Pouth's Corner.

A GREAT VICTORY. Mr. Announ had taught his son to go and come directly when sent on an errand. Gilbert was very obedient in this, as well as other respects; but one day, partly because he desired to know the reason of things, and partly because of his habit of asking questions, he said to Mr. Arnold, "Papa, why do you never allow me to stop and play with the boys, or see things, when you send me on an errand?"

"I think it strange," said Mr. Arnold, "that you should ask such a question. The matter is plain enough without any reason."

"Why, I don't think so, papa," replied Gilbert.

"Suppose I send you to the post-office for a letter, and you stop to play on the way, and keep me waiting when I wish to go elsewhere and attend to some business: is there no harm in that ?"

"Yes, sir; but I should not stop if I knew you were waiting, and wishing to go any

"Suppose I did not wish to go any, where when you started, but in the meantime a gentleman calls for me to go with him somewhere, and I wish to receive the letter first; you say to yourself 'Papa is in no hurry, so I will play a little': would there no inconvenience arise in that case ?"

"If such a thing should happen, you might come after me," said Gilbert, not perceiving, in the cornestness of his desire not to be silenced, the uncourteousness of the remark.

"I think I could be better employed than in running after boys, in such circumstances. By a strict adherence to the rule all inconvenience and frouble would be avoided."

"If I got a letter, I see that I ought to come right home with it, but if I didn't get one, I might stop a little while. I couldn't keep papa waiting for what I hadn't got,"

Gilbert thought this was rather keen, though he suspected it was not very sound reasoning. "There is a great difference between keep-

ing your father waiting for a letter, and keeping him waiting to know whether he had one or i not, isn't there l'

"No, sir," said Gilbert, rather crest-fallen; but returning to the charge, he said, "But already. I guess I shall be right back." sometimes I could be sure papa wouldn't have He set out. No effort was made to detain to wait for me; what harm could there be in him. He could not help crying when he saw sometimes I could be sure papa wouldn't have my stopping a little while then?"

"You never can be perfectly sure. If it were left to your judgment, you would some- tution, a sheep-pen near a neighbouring stream. times judge erroneously. The only sure way He reached home, told his father his story, and to avoid all trouble and difficulty is, when you received his permission to be a soldier for the are sent on an errand, to go directly, do it futh- day. A way he bounded with a light heart, all fully, and return immediately."

follow."

by a boy who reasoned as you have been doing. D. D. He was sent for a letter. This was in the morning. He got the letter from the office, more distant. The letter-boy went with them. of his leprosy." In the mean time a man from a neighbouring Now from the report of this little maid, what by the next mail. It was sent, but it reached pleases God to produce by a servant's report. him one day too late. If he had received it Mr. Cecil, who wrote the above, adds—"I the day it was taken out of the office, he could have found Naaman to be not the only leper daughters."

A few days after the above related conversastore and purchase a gimlet for him.

"Papa," said he, as he was about to set out "shall you want it immediately?"

"I shall not use it till afternoon," said his father. He did not tell Gilbert to come back immediately, for he knew the rule, but he felt a little anxious in consequence of the question, lest he should stop, especially as it was holy-day with the village school. He said nothing however which intimated suspicion or distrust.

Gilbert went to the store and purchased the gimlet. On his return he met a troop of boys and polished manners, it never occurred to in martial array. There was the captain with a real captain's hat and plume, which a goodnatured militia officer had lent him, and the drummer with a very respectable drum. These were the two most attractive members of the company. They had no fifer, but then a boy who "whistled uncommonly well" undertook to supply his place. Their flag bore the motto, "Liberty or death." When they marched, their step was not quite as regular as that of regular troops, and if they did not look very flerce, they looked very happy.

Gilbert was at once solicited to enlist in this valorous army, and he felt a very strong desire to do so. His military spirit was roused. But innsic; and when she heard them profaming the he felt constrained to decline. He was offered promotion.

"Come, now," said the captain, "list, and you shall be a sergeant."

"I can't," said Gilbert.

shall carry the flag if you will."

This was a very tempting offer, and Gilbert almost cried as he declined it. It was well he did decline it, for otherwise the captain's authority might have been put in peril, for when the standard bearer heard the offer he grasped it more tightly, and plainly showed by is manner that he would part with it only with

"I must go home now," said Gilbert, " but I will ask my father; and if he will let me I will come."

"Better make sure of it now," said the fifer, alias whistler; "hke as not he won't let you conic."

"What have you to take home?" said the

captain. Gilbert told him. "Your father won't want it yet a while; so

you can stay well enough." "I know he won't want it till afternoon, but

he didn't tell me I might stay." "I'm glad I havn't got such a strict father," said one whose father frequently had lodgings in the county jail, from certain mistakes he was liable to make in regard to the right of pro-

"Your father didn't say you shouldn't stop," said the drummer, "did he?"

