And into joy our sorrows turn.

Simon, when travelling on his way,
But little knew what blessing lay.
Betwixt him and his journey's end,
Summoned his Saviour to befriend.
Perchance some thought of envy springs
When we are borne on fancy's wings
To the stern steep of Calvary,
And Simon we are fain to be,
So blest to bear the cross for Thee!
But when vain Fancy's pinions tire,
Oh, let not this foud thought expire;
For Thou dost meet us on life's hill,
And summon us to aid Thee still.
In each poor pilgrim whom we meet,
With fainting heart and bleeding feet,
In sorrow sitting on the ground,
The Lord we love may still be found.
If to the parched lip we bring
Fresh water from the gushing spring,
Lend to the sick some kind relief,
Or dry the hidden source of grief,
Unto the hungry furnish food,
Or ope the cell where gloom doth brood,
Pour in a flood of glorious light
And put despatring thoughts to flight,—
Thou, Lord, hast given us to know
Mercy to Thee in them we shew;
And when our hearts' o'efflow with love,
And we out tenderness would prove,
The first pale sufferer on our road. Groaning beneath affliction's load, Doth call us on that favoured day To help our Saviour on his way.

LIFE IN THE PRAIRIE LAND. (From Sharpe's Magazine.)

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There is a large creek about four miles away; and on this the lone woman hangs her last faint hope.-The wind will not befriend her, and she can only hope that the waters may arrest the flame. Hapless woman! she little knew the strength of the devastating demon that was let loose that night! A slender thread of water to separate her from such a surging sea of flame! But if it did not protect her, what then? If the last extremity came, what should she do? She could have but a few moments to deliberate, after the dreadful foe crossed this line. Bewildered, almost stupified, by the terrors of her condition, she had not waked her children. She had contemplated their dreadful fate alone, almost in silence, and with little action, after conviction that to leave the house was even more certain death than to remain.

Now, when the time grew short, and the hot breath of her relentless foe rushed fiercely around her, she she woke them with difficulty, and with much more died away, and, spite of the horrors of her condition, brought them to comprehend the danger that awaited them. One lively boy enjoyed the spectacle, and resist. Her eyelids drooped, and her shivering body clapped his hands, and almost maddened his mother swayed slightly to and fro, when the smouldering ends by rushing out to get a fairer view of the wonderful of the logs tumbled into a new position, and sent upscene. But where was the dog?—the noble dog who ward a volume of shining, crackling sparks, which was her only intelligent friend in this fearful time?— roused her sinking energies, and braced her for another Her quick mind had counted on his protection in hour's watching. At last the darkness became procase she should escape and were shelterless. But foundly silent! Save the steady pressure of the wind, where was he? She stepped to the door; the light not a sound was heard. The nocturnal wanderers He was nowhere to be seen! She made the woods nature to the undisputed reign of night. Chilled, and

way, like an infuriated demon, up the plain. A few vigil to the faithful dog. minutes must decide her fate; she fell on her knees. and commended herself and her hapless babes to the mercy of God; and then rose calm and collected for diminishing; the sun was up, but he looked coldly the event. She had not, hitherto, contemplated the wonderful scene apart from the dangers with which it was fraught: but now, for the first time, she was struck with its grandeur and sublimity. It was an mounting, roaring, cracking, and sending up columns of black smoke, which as they rose became rarer, and rising still higher, were reilluminated so as to appear another devouring demon sweeping the heavens .-Mercy and hope seemed alike cut off by its angry glare. The fiery wall shut out the world behind; except occasionally, when a blast cleft it, it opened upon a black chasm that looked like the funeral vault

Scarcely had she taken this brief survey, and noted the nearer approach of the flame, when the dog came bounding to her side, and, with the most earnest petitions, sought her attention without the door. She followed him a few steps, scarcely thinking what she did, but, finding nothing, and seeing him making ra- with difficulty removed from their firm hold upon the the door, and sat down before the window to watch to still the cries that pierced her heart. And when the progress of the fire. In an instant he was there there was no farther hope, and her limbs tottered bepawing, whining, howling, and, by every means in his neath her, and strange racking pains wrung her worn the door to admit him, he bounded through the

"Merciful God! what have you done! we shall all be consumed-there is no hope now!" He stood at her feet; the strong intelligence of his face fascinated her eye in spite of the danger. What could he mean? In an instant the sagacity of his instinct joy by every sign in his power. They gain the fence rator whom his father would find, should he ever re-

"Merciful Saviour, what an escape!" In a few minutes the flames are beseiging the house; the logs covered with dry bark are but a morsel in their fierce jaws; the hay-stack takes fire, and communicates to the rest of the cabin, and while the great volume of the fire sweeps among the trees and over the plain, it leaves the heavier materials to be consumed more slowly. Long did the light of the burning home, therefore, blight the eye of the lone woman after the " prairie fire" had done its worst around her and gone, bearing ruin and devastation to the northern plains and groves. Worn out by the terrors of the night, she sank into the semblance of sleep on the naked earth, among her babes, with her faithful protector crouched at her feet.

