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The Answered Prayer.

BY MISS S. C. EDGARTON. I prayed for Beauty-for the magic spell That binds the wisest with its potent thrall, That I within fond human hearts might dwell. And shine the fairest in the festive hall. I would have seen the lordliest bend the knee, While he I long had vainly loved-ah he, Subdued, should clasp me fondly in his arms

But Besuty o'er my spirit waved her wing, Yet shed no brightness o'er my form or face; And passing years but darker shadows fling Upon the cheek where care hath left its trace. My prayer, if heard in heaven, hath been de-

No heart bows humbly 'neath my beauty's and he I loved now seeks a fairer bride.

With brighter blushes and a smile more gay. prayed for Riches. O for lavish wealth. To pour in golden showers on those I loved would have gladly spent my youth and health;

I prayed for riches, that before God's shrine I might with gifts and costly tributes kneel; And thought the treasures of Golconda's mine Too poor to show the fervour of my zeal.

Alss! wealth came not; and the liberal deeds My heart devised, my hand must fail to do And though o'er prostrate truth my spirit bleeds, In vain the aid of magic gold I woo. The poor may plead to me for daily food, And those I love in daily want may pine; I will nour out for them my heart's warm blood.

But other gifts than this can ne'er be mine. I prayed for Genius-for the power to move Hard hearts, and reckless minds, and stub-

born wills ; To execute the deeds of holy love, And light Truth fire upon a thousand hills. I praved for Elequence to plead the cause Of human rights and God's eternal grace; To cry aloud o'er Mercy's outraged laws, And speed the great redemption of our race.

But all in vain. My feeble tongue can breathe No portion of the fire that burns within : In vain my fancy vivid thoughts may wreathe In scorching flames to vanquish human sin. Powerless my words upon the air float by, And wrong and crime disdain the weak cru-

While vice gleams on me its exultant eye. And bids me show the conquests I have made.

I prayed for Peace-for strength to beat The keen privations of my humble fate; For patient faith to struggle with despair, And shed a brightness o'er my low estate. I prayed to be content with humble deeds,

With "widow's mites," and humble charities, To follow meekly where my duty leads, Though through the lowliest vale of life it lies.

Spread through the inmost depths of all my God honor the toil of his servants, demonstrate I felt that that same blessed lot was mine

This prayer was answered; for a peace divine

It is a happier lot than wealth or fame To do my duty with a willing mind ! -Harper's Weekly.

There is nothing simply negative in the Gos-

Character of Christianity.

pel. It is a gracious system, conferring positive you with such zeal ! blessing. To forgive sin may be negative; but to give righteousness is a positive and inalienable blessing. This marks the genius of the Gospel. "Whosoever believeth in Him (Jesus) shall not perish;" it stops not here; " but shall Chrysostom, when crying amid the cruel harasshave everlasting life." "That they may receive ing of his guards; and faith schooled by expeforgiveness of sin,"-but it goes on, "and an in- rience, and inspired by the love of Jesus, ever heritance among them which are sanctified, by looks heavenward, saying, "Glory!" faith which is in me." If we are delivered from "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose the power of darkness," it is by "translation mind is staid on Thee." into the kingdom of God's dear Son." Alas our Perfect peace ! parrow minds, and dull hearts deprive the Gospel of its glory. It is "the glorious Gospel of the blessed God:" it represents God in the gracious | being solicitous whether I wake in this world or place of the giver; and sets man in his only possi- in another. He walked in Beulah and heard, ble place of blessing, that of a simple recipient. By faith we receive Christ, (John i: 12;) receiving him, we receive from him power to become the sons of God; we receive forgiveness of sins, abundance of grace, and the gift of righteonsness; we receive eternal life.—Christian action follows this reception of Christ. The teaching on the battle-field of Fontency. received in having received Christ. It is well to keep this principle constantly before the soul: it is not that which we renounce, any more than that which we do, which makes us Christians; bly from the common notion of religion. It is of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our re- to be God's power in salvation. said, 'Cease to do evil,' but it is added, 'Learn fuge!" His hearers were trembling with terror, to do well: 'Abhor that which is evil, cleave to expecting each moment that the walls of the that which is good: ' Let nim that stole steal building would fall. Cries and lamentations no more; but 'rather let him work with his own were heard on every side. What a sublime specgive to him that needeth: 'Let no corrupt and at perfect peace. communication proceed out of your mouth, but The name of Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, is familiar,

