## The Family.

#### SUMMER

No price is set on the lavish summer ; No price is set on the latter summer; June may be had by the poorest comer and what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever come perfect days, Then heaven trees the earth, if it be in tune, and over it selfits her warm ear lays. Whether we look, or whether we listen, We hear life insumur, or see it glisten. I very clod feels a stir of might.

An instinct within it that reaches and towers An instinct within it that reaches and tower And, groping blindly above it, for light, climbs to a soul in grass and flowers. The flush of life may well be seen Thulling back over hills and valleys: The cowsip startles in meadows green. The buttereup catches the sun in its chalice, and there a prer a leaf nor a blade too mea And there a never a leaf nor a blade too mean To be some happy creature's palace.
We may shut our eyes, but we cannot help knowing.
That skies are clear and grass is growing.

The breeze comes whispering in our ear, That dandelions are blossoming near, That the river is bluer than the sky.

That the robin is plastering his house hard by

—James Russels Lowell

### THE THEATRE AND PUBLIC MORALS.

THE gentleman who chooses to be known as Mr. Henry Irving has been making frequent speeches of late on the subject of the stage. We have no call to question Mr. Irving's right to speak every claim to be listened to on the town, nameless in my story, was pecus special art which he adorns. Nor have we any wish to detract from that gentleman's remarkable success, or his protleman's remarkable success, or his proWalking in one part of its territory,
Walking in one part of its territory, fessional character as the foremost ex- where, surrounding the green campus, ponent of tragic drama. But Mr. Ir the college buildings lifted their stately ving has been doing much more than fronts, the visitor was aware of a tranexpound the histrionic art or give peeps quil atmosphere, disturbed peroidically behind the scenes. Indeed, he care-fully avoids that mysterious region of base-ball and tennis players; jet the known as behind the curtain. He had actor's trade. And being encouraged by the approbation and applicates, while all day the hum of spin-some Church of England divines, and clouds, while all day the hum of spin-the silence of most public moralists, dles and the white of looms told their hand spin-spin the silence of most public moralists, dles and the white of looms told their hand spin-spin told the spin told their hand spin told their hand spin told the spin told their hand spin told the spin the silence of most public moralists, dles and the whitr of looms told their in their own winsome way not a clean tall of anxious industry. About the pane of glass, and gained it. The clean tall of anxious industry. About the pane of glass, and gained it. The clean pane was the entering wedge. Mrs. The father had made a struggle to of the operatives, and, fringing these, Jenner observed it, and mentally thank-overcome his besetting sin; the home one of the best institutions in existence of the operatives, and, fringing these, amongst us. He had previously pro-like tatters on the edge of a garment, nounced the stage to be a fine educa were the saloons, which did their best nounced the stage to be a fine educa were the saloons, which did their nest moon would control to rob the workingman of his wages, ribbon made Lucy happy and amiable. In the window was multiplied by a tional thing; he now pronounces it to rob the workingman of his wages, ribbon made Lucy happy and amiable. In the window was multiplied by a dozen. The boys were all learning be one of the best moral and religious and break the hearts of his wife and

the plot the cillain is punished, and because of evident failure.

"The Greshams are hopeless," said was Mrs. Jenner determined, God helpwe also admit. But that is a very one member, pushing back his specwe also admit. But that is a very small part of the question. The question is not—is there a moral tendency in some plays; but, is the theatre, as conducted, a help towards public more conducted, a help towards public more conducted. A help towards public more conducted a least of the pushing plack in some plays; but it hasn't. Betty Whitney's home and growing worse weekly. Whitney's home and growing wo conducted, a neip towards public morality and religion? This is the imperious question. As for religion, we fear our notion of religion and Mr. Henry Irving's notion differ so materially it would be hopeless to argue that question. But at least we may have question. But at least we may have some common ground on the subject some common ground on the subject low." of public morals. Does theatre-going the properties of public morals. Does theatre-going the public morals the public morals the public morals. Does theatre-going the public morals the public morals the public morals the public morals. Does theatre-going the public morals t

the knell of Duncan, and a woman with a real bedroom candle pretending to walk in her guilty sleep and wash the "For that matter, He has long-suffering was look worse than any in the solution of the same of the knell of Duncan, and a woman with basis, Mrs. Lucas," remonstrated Deamower will rust if it isn't used, to say nothing of its being a shame that our thousands have been who were not dress and scenery, a real bell sounding stain from her guilty hands? Such for the worst of us miserable sinners. lawn should look worse than any in the persons are either very innocent or self-blinded. The word theatre covers yet, though I confess I don't see what and take charge of Frisk, and see to the much more than all that; theatre-go- more we can do." ing puts us in for many things that A silence fell upon the committee. prudently out of sight.