She woke in the morning to the dread reality, which had been briefly forgotten, but which now broke with stunning force upon her senses. Her children The cold rain was pouring steadily down, and twilight were chilled and hungry. The spot where their late seemed to her faint eyes to be creeping over the earth. pleasant hearthside shone was a heap of mouldering A pleasant sound was ringing in her ears, but either it brands and blackened ashes, with which the morning were toying in merry passtime. There was neither food nor shelter! and when she rose to her feet and rise, but fell senseless. Once again her eyes opened, looked out upon the plain, its strange appearance and this time it was no illusion. The eldest of her startled her. It seemed more boundless than ever, little watchers was shouting in her ear, "Mother, I see and the blackness of desolation broaded over it. It father's waggon!" And there indeed it was, close at was clean shorn of every blade of vegetation, and appeared, within the last few hours, to have been blighted day it had been toiling across the black prairie! The

scarcely redeem it. she had not seen another since they left the last set- of the cow, and this was impossible. More alarmed tlement. To seek shelter or bread, therefore, from and excited as he advanced, he was still obliged to re- Gold and Silver bought.

others was impossible. Her only resource was to strain his intense feelings, and accommodate his prosearch the wasted wood and plain for roots and nuts, gress to the slow motion of the tired cattle. Night or whatever might be left to support life, till her hus- drew on before the desolation of his home was revealed band's return. The fire of her cabin would warm her to him. shivering babes for one or two days at least, and if help came not then, she must trust herself to the mer- vered the house, but all was a level waste! Unable cies of a journey over the black desert.

Bending her steps, therefore, towards the smouland set out with the generous dog to search the grove and of those that were left upon the ground, few had his calamities. escaped the consuming flames of the previous night.

Occasionally she found one sheltered by a decayed dying wife! and all, all gone wherewith to administer

the wide, black plain! She had no need to look so earnestly, for the most careless glance would have revealed the white cover of the waggon if it had been moving over the dark surface. Noon passed, and brought no signal of mercy. She could see the brown brought no signal of mercy. She could see the brown prayers for her dear children and their father, she regrouse wheeling his short, swift flight from place to from the western sky. place; but this was all. Another night of dreadful She had begged that her tomb might he made on

while, with her noble dog, she sat down to watch their slumbers.

small prairie wolf, and once or twice her very blood prairie! curdled when the shrill, dismal howl, by which the large grey wolf summons his neighbours for an attack, resounded over the bleak waste! The night was ut-Her eyes would not warn her of an enemy within three yards; and as often as she peered into the darkness at every new sound, the faithful dog would nestle to she could tell.

The cold winds howled around her thinly clad frame, addressed herself rapidly to the care of her little ones; and chilled it to the core. The noises one by one was now strong, and revealed distinctly every object. seemed to have withdrawn to their haunts, and left ring with his name, and presently a low supplicating faint with fatigue and fasting, the lonely watcher could The fire had crossed the creek, and was tearing its shivering form close to the sleeping babes, and left the no longer preserve her watchfulness; she curled her EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BOOK AND JOB WORK

It was stupor rather than sleep that locked her faculties till the cry food recalled them. The fire was through a mass of leaden vapour that was crowding BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR. curtained with the still, sullen mass which threatened every moment to descend in rain. A few hours beunbroken line of flame, wide as the eye could reach, fore, she had thought her condition could scarcely be aggravated. But the impending storm was little less to be dreaded, in their feeble state, than the terrible foe which had exposed them to it. Her limbs were stiff and full of pain; her brain reeled, and her sight became dim, as she rose to her feet and prepared to search the grove once more for something to sustain life in her hungry children.

Her own desire for food was gone; she would have loathed the most tempting viands. But when the little ones hung upon her garments, and begged for bread, she summoned her fainting limbs to one more effort; and, taking a direction which had not been soil. The roots of these afforded a morsel wherewith body, she hastened back to the spot which still seemed home, though nought of home was there, and felt, if her hour were come, it was better to lie down and perish by those consecrated ashes, than in the cheerless wood.

A drizzling rain was falling when she reached the spot, and threatened to increase. It would be imposflashed upon her. To the ploughed field! Yes, together, she gathered her trembling little ones about there was hope, and there alone. She seized the two her knees, and, between her periods of agony, sought younger children in one arm, and almost lifting the other by her hand, she fled along the trodden path, had befallen them. She endeavoured to make the the delighted dog going before, and manifesting his eldest boy comprehend that he might be the only narunprotected faces! One or two more leaps, and the her first-born. With pallid, tearful face he promised herbless ground is gained. The fire has nothing now to do as she desired; but urged her to tell him where to feed on, and, almost faint with the sudden and certain safety, the exhausted mother drops on the ground little brothers were going with her, to leave him all

> The rain increased, and their drenched garments gave the chilling blast redoubled power. The embers hissed and blackened, and soon refused to warm the shaking group. Like the pangs of death grew the mother's agony !--as certain and relentless! And there, beside the reeking rains of her home, the black earth beneath, and the pitiless storm above-there, Residence, Sumach Cottage, Ann Street. alone, her only attendants the helpless children and the dog, who sat at her head, and seemed almost to weep over her withing form, the hapless woman gave birth to a little being whose eyes never opened to the desolation of its natal hour!

