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from the American Messenger :

Insects.

Religions Miscellany.

Trust in God.

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"What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee." The billows round me rise and roll, The storms of worldly care Beat heavily upon my soul, And shroud me in despair ; Forsaken, comfortless, betrayed, With none to succor me, Father! what time I am alraid. Then will I trust in Thee !

As feetle as the braised reed Infirm to will and do: Oft working out the ungrateful deed 'Twere better to eschew . How were the sinking soul dismayed. Could it not cry to Thee, · Father, what time I am atraid, Then will I trust in Thee.

When hope is faint, and faith is week, And fears the bosom fill, And I a strong assurance seek That Thou art gracious still ; I rest upon Thy promise-word, To Thine own truth I flee : Father, what time I am afraid, Then will I trust in Thee!

When saintly paleness marks my face, And dimness fills my eye, And, hoping only in Thy grace, I lay me down to die; If, entering in the vale of shade. Nor sun nor star I see, Father, what time I am afraid, Then will I trust in Thee!

God Slow to Anger.

BY T. GUTHRIE, D. D. the gospel to sinners who need it.

"He executeth not judgment speedil against the workers of iniquity." He does punish; He shall punish; with reverenc be it spoken, He must punsh. Yet no hand of clock goes so slow as God's hand of vengeance. Of that, the world, this city, and this church are witnesses; each and all, speaker and hearer, are living witnesses .-It is too common to overlook this fact, and overlooking the kindness, long-suffering, and warnings which precede the judgment, we are apt to give the punishment our exclusive attention. We see his kindness impressed on all his works. Even the lion growls before he leaps; and, before the snake

strikes, she springs her rattle. Look, for example, on the catastrophe

looked out upon the few objects that could earth ;" but while the period of God's jus-tice is reckoned by days, the period of his But, after all, it is wrong to give it up be seen from her window " Everything is so beautiful. I wonder long-suffering was drawn out into years; thus; wrong, because life is worth so much, and there was a truce of one hundred and even if it be in a worldly point of view, how it is. The flowers (turning her eyes twenty years between the first stroke of the bankrupt and wrecked. You have, or may to a bouquet upon the table) fill me with debell and the first crash of the thunder — have, the title-deeds to fair lands, sloping light. And," said she, lifting her finger from Noah grew gray preaching repentance. — down to the "river of Life," to a home the pillow, and pointing to the window with The ark stood useless for years, a huge rising serene and stately on its immortal a smile, " there is that old dead tree; it laughing stock for the scoffer's wit : it stood banks, and, what is more than all the rest, seems to me the most beautiful thing in the till it was covered with age, and its builders to goodness and truth and love forever, and world I lie here bour after hour, and look at it, and think of God's goodness and love in with the contempt of the world; and many forever! a sneer had these men to bear, as, pointing O, they are blessed words ; words, whose putting it there ; and then I think of the to the serene heavens above and an empty silver utterance flow sweetly down the bor- goodness of those who bring me those flowark below, the question was put, "Where ders of the centuries, the comfort, and anchor, ers Every thing and every body seems is the promise of his coming ?" Most patient and rest, and rejoicing of human hearts- good to me. I never knew there was so much

days more "the waters prevailed on the have settled down into a kind of sullen en- few days before death, as from her bed she

God! Then, as now, thou wert slow to words which never lose their great mysteri- goodness in the world before." Now, where ous fullness and beauty and richness of arises this quick affinity with all that is kind, punish-" waiting to be gracious." "And God shall wipe away all tears from the little kindnesses, which the common symand beautiful, and benevolent? Why do their eyes; and there shall be no more death, pathies of our nature prompt, enlarge into

"This woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did."-Acts ix. 36. there be any more pain; for the former in her very desolation, put on garments of Did is a very expressive word. We alt things are passed away." beauty and glory, filling out wonder that the English language has Dear friends, to whom we call softly with with ever new delight? beauty and glory, filling the weary spirit