am apprehended of Christ Jesus." Hence it is a nobleman, "Ah, David, David, these are the that "the one hope of our calling," which is so things that make a death-bed hard." certain, because in accordance with the purpose Reverse the medal. He awakes one morning, of God, becomes so formative of the Christian and finds that the hour of his transit from earth character. To be conformed to the image of to another world has unexpectedly arrived. He

God's Son, as the first-born among many breth- is attacked with angina pectoris. The violence ren, is the blessed tesimony of those whom God of the first spasm subsides. He lies still, " his dence of the N. W. Advocate:hath already justified. It is through our cer- lips moving, his eyes raised upward, as if entainty of this, that the Holy Ghost acts on our gaged in prayer," and all at once he exclaims, tutions for the education of their Home and conscience at d affections, not making what we with religious fervor, "And Jesus said unto him, Foreign ministry. One at Richmend, London; The loveliest bow, o'erdazzled by my charma; shall be, to depend on what we practically are, Thomas, because thou hast seen, thou hast be- one at Diddsbury, Manchester: and one at but taking the divine certainty of what we shall lieved; blessed are they which have not seen, Leeds, Yorkshire. be, I mean as Christians, as the mighty moral and yet have believed." Another spasm, and They have two Collegiate institutions, which Lord, we are changed into the same image, even that I feel it very good for me, and I thank him successful operation at present. There is also labor. 4. More money.—So few give according as by the Spirit of the Lord."

A Remarkable Scene.

Perfect peace.

Did he get in.

There is a court in London called Chequer alley, where, twenty-five years ago, not a solirupt. God had not a worshipper among all its I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; institution cost above \$30,000. wretched inhabitants. Now there is a crowded not as the world givetb, give I unto you. Let preaching-room, a Sunday-school with over two not your heart be troubled, neither let it be There are four Universities, Trinity College, M. E. Church: hundred scholars, several classes of church- afraid."-Independent. members, and hundreds who worship the Lord. Could I, by gifts like these, my love have prov- A wonderful change, truly. How was it brought

tributer of tracts. Some received her kindly, him, and he with me." but many rebuffed or insulted ner. one persevered without one sign of encouragement for see if the matter was further explained, ran up students compete with those of Trinity College United States. Our Wesleyan brethren at Canone yielded to the truth.

Macarthy proposed, one evening after preaching | s sad thing it would be for him to go away withto tell her Christian experience to the women out gaining an entrance.

young fellows rather tartly. "If you turn us family devotions. That father had learned to or Ireland need a purer theological and scholasout we'll take care that nobody else shall hear, throw the life and spirit of the sentiment into tic training than at the present time. The aids ful influence on the Chinese mind, and we are Oh, would ye be rich, let kindness abound. and we won't come to your meeting again."

his voice and manner. Such reading will not given by the Methodists of America to the build-

casts of Chequer alley.

Perfect Peace.

"Glory be to God in all events," exclaims

" I thank God," said Dr. Watts in his old age,

. ____ " At morn and even,

Seraphic music pour

" Jesus, the vision of thy face

of solemn import. you remain as desire to do so." The men sat down. Miss Macarthy and two Christ has come knocking at the door of our Dr. Scott, the devoted Wallace, and the zealof her associates told the simple story of their hearts a great many times. Did he get in? awakening and conversion, and exhorted their When that dear friend was taken away, how all mission to America, and the funds they have hearers to seek like precious blessings. They the earth seemed covered with sable. He came collected, or may obtain by promise, cannot be then joined in prayer. They place became unand knocked, proposing to come in and comfort
better applied than to the object of their misworld was "a great humbug." By that vulgar
so essential to the very existence of plants and
the Nor L. L. wontedly solemn. The Divine power rested with us. Did he get in? If not, it was our fault sion. fearful weight upon the people. Presently a The door must have been barred by our own The time, I believe, will yet come when with. sob burst forth; next came an interjectory prayer; cries of distress followed. Twenty debauched, intemperate, violent sinners were pow-