Long did the mother lie unconscious alike of the terror-stricken cries of the children and the moaning caresses of her dumb friend. The day was far advanced when her eyes opened on the dreadful scene. WATCH MAKER AND MANUFACTURING JEWELLER, was s dream, or its import had faded from her mind before it was fully grasped. She made an effort to with a curse from which the smiles of heaven could rain had softened the turf, and the wheels sank without cutting it; so that the last few miles had been With faltering steps the unhappy woman gathered inconceivably tedious. The mournful garb of the her little ones, and prepared to leave their cheerless plain had struck the hearts of both father and son with bed. But whither should they go? There was no indescribable terror. The former would have left his house within many miles. Beside her own little roof slow team and flown across it, but his son had charge

When within about a mile, he should have discolonger to endure the torture, he sprang forward, leaving the animals to follow as they chose. He flew, he dering ruins, the soothed and warmed her children, shouted, and the dog bounded to meet the well-known voice. When the boy saw the waggon, the father had for food. It was a desperate pilgrimage: most of just left it, so that even as he repeated the joyful tithe nuts and fruits in the vicinity of the house had dings, the stricken man stood over them, half-stupified been gathered and deposited in the loft for winter use: by the effort to comprehend the nature and extent of

log or a heavy clump of grass, which the fire in its even the decent ceremonies of such a period. Oh, haste had not stopped to devour. But they were how bitterly his heart cursed the day when he trusted rare, and she had three mouths to feed beside her own! the treacherous beauty that invited him there! He A scanty meal was, however, obtained, and she re- raised the dying woman in his arms; the seal was on turned to the fire. The warmth relieved their suffer- her glazing eye, and the faint fluttering at her wrist ings more effectually than the coarse morsel they had foretold the last and worst that could befall him!eaten. The little ones wondered where the house Slowly, word by word, she told her agonizing tale .was, but rejoiced in the great pile of burning logs, and He threw his garments over her, and wiped the rainafter a little time, the mother had the happiness of drops from her face, and drew her to his heart. But seeing them forget their hunger in some merry games. the cold dew returned, and told that storm or shelter Long and intensely this day did her eyes dwell on would soon be the same to her! He prayed her forthe wide, black plain! She had no need to look so giveness, and with wild, incoherent words, accused deer leaping timidly over the scorched waste, and the signed her breath, just as the last light was fading

solitude, exposed to cold and hunger, and to the starved the site of the burned cabin. And there, when he wolf! shelterless, weaponless-the dog their only had watched two days and nights by her unsheltered corpse, and hewn a rough coffin to receive her and her During the day she had found a few of the ground- untimely babe, she was deposited. The grave was a nuts, which grew quite abundantly in the edge of the rude hollow, scraped with sticks and the hands of the grove; with these she fed her little ones; and parting widowed husband and his sons. The preparations with nearly all her clothing, wrapped them in the scant were completed, and the dead lowered on the aftercovering; and with pleasant words, while her heart noon of the second day. At midnight a troop of was bursting, soothed them to sleep, and laid them on famished wolves attacked the holy spot, and but for the charred turf to the windward of the smoking pile, the rifle of the busband, would have torn its sacred contents from their rude repose. The next day he felled the nearest trees, and laid them in the form of At intervals, for several hours, the winds bore to a vault on the spot. And this it is which greets the her aching ears, the short querulous barking of the traveller's eye so many miles away on the untenanted

The grove has since retired and left the tomb alone -a bold and solitary mark on the high line of the horizon. The plain below is still unchanged. It is terly black. Beyond the little circle, faintly lighted the same rich green expanse in summer; the same by the wasting embers, nothing could be discerned .- bleak howling waste in winter. It is now skirted with farms under the edge of the woodlands.

One cabin has sprung up in its midst, on the bank she had opened the door, and was overpowered by the her side and lick her hand, and turn his intelligent Its door is gone, and the rough planks which made of the stream. But it is forsaken and dilapidated .eyes towards hers with an expression of sympathy and the floor have been used as fuel by emigrants who onfidence that cheered her solitary vigil more than have encamped near it. Its small cellar yawns dismally in the face of the curious traveller who looks within.

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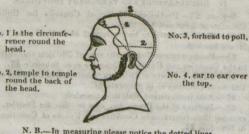
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