

TURNER'S FATHER.

Turner, the great English artist, was the son of a barber. After he had attained fame and wealth, his father remained with him, living in his studio, his most intimate friend. On one occasion, it is stated a large and brilliant party was examining Turner's pictures in the studio, when the scent of broiling chops filled the room, and a dirty old man thrust his head in at a back door, with,—

"There's a burnin'! If ye don't come, them'll be spiled!"

"I cannot go now, sir. My father, gentlemen," said Turner, as calmly and respectfully as though the sire he presented had been a royal duke.

Any temptations to ridicule was quelled by his unconscious dignity.

Another fine trait of the great painter is hinted at in a story recently told of him by Ruskin in a lecture at Edinburgh. His picture of "Cologne" cost him years of thought and study. It had an exquisite golden sky when brought to the Exhibition, in 1826. On the evening of varnishing day, a friend, passing through the room in which it was hung, was dismayed to find the sky a dull dun tint. He hastened to find Turner.

"What has happened to your picture?" he demanded.

"Oh, poor Lawrence's portraits were hung at either side, and it killed them. He was very unhappy. I gave the sky a coat of lampblack. It will all wash off after the exhibition."

The story is true, but unselfish generosity is so rare among artists that Ruskin states he never told it to but one man who believed it. The action lives, and is helpful and fine to thousands who never will see the golden sky of the picture.—*Youth's Companion*.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

A few weeks ago in the city a poor widow died, leaving one child, a little lame boy, to the cold charities of the world.

After his mother's funeral the little fellow was taken ill from the combined results of grief and neglect, and it was then evident that he would soon be united with his only friend.

He was left alone most of the day, there being no one who could spare time to stay with him. It was often noticed that the voices of two persons could be heard in his little room. But when those in charge entered he would be alone and apparently asleep.

One day they listened, being quite sure that no one was with the child, and they overheard this strange monologue:

"Is you right there, mamma?"

"Yes, my little boy, I is rite here."

"Was you went away yet?"

"I went back to heaven to tell God about my little boy."

"Did you was afraid, mamma?"

"No my little boy, 'cause God is nicer'n people."

"Did you told him about me, mamma?"

"I tolded him I had a little boy named Harry—an'an—"

There was a loud noise of sobbing then, and the listener without cried too. Presently the child's voice resumed:

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