erfully convicted, and uttering that old Gospel cry of distress, " What must I do to be saved?" did we respond to his kind proposal? Christ was then lifted up to their gaze by the benevolent lady and her companions, and the

glorious work of human regeneration by the Holy Ghost went on with power. Twenty reprobates became living epistles known and read we shall stand knocking and crying eagerly, millions taken by these Fenian leaders for the And who declares in the fullness of his fame. of all men. Pentecost had come to Chequer answer, "I never knew you."-S. S. Times. Thus by a remarkable display of his grace did

the vitality of his truth, and encourage his dis-The results of a word fitly spoken for Christ cisples who labor in the dark corners of the no one can tell. A seed dropped into what is Which fell on her who chose the better part. earth to continue their labors of love. Nor did apparently the most barren and uniaviting soil What though the world abroad ne'er hears my the signs of his working cease with that won- may bring forth fruit to the glory of God .derful night. From then till now new trophies This fact is well illustrated by the following have been won for Jesus from among the out- anecdote, told of Richard Weaver, the evange-

O, for such persistent zeal as that which fired In a railway carriage a "navvy" was swear- ism in South Africa, so that her mission stations the heart of the heroic maiden of Chequer alley ing terribly. The guard, knowing Richard's form the names of nearly half the towns of that to fire the souls of all the followers of Jesus! habit of speaking to every one, whispered him colony and Caffirland. They have often been Give us such zeal, and Chequer alleys, and all e Better let him alone; he is so violent that he blessed with great revivals, but the one that every Sodom finally rolls a stagnant and putrid other barren spots, will soon be subdued and would strike you if his passion was raised." they have lately had, far exceeds for depth and Dead Sea.

cultivated. This great round world will become Richard got close to him, and said, "Give me extent any that preceded it. the garden of God. Reader, may God baptize, your hand, my friend." He then whispered It was for Rev. C. Fowler, of Chicago, to give into his ear, "Why are you calling on my one of the best antidotes to "Colenso's Fai-

the swearer.

so loved the world, that he gave his only begot- the Established. So that the Bishop of Capeten Son, that whoseever believeth on Him town has cried out, and sent home to the should not perish, but have everlasting life." authorities in England the alarming news that answered, "Those were the last words my mo- Colenso's place, the Colony will be gone from ther said to me." "Then let us pray," said the Church to Wesleyanism. Richard, " that God may make them the means that I can lie down with comfort at night, not

after met that " navvy" a changed man.

The Infidel Agreeing with Paul.

ful reader of the Bible to an infidel who attacked Caffir. And, what is strange, Bro. Taylor has said a poor Methodist soldier, with broken limbs him with such expressions as these : " That the preached through an interpreter to the natives. of the Holy Ghost unfolds to us what we have Perfect peace! The peace of God that passeth blood of Christ can take away sin, is foolishness; Brother Taylor has just arrived in London from I don't understand or believe it." The Bible atu- South Africa. To God be all the glory! dent remarked, "You and Paul agree exactly." The infidel replied with surprise : " How is this, When the city of London was helplessly reel- that Paul and I agree?" Said the student, Universal and Continuous Concert but it is that which we receive. And this prin ing to and fro from the viclent shock of an earth- "Turn to the 1st chapter of Corinthians, and ciple runs through the Christian life : it is a life quake, Charles Wesley, standing before his read at the 18th verse." The infidel read, "For which has its affections, its sensibilities, its en- congregation at the Foundry, exclaimed, in a the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish, The subjects of prayer mentioned below might ergies, and its activities. Our Christian life is state of religious exaltation: "We will not fear foolishness, but unto us which are saved, it is be pasted on the blank leaf of the Bible for not a system of negation, any more than is though the earth be removed, and the hills be the power of God." The infidel hung his head, daily reference. The sympathy of Christians, our natural life. This distinguishes it so forci carried into the midst of the sea; for the Lord and ever studied the Bible, and soon believed it and their communion with God and with each

