The Family.

The Little Shoe.

BY MARY NEAL.

I found it here—a worn-out shoe
All mildewed with time, and wet with dew,
'Tis a little thing; ye would pass it by
With never a thought, or word, or sigh;
Yet it stirs in my spirit a hidden well,
And in eloquent tones of the past does tell.

It tells of a little fairy child.
That bound my heart with magic wild,
Of bright blue eyes and golden hair,
That ever shed joy and sunlight there—
Of a prattling voice, so sweet and clear,
And the tiny feet that were ever near.

It tells of hopes that with her had birth,
Deep buried now in the silent earth;
Of a heart that had met an answering tone,
That again is left alone—alone!
Of days of watching and anxious prayer—
Of a night of sorrow and dark despair.

It tells of a form that is cold and still—
Of a little mound upon yonder hill,
That is dearer far to a mother's heart
Than the classic "statues of Grecian art."
Ah, strangers may pass with a careless air,
Nor dream of the hopes that are buried there.

O ye, who have never o'er loved once-wept—
Whose brightest hopes had ne'er been swept.
Like the pure white cloud from the summer sky—
Like the wreath of mist from the mountain high,
Then melting away to its native sphere;

Like rose-leaves, loosed by the zephyr's sigh—
Like the zephyr wafting its perfume by—
Like the wave that kisses some graceful spot,
Then passes away—yet is ne'er forgot;
If like these your life-hopes have never fled,
Ye cannot know of the tears I shed

Ye cannot know what a little thing
From Memory's silent fount can bring
The voice and form that were once so dear.
Yet there *are* hearts, were they only here,
That could feel with me, when all wet with dew,
I found it this morning—this little shoe.

"Poor Crutchy."

James was a poor boy, who had lost the use of his lower limbs, and hard work to walk even with the help of two crutches. He was cut off from nearly all work and play, and his prospects for happiness and usefulness in life were very small. His parents were poor and humble, and this made his misfortune the more depressing, for he often heard that he was a burden to them. But he was a good boy, and tried to keep up a brave heart. He slowly hobbled his mile and a half to school through all kinds of weather, for he thought that if he could get a good education it would help him to be useful, he might, perhaps some time get a situation as clerk, or book-keeper, or teacher. But his hope was less than his perseverance, and he was often down hearted and sad. He greatly needed pity and help and encouragement from others. But he did not always get them.

In the same school with him was a large, strong, healthy boy of nearly the same age named Guy Sandford. His father was rich, and he was greatly indulged. He was always hopeful and daring, and full of high spirits, quite the opposite to James. He was so full of gaiety, and so bent on mirth, that he was quite thoughtless of the feelings of others, and sometimes even cruel. He had a wicked habit of nicknaming James "Crutchy," and "making fun," as he called it, at his expense. He would sometimes pretend to chase him, screaming out "now see if I can catch a greyhound!" and when the question was discussed as to the best runner among the boys, he would often bring out a hearty laugh by insisting that it was "Crutchy," and then declare that he *would* have a pair of crutches, that he might not always be outdone by him. Poor James would faintly smile at this, but for all that it stirred the great deep of sorrow in his heart, and his breast would swell with a suppressed sigh. He *could not* run. He needed not to be told it in jokes; he knew it too well. He saw the other boys run, while he sat apart smitten, palsied, wondering what the delight of running might be, when it was so painful for him even to walk. Debarred as he was from nearly all the pleasures of childhood, and loaded down with pain instead, it was sometimes hard for him to be patient and say, "It is well, for thou, O God, hast done it, Thou who dost not willingly afflict thy children! good when Thou givest, supremely good when Thou deniest!"

One day when Guy was unusually full of spirits, he played a very mean trick upon James. James was bending over his desk hard at work at his sums; his crutches were leaning against his chair. Guy obtained permission of the teacher to speak with him about his lessons, and while standing by him engaged in talk, cunningly contrived to insert some bent pins in the worn armpieces of James' crutches, so that the points projected above the surface. The time soon came for James to take his place in the class for recitation. He grasps his crutches and places them under his arms—a scream of anguish, and he sinks back into his chair, pale and trembling. What a commotion then! "What's the matter?" "who did it?" is asked on every hand. Some looked terrified, some pitiful, others smile and try to find something amusing in the scene. Guy looks very sage and sober and tries to enjoy the matter, but the fun is not what he expected. It does not pay; and he begins to dread his punishment. Poor James! how he suffered! not only from the extreme torture of the moment, but from embarrassment at being the cause of so much excitement, the object of so much attention, and still more at the thought that any one would treat him so unkindly. But he cherished no resentment toward Guy, though for sometime afterward, he involuntarily shrank at his approach.