in commercial failure. The moral play whole, wore an air of relief, and, leav- His name."

are the most attractive and pay the best. Then there is the company in such places, the people our young man finds himself among. Are there not often such characters, male and female, as it would be better for him not to meet or toknow of? Then again wehave might cuff and scold the older chil-lafter prayer meeting—"please find some time. In their finature than the root of thruit, has never the worken acopy of the Point Gazette, which is the root of thruit, has never the wolves were on her track.

Swiftly ran Betty with a sobbing the cuffer their minds. This being the state of affairs with the cultivated, it is only following their example.

"Mr. Lester"—Mrs. Jenner address-the pack of hungry wolves in full cry after her. In their flashing eyes and among the branches for apples. Is it only following their example.

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The workmen of the first minds.

The workmen of a fair minds.

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to reckon the influences of lights, late dren, she was womanly enough still to one else to take my class. I am going the middle class, or rather—for the re- limb from limb as ravenously as they now an unwholesome animal excitement. Into this unattractive nest.

Drawing him aside, she told him or men keep the boyishness of spirit very Soon the ability of the limb from limb as ravenously as they mark is not true of the women—their did the lambs that fell in their way.

claims for it, a public school of morals and a religious institution. Meantime,

#### ONE WOMAN'S WAY.

children.

is just a little too much; and in the interests of morality and religion, and for
the sake of our Christian readers, we
enter our decided protest against such
the people of the college quarter and
the people of the town. The churches
teaching. Our younger friends may be
led to listen to the voice of this charmer, or they may wish to know what
the religion, and for
the Samaritans, equally as remote from
intercourse, and alien in feeling, were
the college quarter and
the people of the town. The churches
went from one tradesman to another
tent fashion, to bridge the gulf, but
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cious, was Mrs. Jenner's next object of
attack. She prayed over that boy; she
went from one tradesman to another
trying to obtain work for him; she listo beg. One woman's way of helping
tened with patience while his mother,
had, in this case, borne good fruit.—
The Congregationality the religious Press has to say in reply, and they failed to get into the inner life the mendicant whine in her voice, beand we are not afraid to answer, nor have we any misgiving in the matter.

That some plays are intellectual expanding of the outsiders, to whom their interest sought Mrs. Jenner to clothe the lad came with a half-unconscious tone of decently. Fortunitely Mrs. Jenner to clothe the lad came with a half-unconscious tone of decently. Fortunitely Mrs. Jenner to clothe the lad came with a half-unconscious tone of decently. Fortunitely Mrs. Jenner to clothe the lad came with a half-unconscious tone of decently. ercises of a high kind, every reader of are more sensitive than the poor The "Hamlet" knows and acknowledges charity organization did better, and still, cordially. That some plays are moral, when the year's work came up for estiin the sense that in the unfolding of mate, there was always disappointment and answered her curtly when she sur-

Mr. Irwing and other apologists keep It was broken by a clear, bell-like voice young man deserves." udently out of sight.

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Whatever the theatre might be, we circle. She was the youngest person Whatever the theatrs might be, we circle. She was the youngest person If he had a passion for anything it was have only to deal with it as it is. Many present, blue-eyed as a haby, with wavy, wise men have wished that there might be a pure stage, so that this popular from shell pink to blush rose as she a pure stage, so that this popular modestly said; "I will take the Gressian of the horse, then went to for horses, and to take care of Mrs. portion do not begin the process until known how of a wolf. With the last ten years of their working though that somebody's sheepfold was modestly said; "I will take the Gressian to suffer this ful stories of the poverty in which edu
The had a passion for anything it was person it and a mile was passed in saicty, examination of the horse, then went to for horses, and to take care of Mrs. Jenner's portion do not begin the process until known how of a wolf. With the last ten years of their working the last ten years amusement might be a power for good. modestly said; "I will take the Gress gone through an personal full stories of the poverty in which eduon for another quarter of a mile, when and now see." The boys looked and But the beneficent magician has never hams for next year, Mr. Unairman, net trusty on Concumum, the desired respected to work the desired respected to the respected to

Mr. Irving justice, he deplores this, and all her courage. The home was unlike ally one or the girs, when instantational temperament not has tried to remedy it; and, by his own any she had ever seen. No word exhas tried to remedy it; and, by his own any she had ever seen. No word exremarkable gifts, combined with lavish cept "squalor" was sufficient to degift of some kind friend, would, for a
to dread old age until it is close at
small log house scarcely a quarter of a
sometimes one foot, and
to dread old age until it is close at
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sometimes another would be held up,
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The st expenditure on scenery and accessories, scribe the kind of shameless, out-at-thehe has succeeded in attracting respectale ble people to witness respectable pieces.