hands that which is good, that he may have to tacle! A tottering city, and a soul triumphant of God, and indulged in the use of profame lanthat which is good to the use of edifying.' and its associations pleasing. Placed at the head." That note is in the barn, and I will search for laymen all over the world, with the hope that the Hence arises the danger to Christians, from mis- of a school that prepared many pupils annually it until I find it." Accordingly he went to the suggestions may be universally carried out. using even the good, hely, and righteous law of for the English universities, and possessing a barn, and carefully moved the hay and straw, Matt. xviii. 19. God. It is not made for the righteous.' (1 Tim. powerful cast of mind, both as a writer and a hour after hour until he found the note. A few Suggestions to the Lord's people throughout 1:9. Their need is, to have the life already re- public speaker, his influence was extensive, and weeks before this he had been awakened to a public speaker, and asked him what he would have for his reby the unerring accuracy with which it works. traveling alone in one of these, was murdered a

ceived, nurtured by the ministry of Christ, the his opinions were eagerly sought by cultivated of that life may be called forth in its varied and He is approaching his forty-seventh birthday. Increased. A few weeks after he lost the note, there are at least 1,000,000 of Sunday school worldly pleasures of every sort had long ago able to manage it nicely, and the two are now ber. A young lady recently saved her life only appropriate activities. We have Christ himself His name has lately been enrolled among the he sat by the fire musing on the state of his teachers in the world. for our standard; and it is only by the righteous- faculty at Oxford: his measure of ambition de-Bess which we have in Him, as our standing be- clares it is full. Fame, position, competence, an "What must one do to become a Christian?" fore God, that we can rightly estimate what is effectionate family, and a delightful rural home "You must seek for it, as you sought for the presented to us as our highest but certain final in the most pictures que part of Bogland, all are bank note. It was a word fitty spoken. He fol-

Beligious Intelligence.

Methodist Educational Institutions in England and Ireland.

now "beholding as in a glass, the glory of the me this pain ; I suffered so little pain in my life, Sheffield, and one at Taunton. These are in qualified persons offer themselves for missionary for it." And so the strong man, at the meridian the Normal Training Schools of Westminster, to their ability, and according to the claims of a of life, and in the midst of his nonors, passed London, where above 120 students are constantly preparing for teaching the various day schools throughout the kingdom; under the patronage O ye, who forcast the probabilities of the fu- and control of the Wesleyan Conference, and ture, and see sorrow, and disappointment, and partial support of the government. These schools tary moral flower grew. It was thoroughly corparting, and anguish, and death-listen: " Peace number above 500 in England, and the Training

IN IRELAND

Dublin, and the Queen's Colleges in Belfast, The appropriations from our Tract Society Cork, and Galway. The first is under the con- give a most opportune supply to one of our great trol of the Established Church, the last three wants, and enable us to accomplish an import. As she bends o'er the form of her starving A father was reading, at family worship, that Chiefly by the agency of a Christian woman

A father was reading, at family worship, that
beautiful passage, "Behold I stand at the door
tion under their central, as a consequence they

and track if any man hear my voice and open it was dangerous to venture within the filthy and knock; if any man hear my voice and open have suffered much. In Dublin they have an of our own Church. Our hymns too, are coming precincts of the alley, by going into it as a disstudents receive an excellent classical, scientific Chinese Christians sing the good old tunes and O ye that have homes, and fires, and food, but many rebuffed or insulted her. She per
A little one who was listening, unable to wait to

but many rebuffed or insulted her. She per
Oye that have homes, and fires, and food,

O'er whom the angel of peace doth brood, months. At last she began a Sunday-shool. to him, and saked eagerly, "Did he get in, fafor prizes, and successfully carry off college ton have translated seven of Mr. Wesley's ser-

present, if they would remain after the men left. You may be quite sure the Seriptures were lawfully compete for its honors.

