars. "That gave a sudden bound, and the color rose is right, I believe," and she pushed the money toward Mr. Levering, who, with a quick to conclude as to the object of her kind of automatic movement of his hand, visit. But he soon saw that no suspicion drew forward the coin and swept it into of wrong dealing was in the lady's mind. With a pleasant, half recognition, she "Send the bundle to No. 300 Argyle asked to look at certain articles, from St., said the lady, with a bland smile, as which she made purchases, and in paying she turned from the counter and the half- for them, placed a ten dollar bill in the hand of the store keeper.

*Stay, madam! there is a slight mistake!" The words were in Mr. Levering's science," said Mr. Levering to himself, as thoughts, and on the point of gaining utter- he began counting out the change due to ance, but he had not the courage to speak. his customer; and, purposely, he gave her He had gained a dollar in the transaction one dollar more than was justly hers in beyond his due, and already it was lying heavily on his conscience. Willingly would he have thrown it off; but when

"All right again!" was the mental much, he might falter in his explanation, ejaculation of Mr. Levering, as he saw the and thus betray his attempt to do her a purse disappear in the lady's pocket, while

The customer turned from the counter, Anything gained at the price of virtuous and had nearly gained the door, when she "I think you've made a mistake in the

"I presume not, ma'am. I gave you

"That's right; yes, that's right," Mr.

"Then three dollars and thirty-five cents myself about a trifle like this. The goods will be my right change," said the lady, were cheap enough at fifty-five cents, and placing a small gold coin on the counter.

The customer turned away, and retired But it would not do. The dollar was on from the store, leaving that dollar still on his conscience, and he sought in vain to the conscience of Mr. Levering. "I'll throw it into the street," said he to himself, Mr. Levering had a wife and three impatiently, "or give it to the first beggar pleasant children. They were the sun-light of his home. When the business of whispered that the dollar wasn't his, either

clinging arms of his children, as they were Levering, trying to argue against his contwined around his neck, did not bring the victions. But it was of no avail. His convictions remained as clear and rebuk-

The next day was the Sabbath, and Mr. in his pew, when, on raising his eyes, they rested on the countenance of the lady from whom he had abstracted the dollar. How quickly his cheek flushed! How troubled ecame instantly the strings of his heart! "Something troubles you, I'm afraid." Unhappy Mr. Levering! He did not make the usual responses that day; and "Are you sick, papa?" now asks a when the congregation joined in the swellbright little fellow, clambering upon his ing song of praise, his voice was not heard. Scarcely a word of the eloquent sermon "Why no, love, I'm not sick. Why did reached his ears, except something about "dealing justly;" he was too deeply en-"Because you don't play horse with gaged in solving the question whether or no he should get rid of the unwholesome "Oh dear! Is that the ground of your dollar by dropping it into the contribution "Come! we'll soon scatter them to the listen to the words of the preacher. This question was not settled when the box And Mr. Levering commenced a game came round. But this disposition of the of romps with the children. But he tired money proved only a temporary palliative. long before they grew weary, nor did he, There was still a pressure on his feelings; gradually became heavier. Poor man !-What was he to do? How was he to get the child who had previously suggested this dollar removed from his conscience? exposure of himself would not only be "Not this evening, dear," answered Mr. humiliating, but hurtful to his character. It would be seeking to do right in the in-

fliction of a wrong to himself. At last Mr. Levering, who had ascerspeaking from a sudden thought, "you tained the lady's name and residence, had been confined almost entirely to German that it was her due; that the writer had obtained it from her unjustly, in a transac-

could not rest until he had made restitution. Ah! the humiliation of spirit suffered by His voice was husky, and he felt a Mr. Levering in thus seeking to get ease for his conscience! It was one of his "Yes, papa! he stole a dollar! Oh, bitterest life experiences. The longer the dollar remained in his possession, the "Perhaps he was wrongly accused," heavier became its pressure, until he could endure it no longer. He felt not only Emma Wilson saw him do it, and disgraced in his own eyes, but humiliated

If a simple act of restitution could have "What did they do with him?" asked covered all the past, happy would it have What did they do with him?" asked covered all the past, happy would it have been for Mr. Levering. But this was not been for Mr. Levering. But this was not has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will a legacy of £100 to has bequeathed by her will not trespass longer on you.

Sept. 1, 1853. took him home. Wasn't it dreadful?' book of his life, and nothing could efface Canterbury.

how, in a moment of weak yielding, you get a dollar on your conscience. One of two evils must follow. It will give you pain and trouble, or callous the spot where it rests .- And the latter of these evils is that which is most tobe deplored .- Godey's Lady's Book.