I contain of two, in the negligouinous of the strength must last until it has disbut which might afford shelter, discovered, but after a time they found but as a rule this lasted only until the speared. More than half of the savbut which might afford shelter, discovered, but after a time they found but as a rule this lasted only until the speared. More than half of the savbut which might afford shelter, discovered, but after a time they found but as a rule this lasted only until the speared. Whether she were pursued or not, it that the lameness did not continue bonnet or gown had lost its freshness. ble people to witness respectable pieces. ed itself in the rents and tears of the out as a full that leaves the general stage frowzy mother's gown, in the dirty floors bonnet or gown had lost its freshness. lings of the saving class are made be would do no harm to run as far as there, after Major had been led out to do the But all that leaves the general stage prowzy mothers gown, in the dirty major had been led out to do the where it was, and the general theatre, and windows, the broken chairs, the was as ready for a even later still; while there are men in tance was accomplished were all the distance was accomplished were all the distances are men in tance. where it was, and the general theatre, just what it was.

For the ordinary pieces presented night after night are not good, many of them are really vicious, and these was not a Bible in the novel or a copy of the materials are really vicious, and the general confusion and bath breakers, with no belief in God or thousands who will confess that up to bath breakers, with no belief in God or thousands who will confess that up to bath breakers, with no belief in God or thousands who will confess that up to bath breakers, with no belief in God or thousands who will confess that up to bath breakers, with no belief in God or thousands who will confess that up to bath breakers, with no belief in God or thousands who will confess that up to bath breakers, with no belief in the sixty they have never given the materials and on his hind legs and eat apples from the path in her rear, showing that hold, Mrs. Jenner took in every thing house. One sometimes found a tawdry ter thought.

The fear of the future, of the future, and windows, the broken chairs, the The Gresnams were not even Saboata and intervence, and below as accomplished was accomplished was glad ride with the children as ever.

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avow our pener, that much, very much standing with arms akimbo, a flock of will have to be altered and reformed bare-footed boys and girls in the back-before the theatre can be what Irving bare-footed boys and girls in the back-bare-footed bare-footed bare-f ground, she complacently watched her world?" visitor step into the luxurious carriage, Christians must be on their guard and gather the lap-robe over the baby, and replied Mr. Lester. "Well, we shall breath of wonder and pride.

Was it fancy, or, when the hour was the Greshams." over and the little one brought back, THE charitable committee had been did Mrs. Jenner perceive an effect of on the profession of an actor, he has holding a grave consultation. The picking up and straightening out in the wretched living room? Had Mrs. every claim to be listened to un the town, nameless in my story, was pecu-

ventured some time ago to assert the ic repose and seclusion. At the oppos fix a little shelf where these flowers work. When I had my last talk with great respectability and dignity of the ite end were tall, black-browed factor-could stand in the sunshine," she said Mrs. Jenner, the gulf between the col-

Now, we have to say at once that this is just a little too much; and in the in-

Sullen and mortified, the bey seolded her gaze, slouched out of the house prised him within. But none the less ing her, to save Jake.
"I wouldn't insult him by giving him

That is the whole matter in a nutshell.

Rev. Dr. Evandorf, with emphasis.

We may as well cross the Greshgrown since the prison shears had cropshell.

ireshams are distinctly unworthy."

Dody to groom utin, and Mr. Jenner her self-respect, her beauty, her respects of the late alternoon which naushone interest us on that exercised every morning. Mr. Jenner her self-respect, her beauty, her respects to the clearing was almost gone here, spectability and her happiness. Not and, indeed, it was so dark that it seems mower will rust if it isn't used, to say knowing this, she was deceived, as lawn, you shall be well paid, and you'll soon earn as fine a suit of clothing as a

"You are right. I beg your pardon," keep themselves unspotted from the drive away toward the green fields in lose one of our best teachers, but I see world.—Belfast Witness. science. You seem to have adopted

"I have," she answered simply. She already had a plan for elevating

family among the well-to-do and Christ If so the little lady made no sign, loving, shall become responsible for ing a scarlet geranium and a pot of mignonette—a pretty ribbon, also, for little
Lucy's hair.