"Very well," replied the great-hearted woman fail to impress even the mind of the little child. ing and endowment of the Wesleyan College, partment of our work. You know what we propose : let as many of But the question which the child asked is one Belfast, will confer untold benefits on Ireland

was our portion in place of abundance, then he the Gospel of Christ, and Methodist class-meet-So, over and over, in times of joy and of sor- gracious work of reform American Methodism he said of himself. row, he has come knocking. If we will not let will have much to do. It will also be far better him in, oh, there is a fearful time coming, when for Ireland than a Fenian invasion. If the "Lord, Lord, open unto us;" and then shall he invasion of Canada or Ireland were spent in that if the opportunity were given him of living air.

The late Rev. Barnabas Shaw, and William

Shaw, ex-President of the British Conference have done much te plant and build up Method-

lacies;" and for William Taylor, of California "I know nothing of your father," answered fame, to enter the Bishop's diocese in Natal and " I'll tell you his name and character," said getting hundreds of his scattered flock converted Richard, and then he repeated the text, " God to God, and enter the Methodist fold instead of And if struck by sudden conviction, the man if they do not speedily send a bishop to take all is vanity!

In connection with the great awakening that has taken place in South Africa under his labors, They did so, and Richard Weaver, not long more than two thousand people have been converted. In some places and towns more than half the adult population has been converted, and the work is still going on through the labors of the Wesleyan missionaries. It has reached An admirable reply was once made by a care- the polished colonists as well as uncivilized

The Evangelical Christendom, London, says already been brought before a missionary brother at the Lodiana Mission. India, who first pro-A farmer who had long neglected the house posed the week of prayer, and he was so pleased guage, one day lost a bank note in his barn of the subjects to be printed, and has been send-He searched for it in vain. At length he said, irg them to prominent Christian ministers and

Tuesday-Bible Societies.

attainment. "Not as though I had already athis. Your eye kindles, but a shadow overcasts lowed the direction; and, through the merey of tained, either were already perfect; but I follow your mind, as you think, as Johnson said to after, if that I may apprehend that for which also Garrick on viewing the splendid apartments of

o be about 70,000.

then, 788,000,000. Total, 1 288 000,000.

POPULATION OF THE WORLD Pretsstants 89 000 000; Roman Catholics, 70,000 000 ; Greek Church, 76 000 000 ; Jews, We take the following from Irish correspond 5,000,000; Mohammedans, 160 000 000; Hea-

Four Great Wants. 1. More thought .- So few think about its great work and urgent claims. 2. More prayer .- So few pray believingly and continuously for its lever, now to elevate our affections.—And, even then he says to h s. son, "Thank God for giving are branches of the London University, one at growing prosperity. 3. More men.—So few well-

China. The following is an extract from a letter writ-

Give, give! be always giving Who gives not is not living,

ten by Rev. R. S. Macley, of the China Mission,

mons, and we hope to republish them from our Think, think of your brethren who lack them reaching was begun in a hired room. Still no the suppliant at the door, one yielded to the truth.

After two years of such uncheered labor, Miss brooking for admittance, and he realized what College building at Belfast, a branch of the ed in preparing tracts on Christian subjects to Queen's College there, so that the students in the aid in the evangelization of China. We have one can stand for examination in the other, and published one tract of this kind during the past "You won't, though," said two or three rough not read in the monotonous tone too common at At no previous time did the people of England ation. Your society is doing a noble work for

General Miscellann.