Not far from the school-house was a river and in the winter when it was frozen over, the boys were accustomed to slide and skate upon it. One warm, sunny, Saturday afternoon when a large party of boys were skating there, the ice began to crack and break. It was evidently unsafe, and most of the boys made for the shore, but Guy Sandford full of excitement and reckless even to fool-hardiness, skated on, sneering at the caution of those who left the ice. "No danger! don't be cowards!" he shouted. Crack! crack! and Guy is out of sight. He has gone under. Who can save him? What can be done? God help him! A few of the boldest boys rush to the spot. Guy rises to sight. "Give us a hand boys," he screams. The boys creep as near to the edge of the ice as they dare, and reach out their hands. "Stretch out farther," screams Guy, struggling amid the water and breaking ice, and again he sinks.

"Poor Crutchy," as Guy calls him, is making his way towards his home on the road by the river bank. He sees the alarm and consternation of the boys, hears Guy's scream. He shouts with all his might, "Take my crutches!" "Reach Guy a crutch!" and throws first one and then the other toward the boys who are hastening for them, and sinks down alone in the snow by the wayside.

It was a good thought. The crutches were in season. As Guy again rose to the surface, they stretched out to him. With a desperate effort he seized one of them, but the ice on which it rested and was held broke, and it was lost. He seized the other, the ice beneath it was stronger and cold and freezing as his hands were, he managed to keep his hold, and move himself to the main ice, and at last was safe upon it. O, what a joy! What a relief to all! How could they express their gladness. For a moment all was confusion, each one telling what he saw and did, and how he felt, in the loudest and most earnest tones, and then they all united in glorifying James, till Guy himself swung up his dripping arm, and shouted, "Three cheers for Crutchy! Chrutchy forever!" and the boys gave the hurrahs with a will!

Poor James, sitting waiting alone, was nearly overcome by excitement. As the cheers reached him, the tears rolled down his cheeks, and he lifted his heart to heaven in fervent thanksgiving that he was not quite useless in the world; even through his misfortune he had helped others. His despised crutches, such wretched substitutes as they were for healthy limbs, had been better to Guy than the swiftest foot or the strongest arm. What sadness had he felt at being lame, and now what joy at saving life!

When the boys saw James sitting helpless in the snow, they thought of his crutches, and some of them ran to find them. They brought the one which had saved Guy; the other had floated under the broken ice, and was lost. What was to be done? James could not walk a step unless he had both. It was but a moment, and two noble boys had grasped him firmly about his waist, and with his arms wound around their necks, were bearing him on his way. Cold and wet as Guy was, he walked beside them, declaring that though he had often said he meant to have a pair of crutches, he did not dream that he should have such extreme need of them, and so soon.

Poor "Crutchy" was now the hero of the school. The teacher came to his desk to take him by the hand, and ask God's blessing on him while the tears ran down his face. The boys could not do enough for him. They loaded him with their choicest dainties, apples and nuts and candies, and crowded around to hear him talk, delighted with his company. Guy's father sent him a pair of the nicest crutches by the hand of Guy, and I am glad to tell you that when he gave them to him, he had to choke from his emotion before he could say, "I've long wanted to tell you, James, how mean I've thought it was in me to stick those pins in your crutches, and to ask forgiveness. Shake hands with me now, James and help me to forget it, and I'll be a man hereafter."

Guy was learning from James how excellent is the Great Master's command, "Render unto none evil for evil, but follow that which is good."
—*Congregationalist.*

Temperance.

Twenty Reasons for Abstaining from Intoxicating Liquors.

1. Because Ale, Porter, Gin, Rum, Brandy, &c., all contain a *spirit* which is calculated to derange the human system.

2. Because *none* of these drinks, as an habitual beverage, are ever useful, but always injurious to persons in health, and many professing Christians, both young and old, have been ruined by them.