most wonder that the English language has such a word as deeds, when we might speak this pen of ours, you must die in a little The sick room contemplations of a religious mind weave all life's meaning and mysas forcibly, and well nigh as properly, of a while. It is likely that the tree is hewn person's dids. This is particularly true in which shall make your coffin. Its green tery into a fabric of goodness and love. the work of benevolence. Many persons branches may have, waved for the last time, Sickness, as we commonly esteem it, is a cawho are called charitable, generous, never rejoicingly, in the summer's winds; the lamity, according to our measure of evil. actually did any thing to lift up the fallen, birds have built their last nests, and sung No one in his right mind would pray to be and carry Christ to the perishing. They their last morning and evening gospels in laid prostrate with disease. But there are have put their hands into their pockets and its boughs. The loom too, may have been many who from the depths of a given something when the collector has cal- built which shall weave your shroud, and perience, cat 312 od that they have led, and that is all. They never did any perhaps your feet entering through the gates been. You may talk about health as much thing directly to apply the remedy to " the of another year shall never walk to its close. as you please. You may extol it as the But if the green grass be over your head, richest blessing which descends upon our ills that flesh is beir to." Their n.oney will accomplish nothing without vigorous, self. and your feet on golden streets, it shall be mortal lot, and justly But I ask any one denying efforts to apply the remedy for which well with you ! So be of good cheer-one who has ever had a profound experience o it pays, and here lies the great part of the by one, you are passing the landmarks-day sickness, of sickness exalted by the holy in-doing. It is easier to give than it is to do. by day, you are drawing nearer the end of fluence of religion, if he would exchange There is little self-denial practised in all the your journey-the road to heaven is a short those experiences for the health which they cost him. _ Rev. H. Stebbins. giving of the present day; but there is a one !- Advocate. great deal of it practised by those who carry

A Christless Old Age. It is here that the character of Dorcas

What sight is there which would more (the woman spoken of in the above passage) appears to the best advantage as a Christian. | naturally excite feelings of sympathy in the She was "full of good works and alms-deeds which she did." She had not a mere age ! See that old man bowed down bereputation for benevolence, but she actually neath the weight of many, many years did something for the needy. She worked His locks are thin and white. He leans with her own hands for them. We read of upon his staff with trembling hands His the "coats and garments which Dorcas feeble limbs can scarce support the "totmade" She did not get them made, but she tering tenement of clay." His wife, the made them herself. Perhaps some rich la- companion of his early years, is gone. The dies gave her money to buy the cloth, and remains of her with whom he once battled that was a gift to the Lord, and a good one against the ills of life, have long since been too; but Dorcas made them, and that was a lain away in the dark and silent urn. His

deed or did. Many have only gifts to pre-sent to God, while the few have deeds to offer. The wealthy ladies of Joppa gave their once were as "olive plants" about his table, noney to the poor, and Dorcas did the work. are scattered and far removed. The asso-

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General Miscellany.

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Provincial Aleslevan.

The following lines from Household Words are full wholesome advice as well as beautiful imagery _____ and rail, the failure is instruction. In the them send for him. I'll see if the mate ev convey to the youthful dreamer a in the other it is all shame and much loss. won't answer as well. would be well for him to ponder --

Arise'! for the day is passing While you lie dreaming on ; Your brothers are cased in armor, And forth to the fight are gone ; Your place in the ranks awaits you-Each man has a part to play; The past and the future are nothing In the face of the stern to-day,

Arise from your dreams of the future-Ot gaining a hard fought field, Of storming the airy fortress, Of bidding the giant yield Your future has deeds of glory, Of honor, (God grant it may.) But your arm will never be stronger, Or needed as now-to-day

Arise ! It the past detain you, Her sunshine and storms torget No chains so unworthy to hold you As those of a vain regret; Sad or bright, she is lifeless ever-Cast her phantom arms away ! chr Black hack, save to learn the lesson Of a nobler strife to day. Comay, March v.

Arise ! for the hour is passing ; The sound that you dimly hear Is your enemy marching to battle ! Rise! rise! for the foe is near ! Stay not to brighten your weapons, Or the hour will strike at last, And from dreams of a coming battle, You will waken and find it past.

fort of the farmer's home, in spite of sleep-Real and Simulated Ability. ing on the ground, and going whole days