"I thought one of the boys would fix a little shelf where these flowers could stand in the sunshine," she said

some other family, neither God-fearing lindering for comfortable, giving them personal care and applying individual help to their uplifting, our charitable boards, in smaller towns at least, will have easier work. When I had my last talk with for dear little heads in the pew.

ed God for so much progress. A clean had become cleaner and was more floor would come in time. And the comfortably furnished, and the flower Jake, a big, shuffling fellow, with the trades, and gave the promise of work-

## HYPOCRITICAL VICES.

The Congregationalist.

without masks to young people they would win fewer victims than they actually do. But vices are hypocrites.

Some mark of virtue on its outward parts." You never heard, for example, of any go to hear it recited by an accomplished actor who knows how, with suitable Greshams are distinctly unworthy."

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# THE SAVING HABIT.

But the beneficent magician has never pass our pass our yet appeared to work the desired return. Attempts have been made to carry on a theatre on moral and virtuous lines, but they have always ended on like his mistress, and could refuse her our like his mistress, and could refuse her our like his mistress, and could refuse her outling when the appeal was made "in prosperous families. The number of cold, and glanced around wondering ing the children around for quiet rides, and of the utter destitution to have told. But Donald was a Christian, have told. But was performed well enough, but the ing the troublesome Gresnams to Mrs. receipts would not pay expenses. Jenner, passed on to other themes. Hence the saying in London that legit themes timate drama spells bankruptcy. To do abode, pretty Mrs. Jenner had need of the girls, when first arrayed Mrs. Irving justice, he deplores this, and all her courage. The home was unlike the first arrayed all her courage. The home was unlike the first wisit to the Greshams' the first wisi Not a Gresham, boy or girl, could be educated men in a hundred who be how she could get out of their reach. or the deacon around the parish to

latter will one day see what insurance might do for the whole community.-

### The Children's Corner.

DEAR LITTLE HEADS IN THE PEW

In the morn of the holy Sabbath, I like in the church to see
The dear little children clustered,
Worshipping there with me.
I am sure that the gentle pastor,
Whose words are like summer dew,
Is cheered as he gazes over
The dear little heads in the pew.

Faces earnest and thoughtful,

When they hear, "The Lord is my Shep-

herd,"
Or "Suffer the babes to come,"
They are glad that the loving Jesus Ilas given the lambs a home-A place of their own with his people. He cares for me and for you, But close in His arms he gathers The dear little heads in the pew.

So I love in the great assembly, On the Sabbath morns, to see The dear little children clustered, And worshipping there with me; For I know that my precious Saviour, Whose mercies are ever new, Has a special benediction For the dear little heads in the pew,
—Mrs. M. E. Sangster.

### BETTY'S ESCAPE.

" Mother, may I go over to Sally's? Mother Whitney looked at the sundial in the kitchen, and then at the sky, with a glance at the thick pine woods that hemmed the little home in, before she answered slowly:
"Yes, dear child; but be sure and

Ir vices always showed themselves start for home early, for fear a bear or a wild cat catch you."

With a light heart little Betty sped through the woods to the home of her he had been trained where there were "There is no vice so simple but assumes nearest neighbour. No doubt by this children, because he was so fond of time the reader has guessed that our them. The older ones had their surstory has to do with the wilds of Maine picions that he had been a circus horse

for no drunkard ever meant to be one. and Sally, and with their patchwork, locks. "I will employ him myself, and pay A lady who had become a slave of the spinning, and innocent girlish chatter, bottle and was trying to break the hate.

"Americans surpass foreigners in him too," promptly responded his bottle and was trying to break the hate. and with the help of the cute little. Jake's shoulders, and the flinging pack of his shaggy head. The hair had grown since the prison shears had cropped it closely.

"Jake," she said, looking at him winal lady! She did not dream that the alcohol taken into her mouth for a little almost one in the standard power to create an appetite in their shade she found that the light stable and stood in his stall.

"Lie had even been known to strong drink by holding it in my mouth all too soon it was time to go home. So the good-byes were said, and the little girl, starting down the path, was self to all the oats he wanted from the soon in the dense woods. When fairly feed-bin, he walked back into the stable and stood in his stall.