"Then you don't disabey him by stopping; so step into the ranks."

This reasoning would have satisfied some boys in such circumstances of strong temptation, but it did not satisfy Gilbert. Still less did a remark of another boy of valour, "Your father will never know it, if you don't stop too long."

"Take him prisoner," said the orderly sergeant; "press bim!"

Several now seized him and led him into the

ranks, or rather, rank.
"There, now," continued the said officer, "you can't go, and you are not to blame for

not doing what is impossible." Gilbert thought for a moment that this might be a valid excuse for staying, but then he knew it was possible for him to go home. He was the swittest runner in school, and could escape from them if he pleased.

"It is no use to talk," said he, almost crying, "I must go home. I've stopped too long

them marching off, with colours flying and the drum beating, to the storming of Fort Constithe fighter for the victory gained by him in the Well, sir, that is the rule I will always moral bartle that was fought in his own bosom. Sac, are the victories which make men heroes "I once knew a great misfortune occasioned in the sight of God. -Rec. Joseph Aiden,

USEFULNESS OF PERSONS IN DEPENDENT and was coming beare when he met a party of chacumstances -2 Kings v. 1-3. "Naaman, kite-flyers. He wished to join them, and did cantain of the host of the King of Syria, was a so, saying to himself, 'Father is away off in the great man with his master - but he was a leper. field at work, and wou't come home till noon. He And the Syrians had gone out by companies, won't get the letter till noon if I go right home, and had brought away captive out of the land so there will be no harm in my stopping for a of Israel, a little maid; and she waited on while. The boys soon left the street for a Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, neighbouring hill, where the wind blew fairer ; Would to God my Lord were with the prophet and then they went to one still higher and that is in Samaria! for he would recover him

township came for his father. He went into the field where he was at work, and wished him to go with him without delay. The father did sends in behalf of his favourite officer, to the not wish to go till he had seen the letter he King of Israel, and Naaman goes to the prohad sent for. He wondered his boy did not phet. He is first led (and that by one of his some with it. He waited for a little while, and servants) to cease from his reasonings on a then went to the office himself. He found the divine appointment; he then submits to itletter had been taken out by his son, but he he acknowledges the true God-he gives him did not find his son. He was obliged to go with-out it, leaving directions to have it sent to him tions, of the mighty effects which it sometimes

have attended to the business it contained in recovered by such a report. I have known a time. The consequence was the loss of a more desperate leprosy than his healed in a lawsuit in which he was engaged, and a large similar manner. I have seen among other inpart of his property. He died a few years stances which I could name, one of the most afterwards, and when his will was opened, it abandoned youths I ever knew, induced by the was found that he had bequeathed his son a patient example, and affectionate persuasion of kite, and the remainder of his property to his his father's servant, to turn his eyes to the fountain opened for sin' Zech. xiii. I, in the gospel; -a man whom the youth had before tion, Mr. Arnold directed Gilbert to go to the long scorned and insulted, only because like Cain's, his own works were evil, and his brother's rightcous."—I John iii. 12.

> Betty Elliot was servant in the family of the grandmother of the writer of this book. It is now upwards of sixty years ago; and that family were in the habit of spending, not their evenings only, but the early part of the day, at the card table. A select party of friends, principally French, met every day for this purpose; and although persons of very amiable character, them that there was any higher employment in

> which they might be engaged. Betty Elliot thought otherwise;—for she was enlightened by the wisdom which is from above-and set herself in the fear of the Lord, and in love to the souls of her mistress and her children, to show them a more excellent way, and with all gentleness and humility, to reprove the things which are sinful, and by all means to lead them from the world unto Christ. When she heard them singing foolish songs, she would bring her hymn-book, and good humoured beg of them to put that pretty air to one of her hymns, that she might enjoy their name of the Lord, she would most seriously shew them the sin of it. In a short time, Betty

party was immediately broken up; and from good feeling exist as in this happy Island. that hour a single card was never admitted. The dear mistress lived many years to adorn the doctrine of God, her Saviour, in all things, and thed in the triumph of faith. And the four miles and a half in circumference. We blessed seed of eternal life, which was sown by this faithful servant, has produced much fruit to the third and fourth generation.