There is much reading matter afloat that "There is not, my son," said the father without food; in spite of winter's snows is not fit for the public eye, mind, or heart, the Persian Cyrus, "any shorter course and summer's suns, and the cold, raw rains to eminence, than actually to become what of spring and fall, lives to the utmost verge you would wish to be deemed." The force of man's allotted time; and why? His tions literature, some of which may have all and truthfulness of this remark would seem bodily activities are steady, but they are the charms of rhetoric and poetry, and yet to commend it to universal belief and corresmoderate in the main, while the almost inconceal the serpent. No one can estimate ponding practice : yet a glance at the picture cessant look-out for game, and the multithe amount of evil that may result from the of actual 1 fe to-day, or at the history of the tudes of devices necessary to out-manœuver astonished at the conduct of the men inoculation of the youthful mind, in particupast, prompts the conclusion that, whatever the instincts of the animal creation, keep his may be admitted in theory, in practice a far wits alive, and they all become as keen and ness that startled me, " if you lie to me, I'll lar, with the moral poison. Its effects will different maxim is adopted. Men complete agile as his own restless and piercing eye. nail you to your deck ! Is this flour the less than they counterfeit. Cambyses taught The agencies of long life to the nobility free gift of your countrymen to the sterv his young pupil competition, not imitation ; of Great Britain are their love of travel ing?" ed it, as may be seen from an extract below

sides it is easier and safer to undertake to and ordered me to launch a boat and come be what you wish to be, than to undersake on board. We got out the quarter boat, and to make others believe you are so. If you I was about to jump into her, to pay my restrive to be and fail, it is but a failure at spects in person to the villians, when Mr. most. If you strive not to be, but seem to be Larkin asked leave to go.

and fail, the failure is mortification. In the "If they want the captain," said he, "let

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He descended to the boat, which began to There is also a sense of security in the reflection that he who means to seem what he pull back. Almost at the same instant a really is, will seldom be misconstrued; launch was swung over the rail, into which really is, will seldom be misconstrued; while, on the contrary, he who means to twenty savage looking rascals, armed to the seem what he is not, even if he partially teeth, sprung, and pulled towards us. Ten succeeds, is quite likely to have his claims minutes afterward they were on board my allowed reluctantly and with unwelcome vessel and began clearing away the main misgivings. If therefore, the attainment of hatch.

real merit is not in every case the shortest way to eminence, it is at any rate the safest, square, compact frame, and whose eyes, and to one whose character contains the ele- black and hazy, and half concealed by the ments of true manhood, the only course lids, expressed cruelty and cunning, approached the cabin hatch, where I stood, which he can satisfactorily pursue.- Camand addressed me in very fair English.

How to Live Long.

To lay the foundation of a long life, both body and mind must practice industrious activities. The hod-carrier works the body hard, the brain almost none ; the power of the one is used up, that of the other is not used. at ail, and he dies of some speedy fatal disease. The mere student exuauses the me. brain, the body is not worked at all, and he "Yes, and the flour in my vessel was sease. The mere student exhausts the too dies early of some acute malady. The We often why his body hard; it is in the farmer would compare plain food; re-open air all the time; ease the Parades in tires early; rises with the sun; inquip-

fore his time, or vegetates in an asylum.

bridge Chronicle.

The leader, a swarthy fellow, whose "Are you the captain of this vessel ?" " Yes," I replied

" What's your cargo ?" " Flour."

"Where from ?"

" Boston."

"Where to?"

" Cape de Verds."

"Why, they're all starving there," he said, opening his eyes and looking full at

freely given by good Christians to feed those

starving people." The rascal continued his deliberate gaze Congenent, then turned towards his men, ao irregular habits; but his mind, beyond a certain routine, which soon becomes mecha-nical as to prices, crops and weather, has hatch, and in a rough, commanding the no waking-up activities, and he too dies be- spoke a few words in Spanish which I could not make out. The men looked up in as-But the hunter, without the advantages tonishment, and then withdrew to the side, where they stood gazing cautiously toward of the regularity, and abundance, and comtheir captain, for such was my interrogator. He thrust his hand behind him, and walked to and fro quickly for five minutes; then he said, sharply turning to me :

"You Americans are all heretics ! Why should you send flour to feed Roman Catho lics ?'

" Because they are our fellow men, and their Saviour is our Saviour," I answered,

" If you lie to me," he cried, with a fierce-

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and lakes into seas, and along the fertile plains the sea stretches out her arms to seize their flying population. Still the waters rise : and now, mingled with beasts that terror has tamed, men climb to mogntain tops, the flood roaring at their heels. Still the waters tise : and now each summit stands above them like a separate and sea-girt isle

Still the waters rise; and now crowding closer on the narrow spaces of their lessening tops, men and beasts fight for standing-room. Still the thunders roar and the waters rise, till the last survivor of the shrieking crowds is washed off, and the head of the highest Alp goes down beneath the wave. And now the waters rise no more ; God's servant has done his work; he rests from his

We stand aghast at this scene; and, as the corpses of gentle children and sweet infants are floating by, we exclaim, " Has God forgotten to be gracious? is his mercy clean gone forever? No, assuredly not. Where, then, is his mercy? Look here; look at this ark which, steered by an invisible hand, comes dimly through the gloom. That lone-

A Short Road. " Come, cheer up, daughter ! It's a short road home now.