From our English Files.

STATE OF TRADE IN LANCASHIRE. -There appears little prospect of speedy resumption of work at Preston. During the week the number of applicants for work has amounted to about 200, but they have no connection with the present agitation. The funds, notwithstanding the large demands upon them, still present a balance in hand. The total expenditure in relief since the commencement of the strike amounted last week to nearly £27,000. The Burnley mills having been opened with success for four days in the week, the Bacup manufacturers opened theirs on Monday, likewise at the old prices, but only for three days in the week. At first the workmen did not return freely, but more have since offered themselves, and it is more have since offered themselves, and it is expected that labour generally will be resumed. At Bury the operatives do not seem disposed to go in, as they are supported by the many artizans in that town engaged in other employments. A strike is anticipated among the miners in the employ of Messrs. Swire and Lees, of Dukinfield. It is a fact cheeringly indicative of the atill general propagative that indicative of the still general prosperity that the deposits in the Leeds Savings Bank during the present year show an increase of £19,135 the number of depositors has increased by 725.

BURNING FOR WITCHCRAFT.—Query: When and where was the last person burned to death for witchcraft in England?—We believe the last case of burning for witchcraft was at Bury St. Edmund's in 1664, tried by Sir Matthew Hale, although some accounts state that the victims. Amy Dunn and Rose Callender, were executed. In the same year Alice Hudson was burnt at York for having received 10s. at a time from land chiefs, and brought by the Hermes from Nanking, is the first part of the Book of Genesis, according to the translation made by Gutzlaff, and published by him in Hong Kong. There is another edition of Gutzlaff's Genesis painted at York for having received 10s. at a time from Nanking, is the first part of the Book of Genesis, according to the translation made by Gutzlaff, and brought by the Hermes from Nanking, is the first part of the Book of Genesis, according to the translation made by Gutzlaff, and published by him in Hong Kong. There is another edition of Gutzlaff's Genesis painted at York for having received 10s. York for having received 10s. at a time from edition departs from the one published in Ho judge was Captain David Ross, of Little Dean.
At Glarus, in Ireland, a servant-girl was burnt as late as 1776. The last authenticated instance of the swimming ordeal occurred in 1485, and of the swimming ordeal occurred in 1485, and the first part only has fallen into the hands of the first part only has fallen into the hands of

ABERNETHY AND THE IRISHMAN .- "It was on his first going through the wards after a visit to Bath, passing up between the rows of beds myself among the rest—the apparition of a poor Irishman, with the scantiest shirt I ever saw, jumping out of bed, and literally throwing 1: self on his knees at Abernethy's feet, presented it-

clinical lecture about diseases and their constitutional treatment. And now commenced the fun. "Thrue, yer honor! His honor's the great docthur entirely!" While at the slightest allusion to his case, off went the bed clothes, and up went the leg, as if he were taking aim at the ceiling with it. "That's it, by gorra! and a betther leg than the villain's that wanted to how the following the control of their chiefs, and received with respect and gratitude."

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For further particulars, apply (if by letter, postpaid) to the Rev. the Secretary of the Church Society, Toronto.

October 26, 1853

COD LIVER OIL .- Alere Flammam-to feed common lamps-was, till lately, all that it professed to be; but now its vaunt is, alere vitamto replenish the lamp of life when burning low, and threatening to go out. About sixty years have elapsed since Dr. Bardsley first sounded its praises; but scarce a dozen have passed since it was fairly put upon trial in this country, and everybody now knows the result. Thousands of cases hitherto most unpromising have, under its auspices, suddenly changed their aspect, and looked bright; here, a fair girl hastening to decay had scarcely taken a few doses when the ominous cough was appeased, she recovered her roses, smiled once more on a re-assured family of friends, and went on her way rejoicing; there a case of graver import, which had whispered death to the inquiring ear, made a stand, rallied, and consumption was for the time arrested in mid-course; and again, in patients still further reduced by the blighting malady, the administration of the bland oil was malady, the administration of the bland oil was liberality, which we would to God that wealthy observed to require soften, and Chryschmen might be reveal to follow. There frequently observed to respite, soften, and Churchmen might be moved to follow. There assuage sufferings beyond its power to remove.