Compare any irreligious servant with that servant of Abraham, whose character is recorded in Genesis xxiv: what a holy acquaintance had the man formed with his God : what reliance on his providence; what fidelity to his master; what diligence; what real dignity of character, though in service; he ruled over all that Abraham had, but forgot not that he was still Abraham's servant; entrusted with a business of the last importance, he conducted it as his own, or, as the Apostle speaks, " with single-ness of heart as unto the Lord." (Eph. vi, 5.)-As he approached the place of his business, he made the camels to kneel down without the city, by a well of water, and knowing from whom all our help cometh, he said, " O Lord, God of my master Abraham, I pray thee send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master." On observing signs of success, in answer to his prayer, he blesses the God of his master; and on his business being successfully concluded, he again "worships the Land -transacting his concerns more with riosities, refusing to be rewarded in any way. God than with man, and mixing prayer with We took some of their names down, as they praise in every stage of it. Nor suppose that struck as as being as pretty as their fair owners he was less diagent because he was devout themselves Marian, Louisa, Eunly, were fervent in spirit, he was not slothful in business, among the prettiest. Marian Christian was a (Rom. xii. 11.) An idle enthusiast may dis- beautiful girl, with quite a Grecian cast of coungrace religion, and a real christian may have tenance, and very kindly allowed her hkeness his faults, but religion itself is the friend of to be taken by one of our party. Their way of business. It directs it; it transacts it honoura- dressing the hair is odd, it being rolled up in a bly; it generally secures success to it. Doing conical (ashion at the back of the head. Their business with difigence and truth appears to dress, when they do not wear the European Rety insure to its Members the full benefits have been a part of this man's religion. He one, is simple, consisting of only a sort of skirt which can be derived from such sums as they have been a part of this man's religion. He one, is simple, consisting of only a sort of some can be and the men that were with him a tarried that of some dark colour, with an upper short petitare willing to devote to the important duty of and the men that were with him a tarried that of some dark colour, with an upper short petitare willing to devote to the important duty of LIFE INSURANCE. The whole profits are senight, and they rose up in the morning, and coat of white stall, and a handkerchief tied he said, Send me away unto my muster." And when the brother and the mother of the ed the cutter with catables, which was obliged damsel, whom he had sought in marriage for to be off on account of the increasing surf, and and popular principles. his master's son, would have detained him for it being nearly suiset, we were obliged o tear a few days, "he said unto them, Hinder me not, ourselves very unwillingly from this enchanted bers of the Seciety, by holding Policies of Insurging that I provided by the Rules, that the whole Diagrams the Lord hath prospered my way. Send Island, though all came round to beg us not to bers of the Seciety, by holding Policies of Insurging for the Seciety, by holding Policies of Insurging for the Seciety by holding Policies of Insur me away, that I may go to my master .- Keep-

A VISIT TO PITCAIRN'S ISLAND.

sake for a young servant.

Her Majesty's brig Spy arrived off this Isand on the 25th of February, about ten o'clock in the morning, and was boarded by George Adams and some more natives shortly after she love to. George Adams is the son of the celebrated John Adams, the father of the colony. Went ashere in the cutter, piloted by George Adams. Landing-place a very small sandy beach with many rocks, and in the least breeze impracticable. We were met on the beach by some of the natives, who cordially welcomed us to Pitcairn's Island, and showed us the way to the market-place up a steep and rugged path winding along the cliff, and through a beautiful variety of all kinds of tropical flowers and shrubs. The scene, when we arrived at the suminit, was picturesque in the extreme. The whole of the natives, men, women, and children, headed by Mr. Nopps, the schoolmaster, had assembled in a space of about half an acre square, carpeted with thick soft grass, and canopied overhead by the spreading branches of cocoa-nut trees, to meet the strangers, all of them being dressed in their gayest. Their welcome was warm, all of them advancing and shaking us by the hand, and addressing us in perfectly good English. We were extremely pleased, by their quiet and decorous betaviour.

As soon as we had made acquaintance with them all, we were led through gently winding paths to the principal village, where the courthouse and church stands, as there were one or two slight disagreements about land, which they wished to be brought before Lieutenant Wooldridge, commander of the Spy, and who very speedily disposed of them without their having evinced, either during the investigation or afterwards, the least feeling of discontent or displeasure. The church is a neat building, well arranged, with a pulpit and benches, and is used as well for a court-house as a church. of detail. In what precise mode is it intended, Mr. Nopps, the schoolmaster, performs the on the part of the Government, to give pracvarious offices. We were shown the old gun tical effect to the choice made by the Premier's belonging to the Bounty, that had been under water for fifty-six years, and which was now lying near the court-house. We visited old grave, and kept in trim order.

After rambling about, and visiting one or two

"Yes, you can, if you have a mind to. You I their house would serve the Lord. The card I the world where such perfect unanimity and

The number of inhabitants is 131, but the Island can support many more, and they increase but slowly. The Island itself is only heard with pleasure that though several whalers touch there, yet, in no instance, had any inipropriety been committed; forty-six whalers, mostly American, had called during the year 1846. They all appeared to talk of Adams with the greatest respect, and seemed to have a strong feeling of the crime that their ancestors committed in mutinying. They talked in the most affectionate loyal way of "our Queen," and appeared exceedingly proud of being English but complained that they were so neglected, the Spy having been the first manof-war which had visited them for more than three years. They, however, were quite satisfied when told that the exigencies of the service had lately prevented their being visited so often. They begged earnestly for a visit by a man-ofwar as often as she could be spared from other duties; but, as George Adams remarked, they could not complain, as the Government had already been kinder to them than they deserved."