The Lesson of Failures in Life.

in the walls of Maynooth College, where 500 pleasures and pursuits. Some of the saddest membered: When our worldly schemes all failed, and want priests are annually taught, shall yet be heard histories in the world have been those of plea
1. Were the atmosphere everywhere, at all knocked again. He offered us himself in place ings will take the place of the confessional, enjoy, and have run a short and miserable career. never have rain, or half, or snow. The water of what might have destroyed our souls. How Nay, from among themselves WILL arise other The confessions of this class have been heart-Wickliffes, Luthers, and Calvins. And in this rending. They echo the lament of Byron when the earth's surface, would descend in an imper-

"The flower and fruit of love are gone. The worm, the canker, and the grief

planting the Gospel and a pure literature in it over again, he should be so indifferent as to Ireland, how would this desert blossom as the refuse it! The career of pleasure may be full rose, and this wilderness be as Eden, as the garof promise at first, especially to one favored with
The higher we ascend from the earth the colder But if American Methodism can bless Ireland, time of reverse comes, and while these fall away, tual snow on very high mountains in the hottest there is nothing to replace them. Memory finds little satisfaction in recalling its selfish enjoything, and cannot retrace its steps even in imagination. There is no law of our nature more inflexible than that which dooms sensual pleasure to end in weariness and selt-disgust. Over

sensual lust. Yet even that cannot fill and saby his party in England, while as Prime Minisbelieve, of a broken heart." Power and fame had no balm for the disappointed statesman, and Alas for human greatness! Vanity of vanities,

be happy ourselves, we must make others happy. | mandment. Self must be forgotten by us, if we are not to be

life, even where it seems at times as if it could piece of human mechanism; she is—an admirnot be found. "There is a path which no fowl able Sewing Machine. was a bracing air which invigorated his energies, were always for the most simple invention.

riness by the vision of the Master, who appeared very creditably, that very morning. nestly sought to lead a better life. His anxiety Year. Sabbath - Sabbath schools - assumed ward? He could not say world pleasure, for Our little daughter, after a very few trials, was few months since. as our readers will rememwould be sweet to be favored with spiritual en- mamma cannot supply work fast enough. She following account: joyments, and have a share in the heatific vision. laughs to see it hungrily devour the tedious At Hanwell, recently, a young lady was put by the thorns, and saw those features on which such apparent relish. then, feeling that his purest joy and highest when muslins, linens and prints cumber your claimed. This carriage is too heavy, it must

the rounds of a Jacob's ladder by Which the drously sustaining, isn't it? soul will climb to heaven .- Evangelist.

Pity the Poor.

Pity the poor in weather like this! Think of the wild wind's biting kiss, Stealing the warmth from each trezen limb; Laughing with glee as the eye grows dim; Mocking the pale cheek's fa ling hue; Piercing the garments through and through Till heart stands still and life-throbs freeze ! Oh, pity the poor, in days like these !

Think of the comfortless cellar homes, Where gaunt-eyed Hunger exulting roams Think of the thousands who have no lair To screen their forms from the cold night air ; Crouching in doorways and corners drear, Till church clocks signal the daybreak near. Hark to the busband's frenzied cry As he catches his wife's expiring sigh, And knows that a timely helping hand Has bidden the grim destroyer " Stand !" Think of the grief of the mother wild

And hears it faintly clamour for bread. Till lips grow cold and life has fled! Ay, think of it, ye who live in ease, And pity the poor in days like these.

Round whose bright pathway God's blessings

O ye whom Heaven thus deigns to bless, Has life no object but happiness?

Has wealth no duty but selfish care? Has man no mission of peace to bear? Oh, would ye be blessed, spread blessings

Ye lend to the Lord what ye give to the poor!

The Philosophy of Rain.

phrase he expressed the conclusion of many who animals, a few facts derived from observation

sure-seekers-men who started in life simply to times, of a uniform temperature, we should ceptible vapor, or cease to be absorbed by the

air when it was once fully saturated. 2. The absorbing power of the atmosphere, and consequently its capacity to retain humidity.

natural gifts, with fortune and friends. But the do we find the atmosphere. Hence the perpe-

like a plague of locusts that devours every green invisible and the sky cloudless, if its tempera-

Our New Servant. BY GRACE GREENWOOD.