Scepticism, by slow degrees, made way to conviction; and he who, a few years ago, would justly have passed for a quack who should have justly have passed for a quack who should have pretended to cure consumption, is now countenanced everywhere by brother practitioners, who have all the same story to tell, till the world at large has become convinced of the fact, and there is now not a village apothecary and there is now not a village apothecary who is the least and broadth of our isle who. has not himself witnessed some of the endless beneficent wonders which this penetrating balm, under the Divine blessing, has already worked, and is daily working, among the children of hands of others, find it all everlating cutted that the example of this themselves. God grant that the example of this Presbyterian may provoke many Churchmen to love and to good works, so that they may "go man Francis Magazine".

men .- Fraser's Magazine. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, upon the recommendation of Lord Aberdeen, to grant a pension of £100 a year on the Civil List to Mr. Alaric A. Watts, in consideration of the

services which he has rendered to literature. The cholera, which it was hoped had entirely disappeared from Liverpool, has broken out in a more alarming form. Up to last Thursday it emigrants, who had brought the seeds of the malady with them from their native land; but within the last few days it has broken out among the inhabitants of the town in the lower districts, and eighteen deaths have been re- parts of each. ported, at the meeting of the Health Committee, having occurred in the neighbourhood of Scotland-road and the Vauxhall-road.

Scotland-road and the Vauxnan-road.

A sailor in the Royal Navy died a few days ago in Haslar Hospital, after much painful sufficient to take it at night.

I gave some of this once to a woman in the village, and a few days afterwards, happening to be lage, and a few days afterwards ago in Haslar Hospital, after much painful suffering, arising it was supposed from dropsy,

"It must have been dreadful for his poor mother," Mr. Levering ventured to remark.

"But more dreadful for him," said Mrs.

Levering. Will he ever forget his crime and disgrace? Will the pressure of that and disgrace? Will the pressure of that and disgrace? Will the pressure of that and disgrace? And he is now guiltless of wrong, dollar on his conscience ever be removed?

intelligence (says the Bristol Journal) is contained in a letter received by Mr. Joseph Abraham, of Bristol, from a relative in Hobart be interesting and important, too, to institute a Town, and kindly handed to us by the latter

gentleman:

"Hobart Town, September 8, 1853.—Knowing how deeply interesting any news respecting Australia must be to you, I write to inform you of a great discovery that has again been made on the Geelong side, about fifty-six miles from the town. They have been digging very deep, and have come on a table of gold about 100 feet from the surface, apparently inexhaustible. All I can tell you respecting it is, that the people's minds are partly turned from the immense discovery. Every tubful of earth they raise from these holes contains pounds weight of gold. The more they dig the more inexhaustible it appears. At Geelong, a tumult has broken out among the diggers. The Government has sent up all the military to quell the disturbances, and the marines of Her Majesty's ship Electra are mounting guard at the Treasury, and the sailors of the above steamer of war mount sentry at the banks. The military from Van Diemen's Land are about to be despatched to Melhaurne to aid the military already patched to Melbourne to aid the military already end?—Hobart Town, September 8. By the steamer from Geelong this day, I find that a —Allan's Indian Mail. gold quarry has been discovered near Geelong, 100 to 130 feet from the surface of the earth, putting all other diggings in the shade; 18,000 ounces have been taken out in three days by a few persons, and one person has got a lump weighing 190 pounds in one solid piece. This is no exaggeration, and the greatest excitement

THE CHINESE BOOK OF GENESIS .- A supplechiefs, and brought by the Hermes from Nan-lished in Paris. his Satanic Majesty. The last case of burning in Scotland was in Sutherland, A.D. 1722; the of the swimming ordeal occurred in 1485, and is quoted by Mr. Sternberg, from a Northampton Mercury of that year: "A poor woman, named Sarah Bradshaw, of Mears Ashby, who was accused of being a witch, in order to prove her innocence submitted to the ignominy of being dipped, when she immediately sank to the bottom of the pond, which was deemed to be an incontestible proof that she was no witch."—

Notes and Overies. two prancing dragons rising out of the water on cither side; over the whole are the words, 'A new edition, published in the Kwei-haou, on the 3d year of the celestial dynasty of Thae-ping." opportunity, and as soon as the various documents comprising the 'Holy Book' come into their hands, we may then expect to see in the course of time, should the insurgents prove successful, the whole of the Jewish and Christian self on his knees at Abernethy's feet, presented itself. For a few moments every body was bewildered, but the poor fellow, with all his country's eloquence, poured out such a torrent of thanks, prayers and blessings, and made such pantomionic splays of his leg, that we were not long left in doubt. "That's the leg, your honor! Glory be to God! Yer honor's the boy to do lit! May the beavens be your head. Long life and may be the means, in the hands of God, of May the heavens be your bed! Long life and may be the means, in the hands of God, of

to yer honor!" &c.