Before our leaving, the woman came after us with little presents and keepsakes, such us locks of hair, whale's teeth, and other little culoosely round the neek. At last, having loadgo, but to stop one night-only one-with them; and, finding they could not succeed, accompanied us down to the beach, where we embarked in cances to take up off through the rollers to the cutter. They embraced us all most affectionately, asking us to write and remember them to their friends in England, particularly to Captain Hant, formerly of the Bushisk, whom they seemed to have a vivid recollection of. The embarkation in the cutter was accomplished safely, and we gave them three hearty cheers, and, accompanied by George Adams and Christian, we got on board the Spy; and after their remaining a short time with us, and being very much delighted with a couple of rockets that were fired, they bade us good-bye, when we filled and made sail for Valparaiso .- Naval and Military Ga-

PRESERVATION OF LAVE AT SEV A very interesting experiment took place recently at Kingstown in the presence of Prince George of Cambridge, Sir E. Blakeney, and all the notables. It was to test the efficacy of an invention to preserve life at sea by means of Tubes of vulcanized India-rubber lashed to business, and pledges himself to use every care and the inside of a boat under the thwarts. The inventor is Mr. Houldsworth. The agent of the Messrs. Macintosh had a boat fitted with the tubes, and holes bored through the bottom filed with plugs. On a signal given the rowers, in ment of those articles, all of the very best quality their progress round the harbour, withdrew the and latest Fashion, which he will make up in his class and the hoat filled to the gunwale. They usual style, at Moderate Prices. still rowed on with the inconvenience only of a cold bath. Several hundred-weights were added, but the boat still maintained her buoyancy. In smooth water and on a small scale the experiment was perfectly successful.

Admission of Mr. Rothschild to the House of Commons,-The most interesting question which now remains, in connexion with the recent joint expression of electoral opinion and Ministerial purpose, is one purely constituents? We are not aware that the matter is either so mysterious or so difficult as appears to be imagined in some quarters. There Adam's house and grave, the last of which is will not be any occasion, so far as we know, situated in a beautiful spot next to his wife's for Lord John Russell to tempt fortune and the bishops in the lottery of legislation. The well-known case of Mr. Pease (the first Quaof the inhabitants who were not well (one of ker member of the House of Commons,) in whom had wounded himself with his gun while the year 1833, supplies a precedent, the prinout shooting goats a short time before we ar-rived, but was doing well), we returned to the case of Baron Rothschild. The Honouradinner, which had been prepared for us at | ble Member for London will, we presume, on M'Coy's house, and consisted of pork, yams the usual oaths being tendered to him at the and sweet potatoes. Each family on the Island table of the House, decline, as did his Quatake it in turn to entertain strangers when they ker predecessor, to swear in the usual formarrive, and never accept any reward. Their intimating at the same time, his perfect readifood is principally vegetables, of which they ness to take the oaths in question according to have almost every kind, and twice a week the form prescribed by his own creed, and reeither meat or fish; but there is difficulty in cognised as legally valid and sufficient in every getting the latter, as the fishing ground is bad court of justice in the kingdom. The clerk and water very deep. The animals on the will, of course, refer the matter to the Speaker, Island are goats, which are wild, pigs, and and the Speaker to the sense of the House. fowls. Their houses are the perfection of There cannot be a moment's doubt as to what cleanliness and good order, and each person the sense of the House would be under such has his plot of ground to cultivate. Their form circumstances. The question would be simply of government is simple. They elect a magis- and purely a judicial one; and no House of trate every twelve months, upon which occa- Commons—probably no individual Member of sion every man and woman above eighteen is the House—would dream of dealing with it in entitled to a vote; and, if married before that any other than a judicial temper. In the case age, they are allowed a vote in consequence. of the Quaker member for Durham, it will be The magistrate then chooses an assistant, and remembered that Mr. C. W. Wynn's Motion succeeded not only in reforming those evils, but the remainder of the people choose again for accepting a "solemn affirmation and de-bringing the mistress and both her daughters another, who acts as a sort of check, which is, claration," in lieu of the customary form of lopenly to profess, that for the future, they and lindeed, little wanted-for there is no place in loath, was carried without a word of contradic- las may be agreed upon.

tion, "amidst loud cheers from all parts of the House." -- Morning Chronicle.

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