We heard the words, and saw the speaker,

freight that ever sailed the sea. The germs of the Church are there-the patriarchs of the old world, and the fathers of the new .--Suddenly, amid the awful gloom, as she drifts over that dead and silent sea, a grat. ing sound is heard; she has grounded on

the top of Ararat. The door is gpened; and beneath ihe sign of the olive branch they come forth from their baptismal burial like life from the dead,-like souls passing from nature into a state of grace,-like the saints when they shall rise at the summons mother's in them, as he put his strong arm of the trump it to behold a new beaven and

a new earth, and to see the sign which these "gray lathers" hailed, encircling the head which sat, in its straw bonnet, and pink ribbon, and calico dress, on his right hand. which was crowned with thorns.

Short, even though it stretches up through Nor is this all. Our heavenly Father's the pain, and weariness, and burden of secharacter is clear to us; and I must remind venty years-short, though it lies amid the you that ere mercy flew, like the dove, to storms and the snows with which the kindthat asylum, she had swept the world with liest year that ever walked the earth, has her wings. Were there but eight, only yet covered the face of so many of its nights eight saved? There were thousands, miland days. lions sought. Nor is it justice to God to

There are times, we believe, when this forget how long a period of patience and thought-the road to heaven is a short onepreaching and warning and compassion, premust fill the bravest and most cheerful hearts ceded that dreadful deluge. Long before with solemn gladness; for life to the best the lightning flashed from angry heavens; and happiest can not always be here ! It prospect has a spiritual hue. All things Few are unacquainted with the alertness long before thunders rolled along dissolving has its days of clouds, its nights of darkness, skies; long before the floor and solid paveand how painful and pitiful, how hollow and ment of this earth, under the prodigious hopeless, seem at these seasons, the possesagencies at work, broke up, like the deck of sion of a life which is all of this world ! a leaking ship, and the waters rushed from

A short road ! And yet just think how below to meet the waters from above, and we travel it, with burdened hands and bleedsink a guilty world; long before the time ing feet ! Cares pinch our souls here. and when the ark floated away by tower and town, and those crowded hill-tops, where wrap them there ; and we say our hopes are gone, and our hearts are broken, when above frantic groups had clustered, and amid us the angels may be smiling as they watch, prayers and curses, and shrieks and shouts, day by day, the growth and beauty of that hung out their signals of distress-very home, under the shadows of whose portals long before this, God bad been calling an impenitent world to repentance. Had they there is rest and quiet forever.

Dear reader ! so the foundations of your no warning in Noah's preaching? Was there nothing to alarm them in the very house are laid there, you have nothing to fear sight of the ark, as story rose upon story ; -be of good courage, and take heart, for and nothing in the sound of those ceaseless the " road is a short one." Now, we never

the detuge. We may have our attention so engrossed by the dread and awful character of this judgment, as to overlook all that preced-ed it, and see nothing but these devouring garments she had made. The poor might the social circle, have long since taken up have fared severely without the self-deny- their abode in the solemn city of the dead. labors of Dorcas; for the rich women would He feels, and an audible sigh escapes his

> for God, had interest enough to solicit their sorrows. Poor old man ! you know not, have lacked food and clothing. of life might have been sweetened by the

It is proper to make this distinction between gifts for the Lord and deeds, and to consider the self denial there is in each. We best days, have you given to the service of 'you have not read these plays lately, or you miration is the natural weakness of man. No capacities of the brain. shall thereby learn that many, who have no the evil one, and now old age, with its infirmoney to bestow upon objects of charity, to do. Even if health is denied, and the stroyed, an awful silence reigning, and a shoreless ocean rolling, death for once has nothing to do, but ride in triumph on the top of some giant billow, which, meeting no coast, no continent, no Alp, no Andes, to breek nown by the Judge for what they did — topse for what they

> resting-place, the tomb. Dear reader, if you are living without God in the world,

" Without one cheering beam of hope, Or hope of glimmering day.