1 think I must tell the children and their ma-One would think that after so many experitivo months past. She is not Irish or German, ments and so many fail res, it might occur to or African, but that exceedingly rare bird, a some of these disappointed aspirants, to try ano- genuine American servant—handy, clever, and ther and much neglected path, one that is marked cuts. Her virtues are manifold. In the first by the footsteps of Him who "went about doing place, she is wonderfully quiet-goes ailently good." They might ask, if there is not a pro- and steadily about her work-doing all that it found meaning hid under that paradox of the required of her "with neatness and despatch." great Teacher-" He that seeketh his life shall She is good-tempered -is never "on the ramlose it, but he that loseth it for my sake and the pange" never insolent—never unkind to chil-Gospel's the same shall save it." All human ex- dren. Sie has no followers-never goes off perience shows that there is no other road to without warning; never wastes, never blunders, happiness except by "the King's highway." To don't drink, and don't break the eighth com-

like a helpful friend, a kindly companion; and But there is enjoyment, true and rational, in yet she is but a soulless thing after all—a mere

knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not | I was very late in availing myself of the serseen." He has found it who has made it his vices of this great beneficeat handmaiden of modaily task to relieve human misery, and who has dern womanhood. I have longed for one vague seen the light of his own eyes reflected back from ly for years, and made many resolutions to prothe grateful tears of these whom he has soothed cure one, but have refrained, from painful doubts or saved. He knows it, who like the exiled pil- of my own ability to manage a creature so fearthe wants of a dying world. The suggestion has grim, can feel, even amid the cold and hunger of fully and wonderfully made." being but modestly a wilderness, that he has remained faithful to endowed with mechanical ingenuity and insight, God. Paul found it when he gloried in infirmi- I dreaded the trouble and vexation of learning nineteen feet high, and measures around the ties. To his lefty spirit the attitude of self-denial to work any machine, and my inquiries of friends

trepidation, but it soon put me quite at my ease. three thousand pounds. An old legend relates that a venerable servant | We were capital friends at once, and as yet have of Christ-a Catholic saint-toward the evening had no falling out. Together we fell right to of a long and useful life, was visited in his wea- work and manufactured an article of clothing

Saturday-Ministers of the Gospel-supposed | honor would be to share his Master's lot, he sim- drawers, and little ones clamor for spring "togply replied "Lord, that I might suffer more !" gery," the thought that in your sitting-room Useful services in the highest cause will change waits, ever ready to help you, a silent, trusty shadow to noon-day, and make pain and want friend, of forty sewing women power, is won-

And while the novelty lasts, at least, a sewing machine is a great incentive to industry in the family. Restless little girls delight in a kind of work so exceedingly like play; and boys even take to it, and think it "jolly good sport" to be able to manufacture their own shirts.

As to myself, I must confess I have not yet come to any real hard work with my machine. It still amuses me. I am still experimenting with it, and wondering at its Puck-like swiftness. I delight to see it at a long seam, and see it go like a greyhound on the scent-like Flora Temple on the course. In short, I don't believe there will be any end to my enjoyment of my machine while the dry goods hold out. Singer's Improved Machines are perfection itself. They can be had through H. A. Taylor, Sackville St., Halifax, the Gen. Agent for Nova Scotia, who is always ready to give information, and to instruct in the operation of the machine those who may purchase.

The Conceit of Ignorance.

"What are you staring at the fence for ?" asked a conceited Pullet of a Hedgehog, who was minutely inspecting the boundary fence of "I was trying to see, miss, if there was any

way through it," the Hedgehog humbly replied. " What for !" demanded the Pullet, pertly. "I should like to see what's to be seen on the ther side, if I could get there," said the Hedge-

"O, there's nothing worth seeing, take my word for it," said the Pullet, with great assur-

"Yes, miss, certainly; no doubt, then, you know all about it," said the Hedgehog, deferen-

"O, yes, you may be sure my opinion is worth having," said the Pullet, evading the Hedgehog's inquiry, and turning away. "Your opinion, miss! It is based on know-

edge of course?" said the Hedgehog, anxious to learn her value as an authority. "I don't know what you mean, exactly; but can't waste time in talking now, while my friends yonder are eating up the barley," said