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The man had come into the hospital about three months before, with diseased ankle, and it had been at once condemned to amputation. ced Abernethy to try the healing of the nations, and what man has what rest and constitutional treatment would do for it, and with the happiest result. With some difficulty the patient was got into bed, and Abernethy took the opportunity of giving us a clinical lecture about diseases and their constitutional treatment would do for it, and with the happiest result. With some plished by God's own truth. We rejoice to for his own child the advantages of home education under the superintendence of an accomplished lady, is induced to offer to receive

leg than the villain's that wanted to Howitt's factory, Snenton, and on Saturday is This was soon after I went to Lonnight, the 19th ult., he jumped off a table, and don, and I was much struck with Abernethy's accidently ran a piece of wire through his shoe ness: "I am glad your leg is doing well; but never kneel except to your Maker."

The wound was not, to all appearance, a very serious one, and on getting home he put a linseed poultice on it. The place seemed rapidly to be all appearance in the place seemed rapidly to be all appearance. nanner. In the midst of the laughter stooping into his toe. The wound was not, to all apollowing Thursday he returned to his work. f his hip and back, and Dr. Mitchell was called in to see him. After carefully examining the lad, Dr. Mitchell at once detected symptoms of ckjaw, and prescribed such remedies against the dreadful disease, as suggested then continued, and with such success that on Sunday Dr. Mitchell entertained hopes of the boy's recovery. On the following day, however, he changed suddenly and rapidly for the worse.

was undoubtedly the effect of the wound on his toe. Verdict—"Died from lockjaw, caused from a wound on the toe."—Nottingham Review. NOBLE EXAMPLE .- Mr. Anson G. Phelps, a through the length and breadth of our isle who shall hereafter, when it has passed into the hands of others, find it an everlasting curse unto

The paroxysms came on with extreme violence,

and death terminated his sufferings about half

past 11 o'clock the same night.

and do likewise." * BEMEDY FOR A COUGH. (From the Cottager,s Monthly Visitor.) Sir,-At this time of the year, when colds and coughs are almost universal, it may be useful to mention to your readers a remedy which I have found very effectual. In the village in which I live it is a great favourite, and I am constantly applied to for it. I always keep a quantity in the house; and I think I may say that I never gave it to any one who did not find benefit from it.

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It is supposed that the deceased must have swallowed the reptile when it was young, drinking water, when the Hastings was out in India, Madam, will you give me some of 'hat wonderful | as the ship laid for some time at Trincomalee, and close to a small island called Snake Island. The crew used very often to find snakes on day I remarked to her how much better her cough was : and she said, "Yes, indeed it is ; Mrs .---

yet there are times when the old pressure is felt with painful distinctness.

Earnest seeker after this world's goods, take warning by Mr. Levering, and beware how, in a moment of weak yielding, you difference in the results of the correspondents be interesting and important, too, to institute a entleman:
"Hobart Town, September 8, 1853.—Know-

rom Van Diemen's Land are about to be des- exists in Tartary. It is not impossible, either, that an entire tribe may have been converted by Goodness only knows how all this will the Russian missionaries, though the absence

PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.-A Christian person, signing himself "less than the least," has sent the munificent sum of £5000 to the fund for Propagating the Gospel in China.

The "Baltic" brought little local news of any importance from either England or France. It was said that the Emperor Napoleon would soon elevate some of his personal friends to the digment of the Overland Friend of China says:—
"Among the books published by the insurgent nominations for the present year had been pub-

The rumours respecting the prospects of peace are confused and unfavourable. While some persons maintain that the Emperor of Russia has consented to send a plenipotentiary to the Congress of Vienna, letters from St. Petersburg state positively that the Caar insists that the religious question shall be arranged between himself and the Sultan reithant the intervantion of the other the Sultan without the intervention of the other Powers. It is added that the Emperor has no bjection to send a representative to the conference, but that he reserves to himself the right to treat directly with the Porte on all that relates to the protectorate of the Greek subjects.

On the 22d ult. the French government received official intelligence that the combined fleets had entered the Black Sea. It was accordingly probable that the Russian ambassador would demand, if he had not already demanded, an explanation with reference to the entered the fleets. planation with reference to the entry of the fleets,

and whether it is meant as a hostile demonstra-tion on the part of France against Russia.

The answer is expected to be that the policy of the French government has undergone no change; that peace is still the object it desires and that no effort consistent with the national honor, and the integrity and honour of the Sul-tan, the ally of France, will be spared in its attainment; and that the presence of the fleets is less a hostile demonstration than for the purpose of preventing the recurrence of such a calamity as that which has recently taken place. It is stated, however, that on the resignation of Lord Palmerston, the Emperor Napoleon caused a note, written in very plain terms, to be sent to the Earl of Aberdeen, asking for a definite explanation whether England intends to stand by Turkey, or desert her in her hour of need.

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