

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

A VISION OF JUDGMENT.

sat alone with my conscience. In a place when time had ceased, And we talked of our former living. In the land where the years increased, And I felt I should have to answer, The question it put to me. And to face the answer and question Throughout an eternity.

TESTED.

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"What a blessed thing it is to be born good tempered!" said bustling little Mrs. West to me one day as she came in to call in the precious hours of the morning when I could all spare the time. Women have such a way of bringing in their work and visiting, as though the time of some other woman might not be exceedingly valuable to them.

ed to me the loveliest place on earth. ground was broken over against it for a house. We wondered who was to build it; but the owner of the lot was a stranger. He was a handsome man, of fine physique, kind to his workmen, and yet with a well-bred air that commanded respect. There came with him usually a girl of six and a boy perhaps a year younger. They were both curly-haired, gleeful little things, who tumbled over the stones that lay scattered about, chattered among the workmen, or danced along the green grass.

The gorgeous dresses, the music and lights, dazzled me. I went home to my lodgings fascinated, carried out of myself. How mean and poor was my little bedroom, and what a dreary monotony of life mine was, plodding in a shop to learn a trade! Trade, profession, occupation, business—all was tame, slow, groveling, compared with the glorious, the grand, the bewildering pursuit of the actor. Again and again I enjoyed the delicious enchantment, and fully determined that I must be an actor—I must strut my hour upon the stage. I envied the poor stick who came on to remove the tables and chairs, the poor, despised supple; even the door-keeper was an object of interest.

I brought this power to bear on Horace by introducing him to two of our young men. I knew that if they took him in hand he would be all right. I have heard our minister say that these two young men were pillars on which he leaned. I do not wonder that he says so. The bright, cordial smile that plays over their faces, the hearty words they speak, the warm grasp of the hand they give, are worth everything to him. There is nothing for a moment long-faced or sanctimonious about them—the very sunlight of cheerfulness and manliness gleams from every feature. They speak about religion and of Christ the Saviour just as naturally as they do of other things, and in such a way that the idea of cant does not occur to you in connection with them. You see them to be men, every inch of them, of dignity and force and life.

tenth body was incinerated. Four or five other cremations have been performed in the United States, and undoubtedly they will grow more numerous as furnaces are established.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

A BIRD STORY.

It's strange how little boys' mothers, Can find it all out as they do. If a fellow does anything naughty, Or says anything that's not true! They'll look at you just a moment Till your heart in your bosom swells, And then they know all about it— For a little bird tells!

JOHNNY'S PRAYER.

"O Lord, take care of me during the night, and when I get up in the morning I will take care of myself." These are the very words of a prayer that little Johnny Hall offered one night just before going to bed. When he was a mere baby, or at least just as soon as he could talk, he had learned to say: "Now I lay me, at night, and 'Our Father which art in heaven,' in the morning. As he grew older and could understand more, he was taught to add a little prayer in his own words, for just the things that he desired, and this was the prayer that he added that night.

CREMATION.

The state of cremation to-day is one of progress. Abroad most of the large cities have societies, and several have erected crematories in their public cemeteries. The January number of the Scientific American of this year has a cut of the Doric Cremation Temple in the Milan Cemetery, illustrative of the Gorina furnace there in use. Cremation has been legalized in Italy since March, 1877, and has been practiced at Milan and Padua. There are several crematories in Germany, and incineration has been performed at Breslau, Dresden, Gotha and other places.

the load was ready. So away he ran like a steam engine, and rushed upon the foot-pole with a whoop across lost his balance and fell into the creek. Perhaps, as before intimated, if he had had the use of both eyes this would not have happened. (Cut as it was, he would certainly have been drowned if one of the hay-makers had not heard his shout, and looking up just as the boy fell, ran to the rescue. Johnny was taken out unharmed, and sent to the house a wetter if not a wiser boy.

1. "I have read," etc. is used first to assure Moses brought to character of was endowed mission. shall be used in a spokesman probable through-out, even. "I will be the well-known physiologist son is said permits to other actions being done. Pharaoh's purpose: but the effect of behati was so and had passion terminated to that every s him the Israel him harder arise in his v duecy by The fact, it hardened his What was true of other ally had a speaks to us, and wonder more. Even ane of God's ing off c. 2. The first was instruct plagues. It auracy comp supernatural ter were per turning the r appet back wrought to then it was m ority to the Pharaoh. But as now much other Eastern es; and the Pharaoh stum more. But the serpens by t marvel they w was a great Aaron, and ut orful impressi Pharaoh's be ened, and he began with wh great and dr plagues has be and is suffici were, no doubt by then which view in their a noted that the some object among the E, signed to produ Egyptians and impression of gods in which t 3. There are t imitations of t which the magi to produce. Generally adopt there every elev will commonly b it may have s India are m more wonderful time was given preparations for spectators, who anxious for th ore, the more e The other the expressed by is in that—as th been the true G which, whatever ere, in reality, e sorship—the pov their assistance t tians. There c on this. The cou tian was likely were on behalf a strictly limit on reached at v killed and defeat tions. It should be no circles of Moses the magicians did ows them. One at the most nat take if they e claimed. Bo the poor imitati on. If they b during the land, the accomplishd their gods and t and only produc al miracle which when, under o lie awarued o ing, so that it a space for t only confes knowledge the fi had from Sunda The British pe and document, 1,000,000 invest the world, dave per cent, or ab