"Not I : I wouldn't take the trouble," said the Pullet, much confused. "Ah! then you have scratched your way under it, and have seen it from below," cried the

Hedgehog, determined to know the truth. "Not I: I wouldn't take so much trouble; but I know very good judges who have, and they told me all about it," said the Pullet run-

ning away from any more questions. "Well, well," cried the Hedgehog; "was there ever such conceit? ber wings are not long enough. I see now, to fly over the fence, nor her feet strong enough to scratch under it, and yet she talks confidently about the other side, as if she knew all by heart. How true it is that ignorance and conceit go together !"

A Beautiful Thought.

Life is beautifully compared to a fountain fed by a thousand streams, that perishes if one is Now, when, from continued evaporation, the dried. It is a silver chord twisted with a thouments now vanished and gone. Such a life is air is highly saturated with vapor, though it be sand strings; that parts asunder if one is broken. -Frail and thoughtless mortals are surrounded ture is suddenly reduced by cold currents des- by innumerable dangers, which make it much cending from above, or rushing from a higher more strange that they escape so long, than that to a lower latitude, or by the motion of saturated air to a cooler latitude, its capacity to re- compassed by accidents every day, to crush the tain moisture is diminished, clouds are formed, moulding tenements that we inhabit. The seeds and the result is rain. Air condenses as it of disease are planted in our constitution by Political ambition is a far higher motive than cools, and, like a sponge filled with water and nature. The earth and the atmosphere, whence compressed, pours out the water which its dimi- | we draw the breath of life, is pregnant with nished capacity cannot hold. How singular death. Health is made to operate its own deyet how simple, the philosophy of rain? What struction! The food that nourishes contains ter he held the reins of government. Yet when but Omniscience could have devised such an the elements of decay; the soul that animates it admirable arrangement for watering the earth. by vivifying fire, tends to wear it out by its own action; death lurks in ambush along our paths. Notwithstanding this is the truth so palpably confirmed by the daily examples before our eyes, how little do we lay it to the heart! We see our friends and neighbors perishing among us, but how seldom does it occur to our thoughts that our knell shall, perhaps, give the next fruitless warning to the world !

Large Bells.

The following are some of the largest bells in the world: St. Paul's, London, weight thirteen thousand pounds; the bell at Antwerp, sixteen thousand pounds : Oxford, seventeen thousand pounds; Rome, eighteen thousand pounds; Mechlin, twenty thousand pounds; Bruges, twenty-three thousand pounds; York, twentyfour thousand pounds; Cologne, twenty five thousand pounds; Montreal, twenty-nine thousand pounds; Erfurt, thirty thousand pounds; " Big Ben," at the Houses of Parliament, thirtyone thousand pounds; Sens, thirty-four thousand pounds; Vienna, forty thousand pounds; Novgorod, sixty-nine thousand pounds; Pekin. one hundred and thirty-nine thousand pounds; Moscow one hundred forty-one thousand pounds. The famous Moscow bell was never hung. It was cast by the order of Empress Anne in 1653. to weigh four hundred and forty-three thousand seven hundred and seventy-two pounds. It is margin sixty-four feet. The heaviest in the United States is probably the alarm bell at the and redoubled the life which it seemed ready to I began my acquaintance with it with some City Hall in New York, weighing about twenty-

Adventure with a Lunatic.

The English cars or carriages, as they call them, lost their charm. But it seemed to him as if it on excellent terms. The only trouble is, that by her presence of mind, as will be seen by the

But as he was about to pronounce the words, he long seams which were once her aversion, and into a train alone to go to London. As the raised his eye to the brow that had been pressed then lick up the little seams, tucks and fells with train was on the point of starting, a gentleman rushed up and got in. Shortly after the train were enstamped the sorrows of the race, and Ab, mothers and wives, when work presses- had started, the gentleman jumped up and ex-