as we stood at the gate of the old farm-house, O, let the sad picture of a Christless old age what he circulates. to whose serene stillness and shadowy seclu- admonish you to put not off your return to - Central Chris. Advocate. comes dimly through the group. The total sion we had gone for heating of the mine total ten his name upon your every feature. O, board; and within walls which are pitched It was just falling into a quiet of an au-It was just falling into a quiet of an au-It was just falling into a quiet of an autumn evening, and the day had been one of pect to be in time and eternity, by your hope the year's farewell smiles. Through the of future felicity, by your hope of future opal air we saw the blue hills, the far-off happiness all through the countless ages of cathedrals of our worship, and betwixt them eternity, to seek the Lord now while He and us lay meadow, and pasture lot, and corn may be found, and call upon Him now while field ; with brown insertings of streams, and He is near ; and then, with blessed assurances, may you claim all those cheering green embroideries of woodland We hnew that his daughter—the little girl promises which abound in the " decline of who sat in the farm waggon, on the right life who are rapidly approaching that point hand of her father; and he was a bluff where all, both great and small, are, by the

broad-chested, sun-browned man, but his hand of death, brought to one common level, loud tones had something that was like a the grave. - Western Christian Advocate. around the small, tired, drooping figure.

Refining Experience of Sickness.

There is a class of persons to whom sick-

refined and spiritual experiences of life. No. the same peculiarity, with but little variavindicate its superiority to everything. which these little janissaries avoid capture, From the sick man's window the whole indicates an organization still more subtile. Beauty, hitherto unappreciated, seems within the sphere of familiar observation. concealed in everything. Intellectual and Let a fly be thrown on a spider's web and

moral qualities seem to invest the common- a strange spectacle will follow. The terror

thing into the plan of goodness. And it is ference.

good ; it is not an effort of a half-consenting mind, trying to think that it is; so clearly is the quality discerned, and so completely does it transcend everything else, through

him a very large box of books, 'containing be made up at half the cost, the long list of the fullest sense of the phrase, "take things" contrivances resorted to for imposing upon easy." They know that they are provided pronounced !" As he spoke he crossed him the public, the number of pretenders who for beyond a peradventure, and quietly and self devoutly. the public, the number of pretenders who for beyond a peradventure, and quietly and seem to imagine they have found and travel- securely pass along the stream of life until nate enough to win his favor, and be admitled a royal road to knowledge, shorter than it empties into eternity's ocean.

ted to intimate companionship. "One day, while this gentleman was exthe old one through the rough grounds of As to great scholars and thinkers, such as elementary study, show the prevailing idea Newton of a past age, and Humboldt of the devoutly when I mentioned the Trinity.not have soiled their costly garments by lips as the thought passes his mind, that he amining that box of books for his amusement, among at least a large class of people, howthreading the dirty lanes on errands of mercy. is but a remnant of the past, that he is alone If some one, who has deeds instead of gifts in the world, with none to feel nor share his were marked as presents to a young lady of to be simply that thorough acquisitions are mechanical necessity than an animal delight; Virginia, a great favorite of the eccentric not worth the pains of getting; as if the va- so they ate but little, and in such proportion aid, it was well ; otherwise the poor might nor can you tell, how much the bitter cup states man and orator. Taking up one of the lue of everything, like the virtue of electri- had less need for exercise ; while it is a physical states and orator. books thus designated, he soon discovered cal conductors, were wholly in the surface siological law that mental labour increases open and clearer in their depths. I looked presence of an ever loving Saviour in your that it was objectionable on the score of mor- Nor is it, after all, very strange that such our hold on life by its developing, enlarging steadily at him. heart. The mourning of your life, your al influence. 'Surely,' said he to Randolph, should be the case. A hankering after ad- (as all physicalities enlarge by exercise) the