3. Because drunkenness is a besetting sin, and leads to idleness, quarreling, swearing, fighting, stealing, adultery, murder, and almost every other sin, and finally to ETERNAL MISERY.

4. Because drinking produces poverty, bankruptcy, destruction of property, loss of reason, disease, and premature death.

5. Because a great deal of valuable time, labor, and capital, are worse than wasted upon making, vending and using these drinks.

6. Because above *seventy millions of money*, being more than the whole revenue, are annually expended upon them in the United Kingdom, which ought to be laid out in food and manufactures.

7. Because nearly *sixty millions* of bushels of good grain are annually destroyed in this Christian land to make those liquors, while the markets are high and many of the poor are starving,

8. Because intemperance obstructs the progress of civilization, education, the religion of Jesus and every useful reform.

9. Because abstinence is sure and safe, but drinking *moderately* is dangerous, and has led to all the drunkenness in the world.

10. Because I find I can not effectually warn the drunkard, or set him an example, unless I am myself an *entire abstainer.*

11. Because I like to join those who are exerting themselves to promote the temporal and spiritual reformation and happiness of man.

12. Because it is important to set a safe example of perfect sobriety to our children, friends and associates.

13. Because it is our Christian duty to *deny ourselves*, even of lawful things, to promote the happiness of others.

14. Because while millions, in time and eternity have repented of drinking, *not one* ever repented of abstaining.

15. Because, while no blessing is pronounced upon drinking, God's approval is frequently recorded in favor of *abstinence.*—(see Jer. XXXV.; Luke i. 15; Rom. xiv. 21; Prov. xx. 1.)

16. Because I should be ashamed to touch, taste, or handle, or keep in my house, the article which is filling the land with *disipation, vice, poverty, misery, lamentation, and woe.*

17. Because *total abstinence*, as a human instrument, will cure the drunkard, and prevent the moderate drinker from becoming such.

18. Because I find myself, by abstaining, *healthier, wealthier*, and *happier*, and better fitted to perform my duty to God and man.

19. Because total abstinence removes one great stumbling-block to the reception of the Gospel of Christ in the heart.

20. Because it will enable me, through grace, to devote more of my time and property to promote the temporal and spiritual welfare of my fellow sinners, and the glory of the Great Jehovah.

Tobacco Smoking.

As a habit it is most injurious both to the physical and mental organism in the early periods of life. Whatever may be said for or against tobacco, this is quite certain, that it should never be indulged in until the body is fully developed. During the early periods of life, when the youth is approaching to his manhood, all the physical and mental energies are at their full stretch to attain a certain maximum of growth and power. To throw obstacles, therefore, in the way of this development is necessarily to inflict on it a penalty which is life enduring, and is never made up; and I do not think the anti-tobacconists are saying a word too much when they urge that the increasing indulgence by our children and youths in the use of tobacco is stunting the national growth, deforming the national life, degrading the national intellect, and establishing a race which must necessarily possess a limited force, and transmit its own degradation to the next and the next generation. If, indeed, there is one point upon which parental authority should be exercised, it is, I think, in forbidding the use of tobacco until the child has become a full-grown man and is capable of exercising his own independent and manly judgment.

Agriculture.

Nails, Nuts, Screws, and Bolts.

One of the component parts of a good farmer is mechanical ingenuity. Some lose half a day's valuable time, for want of knowing how to repair a breakage, which an ingenious person could do in five minutes. A team and two or three men are sometimes stopped a whole day, at a critical season, for want of a little mechanical skill.

It is well for every farmer to have at hand the facilities for repairing. In addition to the more common tools, he should keep a supply of nails of different sizes, screws, bolts and nuts. Common cut nails are too brittle for repairing implements, or for other similar purposes. Buy only the very best and anneal them, and they will answer all the ordinary purposes of the best wrought nails. To anneal them, all that is necessary is to heat them red hot in a common fire, and cool gradually. Let them cool, for instance, by remaining in the fire while it burns down and goes out. One such nail, well clinched, will be worth half a dozen unannealed.

Nothing is more common than for a farmer to visit the blacksmith shop to get a broken or lost bolt or rivet inserted, and often a single nut on a bolt. This must be paid for, and much time is lost. By providing a supply of bolts, nuts and rivets, much time and trouble may be saved. They may be purchased wholesale at a low rate.