When the boys came out they put to the clearing was almost gone here, Billy's usual allowance of oats in the ed like night.

Two miles, however, could be quickly passed by so fleet a maiden, and she sped on, shivering a little when the owls began their monotonous whoo-whoowhoo, or when some frightened rabbit "thumped" the ground and then leap-A LARGE proportion of the educated ed away through the under-brush.

Half a mile was passed in safety,

to reckon the influences of light, late stimulus of hours, and the whole false stimulus of hours, and the whole false stimulus of lines to all dramatic representation, a clings to all dramatic representation, a certain unreality and illuston, which dency. Against this, we understand, tespectable actors and actresses have to struggle hard to maintain their own character.

The theatre, therefore, is much more

The theatre, therefore, is much more than drame, or even drama enacted. It is a complex whole, involving many elements which in practical and actual experience, are hurful to morals, and the soiled slip and shrunken flamed experience, are hurful to morals, and exist she took no notice and as the took notice to the took not took elements which in practical and actual experience, are hurtful to morals, and much more certainly damaging to religion. We do not take the position wrongly alleged against the Puritans, and wrongly alleged), that all amusement is that are pleasant. Not so, that be far that are pleasant. Not so, that be far from us. But we do believe, and must from us. But we do believe, and must avow our belief, that much, very much, will have to be altered and reformed.

Gresham about your place so familiar the soiled slip and shrunken flannel ly, "asked Mr. Lester, "with his repusit. Seeing that there was gular degree, do the classes employed still danger unless she removed the lad, whom we think the moaning child, soothed and refreshed, smiled up into her face, she stooped wrongly alleged), that all amusement is and kissed the little forehead.

Had she been an Amazon, instead of merely a vain, incapable woman, Mrs. that we do believe, and must avow our belief, that much, very much, will have to be altered and reformed.

Gresham about your place so familiar the soiled Mr. Lester, "with his repusit. Seeing that there was gular degree, do the classes employed upon the land, whom we think the der, she put forth all her strength and worst off. They, no doubt, look to the rates, but some of their carelessness, often rather fine to see, is also mental. The labourer who told is to be apprenticed next week to our a braver man than you, for I dare spend frantic leaps that were made for lodg-master, "I'm year is to be apprenticed next week to our a braver man than you, for I dare spend frantic leaps that were made for lodg-master, "I'm year is to be apprenticed next week to our was struggling up the rounds, and then the work in the soiled Mr. Lester, "What we work off. They, no doubt, look to the rates, but some of their carelessness, often rather fine to see, is also mental. The labourer who told is master, "I'm a braver man than you, for I dare spend frantic leaps that were made for lodg-master, "I'm a braver for the wolf the soiled

There were eight of them, great, gray fellows, lean and hungry, and active as cats. Not one instant did they remain quiet, but circled round and round, leaping up at the loft, howling, and springing one over another. It fright-ened Betty to see them so determined, but through their very activity came her deliverance. The door which she had burst in so suddenly was a heavy log affair, and it now stood half open. As the wolves leaped up the side of the building they often fell against the door, and little by little it swung to. Finally it shut tight. When Betty saw this she felt that her prayer was answered and she could escape, and this was what she did. Opening a little window in the attic she put the ladder out, and with a farencil look at the wolves that still were leaping and howling, she hurried down and ran home as fast as her little feet would carry her.

When she reached her own home and told of her adventure, you may be sure there was a real thanksgiving service of prayer and praise. The next morning her father and oldest brother went to the cabin, climbed up the window, and, standing on the scaffold shot seven big, gray wolves. What became of the other? Well, his cruel companions, frantic with hunger, fell upon him and devoured him in the night, and his bones were found gnawed clean on the floor of the cabin.

As for Betty, she grew up to be a lovely woman, the mother of a large family, and this story of her escape has been told to her sons and daughters and to her great-great-grandsons and granddaughters, to many of whom it comes as a lesson that says: "If you are in danger, pray for help, and one way or another it is sure to be granted."—Little Christian.

# BILLY

WHERE Billy had been brought up, nobody knew. The children were sure

There was never a gate or a latch When the boys came out they put

manger, and after a little time, were surprised to see that he did not eat it. They urged the oats upon him, but he turned away from them. A closer examination disclosed the fact that he was bloated. The boys at once decided that Billy

was sick, and informed their father of the fact. The deacon made a hasty examination of the horse, then went to

pastured in an orchard at some time,