Up to forty-five the bodily constitution would not present this book to Miss -----.' matter if it is only a momentary gratification mities, is upon you, and finds you destitute "Randolph hastily ran his eye over the of vanity that is expected; what is wanting knit, is built up, is consolidated by wise lamay do what is equally, and in some circum, of the presence of that Saviour who is able stances more, acceptable—perform deeds for bear you as a "lamb in his bosom," and charter back of it, 'Not fit for Bet.' Then turning to his friend he said with warmth, 'You so fit is lack of credibility in duration makes up for its lack of credibility labour after forty-five, so far from building responsibility here; and if they have nothing life's tempestuous ocean into the harbor of to give, they have strength and opportunity endless peace. All through these long and would not for worlds do aught to sully the ber pencil of fact. Besides, where morality mental toil builds up the body; its effect is lonely years it was your blessed privilege to Furity of that girl's mind. I had forgotten enters in the question, the desired effect to increase the capability of living. Hence starving are praying for bread ! stroyed, an awful silence reigning, and a physical powers languish, a good Christian have had the sympathy and support of that those plays, sir, or they would not have found may be produced by only the exercise of in- a man who works his body pretty hard and

break upon, sweeps round and round the *gloom* which gathers and thickens of a lost in they gave, and others for what they *did* — and now, instead of the impenetrable cloud of gloom which gathers and thickens of a lost in the interval of the grave, a bright halo of divine light would have other black sheep may have found its effulgence around your final way into the flock' try the sham once more; the second and reader, for it is true literally that "out it are liberty, persecution inflicted by the persecu-" May there not be ' black sheep " in other braver onset; and the final success. Even collections of books, especially "gift books,' though the mask be too transparent to de-

as they are called, and should not every well- ceive an inexpert observer, still it will be disposed man look well to what he buys or most perseveringly worn.

Simulated scholarship is an extremely J. A. D. common form of pretended ability. It takes very little capital to start with. What is styled a liberal education is not at all neces-

sary, for everybody knows that society sets Insects are largely endowed with the faa bounty on self-made men. The literature culty of sight ; for their eyes, though unable of reviews and magazines very amply as trine. The narrative is given by the Cap- enforced their observance with the point. to turn, are infinitely multiplied, and com- well as cheaply furnishes out the gamut of tain : Twenty-seven years ago the ship I com-

pensate by quantity for their want of motion. your self-made pretender ; and he feels him-To give an idea of the numbers some orders self strong to write reviews and lecture at possess, I may mention that to one species lyceums, besides the occasional relaxation of of butterfly, by no means among the largest, publishing a book for the public enlightenment. is allotted nearly 35,000 eyes. These are There are likewise few limitations recogdistributed over every part of the body, and nised by such geniuses in the scope of their thus, weatever may be the position of the powers. From Genesis and geology to the animal, no danger can approach unperceived, majestic possibilities of this Republic, no to as a sentinel keeps watch in every quarter. pic can be mentioned too abtrusive for copi-The passions of love and fear, and some ous discourse. Cicero was describing this

times higher emotions, are exhibited very very class of men and women, when he said signally in some orders of insects, and are "I am not ashamed, as these philosopher even expressed in sounds, which, while not are, to confess my ignorance of what I realwithou: significance to the human ear, are ly do not know" But while, with a geniu

doubtless full of meaning to themselves. of this kind there is in all he says a signifiness has a delicate and refined ministry. It The fact may be demonstrated by giving cant reference to still richer treasures o is those in whom the religious character has chase to a common blue-bottle, which will thought yet unspoken, you can often see been cultivated and developed. The con- immediately raise its notes in a surprising that he is keeping the strictest watch lest he templations of a sick room to a person of manner, the tone being one of unmistakable should say something that may expose his religious habits are certainly among the most alarm. In tropical countries I have noticed ignorance. He has therefore no occasion to be minute : neither leisure nor inclination where else in life does the soul so clearly tion, in musketoes; and the adroitness with leads him to study details. He prefers to deal with his subjects in the gross, by wholesale -- to take a large view of everything, holding it certain that others will suppose take their places in a new and higher order. or ferocity of spiders, exhibited so constantly him acquainted with all the parts of what ever be appears to be familiar with as whole.

But perhaps mercaptile ability is the most est objects. The delicacies which delight and despair of the fly at the first approach common form of simulated excellence. Inhis tender senses are miracles of goodness; of his inexorable enemy, his energetic efdeed, it is rare to find a man who does not and he wonders how he could have ever liv. forts to escape from the tyrant's clutches, claim superior shrewdness in driving a bared and not seen it before. The scale of be-ing seems to be pitched higher, and more exultation, rage, and malignant cruelty of cier, the conclusion is practically drawn, that elicately balanced. It is one of the re- the spider, are a vivid mimicry of the every man must be able to live in fine style markable qualities of the sick room expe- mightier paroxysms of man, which few will The number of persons who do live in a fine riences of a religious mind, to weave every- be able to contemplate with apathy or indif-I need not dwell here on the affections of

insects for their progeny, as that is a passion which, by the wise providence of the Almighty, prevails, with few differences of

nammers to awaken all but the dead? It was not till Mercy's arm grew weary ringing the warning bell, that, to use the words of vision, with our heavinese the words of them. I appeal to the story of this awful judgment. True, for forty days it rained judgment. True, for forty days it rained increasently, and for one hundred and fifty address and fuits of life, it is not half so the strange as ad, that we meet so many who