These should all be kept in shallow boxes, with copartments made for the purpose, furnished with a bow handle, for convenience in carrying them. One box, with half a dozen divisions, may be appropriated to nails of different sizes; and another with as many compartments, to screws, bolts, rivets, &c.

Every farmer should keep on hand a supply of copper wire, and small pieces of sheet copper or copper straps. Copper wire is better than annealed iron wire; it is most as flexible as twine, and may be bent and twisted as desired; and it will not rust. Copper straps nailed across, or around a fracture or split in any wooden article, will strengthen it in a through manner.—*Annual Register of Rural Affairs.*

Mulching.

Many persons are not aware of the advantages to be derived from the practice of mulching or covering the surface of the soil with some sort of litter through the growing season. There are many substances suitable, but some are much better than others. The dead, dry grass that may be raked from the lawns about the house, is the best material we have ever used. It is fine and soft, and lies so close that the wind does not blow it about, nor allow weeds to grow up through it. A thorough hoeing about pear trees or grape vines in the spring, followed by a mulch of this dead grass will not only keep weeds down but keep the ground in a moist condition. Under these circumstances, the tree or vines will make a steady even growth, and be well sustained throughout the whole season, if the soil is rich and loose. Last season we had about 100 pear trees hoed in April and mulched with this grass, and scarcely a weed appeared through it during the summer. The soil under it was kept moist and light, and the trees not only bore a fine crop but made a good growth The soil, however, was rich, and the spaces between planted with beans and kept well cultivated. Old hay, straw, brush cut fine, sawdust, or tan bark will answer the purpose. Meadow muck is also excellent where the land is light.—*N. E. Farmer.*

Relieving Choked Cattle.

I noticed in a late number of the *Farmer*, a piece headed "Relieving Choked Cattle." Now I will give you my method, which may be already known to many of your readers, viz: Take a rind of pork about three inches square, and tie it firmly over the end of a smooth straight stick with the flesh side out. This forms a kind of swab that may be forced down the animal's throat without injury, at least it has always proved so with me.

But a preventive is better than a cure. Cattle may be prevented from being choked when fed on potatoes, apples, or anything of the kind, by simply tying their head down to the stanchion so they cannot raise it upon a level with their body. This prevents anything from accidentally slipping down their throats, which is the cause of cattle getting choked; not by attempting to swallow that which is too large. Cattle when treated as above described, will eat just as well, and without the least danger of getting choked. I have tried it several years, and have never known it to fail. It is worth trying.—*Maine Farmer.*

Starting Strawberries in Pots.

Strawberry plants, if well rooted in pots in July or August, may be put out in beds any time before the ground freezes and produce a fair crop the following season; the earlier they are put out the better of course, as it gives a longer time for the plants to grow, and form large crowns, which will throw out a number of fruit-stalks the next season. One advantage of setting out plants rooted in pots is that they rarely ever fail to grow, and consequently need not to be replanted, which involves considerable time lost in the actual growth of the plant, besides the trouble of replanting, watering, etc. Another object gained is, that they rapidly advance in growth, and are not put back by transplanting, which is always the case with those planted in the ordinary way; nor are they so much affected by drouth. The greatest advantage is, that while those planted in the ordinary way produce little fruit the next season, except under very favorable circumstances, those in pots yield a fair crop, and more than repay the extra labor in the greater amount of fruit. Mr. C. S. Pell, of the New York Orphan Asylum, starts strawberries in pots very successfully. He takes three inch pots, fills them with good soil, and places them in the strawberry bed—one under each joint on the runners—and small stones are put on to hold them in place. The earth in the pots is well watered, and in about three weeks he has strong, well-rooted plants, which may be turned out into the ground without checking the growth. If the pots are sunk in the soil of the bed, the earth will not dry out so fast and less water will be required. This plan offers many advantages to amatures and cultivators on the small scale, or for home use.—*American Agriculturist.*

STEEPING BARLEY.—A writer in the *Homestead* recommends that seed barley should be steeped before sowing in a solution of copperas or blue vitriol, the same as is often done for wheat, and then rolled in plaster enough to dry it. He says it has the effect of giving it a rapid start, and makes it come up strong and dark colored. He thinks the benefit equal to ten extra loads of manure per acre.

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