"I swear it by the Holy Trinity !" I re-

plied solemly. The pirate lifted his cap and bent his head their love for eating, that it was nearer a one might have moderately counted fifty .---When he raised himself up, it seemed to me there was less ferocity in his countenance. His eyes were no longer half-closed, but

"Captain," he said courteously, " can you supply me with two or three casks of water ?' I gave the order and the water was lowered into the boat. A word from him sent his cut-throats over the side : but he lingered behind, and after a moment's hesitatio approached me with his hand extended. God bless you !" he exclaimed, as he felt my grasp, " and send you where the

The next moment he was gone

Charlemagne and the Saxons From the London National Magazine

History presents singular anomalies, and the issues of life."-Hall's Jour. of Health ted, barbarism repelled by barbarians. On of the most striking instances is supplied by the life of Charlemagne : He was a north ern barbarian, but he crushed the remnant I send you the following true narrative, of those savage nations which had oversays a correspondent of the New York thrown all growing civilization; he defeated Chronicle, as a little incident showing, the Huns, drove out the Goths, subjugated among a thousand such, the power of true all Europe, erected a colossal empire, yet religion, and the friends of the peace Socie- he never learnt to write his name, but sealed ty will see in it a confirmation of their doc- his treaties with the hilt of his sword, and

Charlemagne, says an old author, was man of iron ; his head covered by a casque of manded was on a mission of mercy. Laden iron, his hands encased in gauntlets of iron, by the generous contributions of a New En. his broad chest and huge shoulders protect gland city, she was bound to the Cape de od by a cuirass of iron, his left hand brand Verds with bread for the famine-stricken ished a lance of iron, and his right wielded his invincible sword ; the inside of his thighs gray of the morning, that the mate aroused leather-was covered with scales of iron; his me with the startling intelligence that a suspi- buskins were of iron ; his very horse was of cious vessel was in sight. With the first ray the color and strength of iron. All who light the vigilant officer had descried her, preceded him, all who surrounded him, all and she was so near as to be made out with who followed him, were clothed, so far as their means would allow, in a similar man a glass. I was on the deck in an instant. The first glance at the stranger almost ner. As they marched, iron covered the dispelled the fear that the mate's alarm had fields, iron covered the roads, the rays of the sun flashed upon the innumerable points of "Why, Mr. Larkin," I said, laughing as I spoke, "there's nothing suspicious in that race whose wills were as strong and whose

The Saxons, under their noble chieftain

Whitikind (the illustrious ancestor of the

day -

hearts were as strong as iron. The colossal empire erected by the iron "She looks like that build." the mate an- hero of this iron race extended itself to the swered, "but look now at the men on her Baltic in Germany, to the Volturno in Italy. to the Embro in Spain, to the ocean in Gaul

fifty-three campaigns. Some nations fell "It's no honest crait, Mr. Larkin," I said ; before him an easy prey, others struggled

slaver hereabout." " She's no slaver, captain.

" Because there are guns on her deck, in stead of water casks."

As if to put a stop to our speculatious, the a valour which sprang from despair. Reuspicious vessel began to spread more can- gardless of the military strength of the terri vass, and as she gathered away the feshen. ble Franks, of their immense resources, and

style far beyond their ability, shows how many arrive at this satisfactory conclusion respecting themselves It is as unworthy the dignity of human nature to act a falsehood as to speak one, and yet public sentiment seems to be other-

provoked Charlemagne to battle. Beaten in 772 and 778, he returned to the charge

lubberly-looking craft. She is a Portuguese brigantine; she can't sail." deck." One glance of the telescope was enough and to consolidate this empire he engaged in to satisfy me the mate was right. but she may not be a pirate for all that. for a brief time, and then sued for peace; One need not be surprised to fall in with a where he planted his sword in the ground there were few who dared to lift their heads above its level. But there were those few.

The Pirate.

"Why do you think so?"

Prince Consort,) defended their country with

occasionad.

