Poutli's Corner.

THE LITTLE PEACE-MAKER.

Master Golmer, the tanner, and Master if he did not keep off tender feelings. Wintel the baker, in a small town in Germany, were good neighbours and had been own father's; and with good reason, for he had no comfortable evening-hour as they received from his godfather every kindness used to enjoy while the tanner's house was good advice and admonition. To tell the truth, the boy thought more of the cracknels to have ready for him, than of her husband's instructions; but he felt, however, that his godfather was a real benefactor to him, and certainly there was not a place in the whole town where he liked so well to be, when he was not at home, as at the baker's.

It would take a long time to tell of the friendly intercourse which the baker and the tanner, and their wives, kept up with each other. Mrs. Golmer never spun her thread so fast and even as when Mrs. Wintel had brought her spinning-wheel across the street to spend the evening with her -and so it was with her neighbour likewise; nor did the tanner ever enjoy his pipe of tobacco so much as when he was sitting on the green bench under the baker's shop-window, and his neighbour smoking his Porto Rico by his side. They were doing well in the world, enjoying the good will of their fellow townsmen, and drawing personal comfort from the exercise of mutual kindness and affection.

But they were not faultless people, for all that; and on an unhappy morning their neighbourly comfort was suddenly interrupted. The tanner had a little pet dog which was fully as familiar at the baker's as its young friend Lebrecht, so that it went in and out and looked for bones to pick and dishes to lick without any hindrance. But it came to pass that the baker got a large and herce mastiff to keep guard about his premises; and the next time the little pet came and picked up a bone in perfect confidence, down came the mastiff upon him and treated him as a vile thief--in fact he gave him a severe bite, so that the poor thing could only limp home amidst screams and howlings. The tanner hearing the noise, came out in a great passion to see who had hurt his pet: he saw the mastiff growling at the baker's door, and at once he took up a stone and flung it at him with some angry words at people who "did not chain up such an ugly beast." The stone flew in at the shop-door-out came the baker with some words still more angry at people "who flung stones and ought to be fined by the magistrate to teach them better." Then came the two wives at the windows. and each of them had some sharp words to be had where they are to be found. say against the other's husband: the end of the debate was, that Master Wintel put his March last, found from 40 to 50 girls in light-blue coat right over his white apronwithout ever rolling down his shirt-sleeves smart for his outrage—and away he went smart for his outrage—and away he went quiet, winning, and maidenly; but the to lay his complaint before the magistrate. boys were full of mischief—their hands. Before he had finished, in came the tanner feet, head, nay the very trank itself seemed to present the mastiff as a nuisance, and perpetually struggling to play tricksevery body present was astonished at seeing their cunning glances told what fun they the two neighbours appear in court like thought it, to be attending school. One day, in affection and intercourse, more than in Egypt.

In the midst of all this, one person remained free from excitement, and took a right view of things, but was made innocently to suffer from the passions of those general laugh by his company. At the who ought to have rather taught him how to regulate his temper—that was poor little Lebrecht. He was at school while the disturbance went on at home. On his return, he found that his godfather turned his face away, instead of smiling at him in the usual manner as he passed the shop-window. He thought he must see what was the matter, as soon as he had unstrapped his books and his mother was waiting to tell him that he must not set foot in the baker's shop, house, or yard again, and he must pass the house as if he did not know who lived in it. The poor boy was quite incredulous—he opened his eyes and ears, and his mouth too, as if too deep for us." he did not know how to take in this incomprehensible news that he was not to know his godfather and Mrs. Wintel, and go in to them for rolls and cracknels and twists-but when he drawled out a long "Why, mother"-she gave him a box on the ear and told him he should have much worse, if he souls. Some were weak in body, and did not do as he was bid.

Lebrecht went into a corner and began to cry hitterly-and, to tell the truth, when Mrs. Golmer dealt so roughly with him, it debt under which they are laid, as the was really in order to keep up the irritation following occurrence may show. A in her which was going down as she looked teacher, in passing through Field-lane, into his good-tempered face and beheld his was attracted by a boxing-match which wonderment; -and as she perceived, too, was going on. On remonstrating with the that she had nothing to say in answer to the parties on their folly, one of the most bruquestion "why ?" her unusual severity help- tal came up to him in a fighting attitude. ed her out of that difficulty. But she felt Suddenly a boy rushed through the crowd, very wretched soon after; and when her and cried in threatening tones, "You hour which sees his purpose accomplished,

and down-cast that he also began to speak learning, much good has already resulted: in a rough and peremptory manner, for he most of the scholars have learnt to read was afraid he would begin to cry with them, and they are supplied with books suited

way at the baker's. As to Master Wintel ledge the good which has been done to intimate friends for many years. The himself, he managed to have his attention them in the pains bestowed upon their baker was little Lebrecht Golmer's god- taken up with serving customers, keeping children. And upon a review of all that taken up with serving customers, keeping children. And upon a review of all that father, and the boy was nearly as much at accounts, and directing his journeymen; but has come to the visitor's knowledge rehome in Master Wintel's house as in his his wife felt lonely and distressed, and they that a little boy can value, and more too than ever open to them, and theirs to the tanner he cared for-the baker often inquired ofter and his family. All parties accused themhis learning and behaviour, and gave him selves in secret of having quite needlessly caused an interruption of harmony and good-will; but none of them was disposed and sugared twists which Mrs. Wintel used to take the first step towards reconciliation. (To be continued.)

> THE RAGGED SCHOOL IN WEST STREET, SMITHFIELD, LONDON.

There are several Sunday Schools in London, kept on purpose to give instruction to children of the most wretched class, who would not be admitted into other schools on account of their ragged, diseased, crime-worn appearance, and whose parents could not be nduced to clean and clothe them so as to make them fit to sit on the same bench with the children of better conducted people. The one in No. 65. West Street, was founded in the year 1841 by Mr. Provan, one of those individuals who seem only to become more intent upon carrying their point, when they find the resistance arising from vice, ignorance, and degradation to be obstinate and disheartened to ordinary minds. The neighbourhood where he commenced the school is the very head-quarters of thieves, their vice and wretchedness. Many of course, &c. &c. the boys had already been in prison for stealing, to which they were brought up by their parents. Crime was the trade by which they were to make out their living. If they became honest, the parents would think them spoiled for life.

And yet, Mr. Provan collected 45 young persons, from 6 to 18 years of age, to com. mence his school with; and the number has increased so that on an average a hundred now generally attend. The institution is of a religious character; but on three days in the week, the school is also opened for instruction of an ordinary kind, given free of charge by a benevolent lady. The house where the school is kept has a battered, worn aspect-the children would not go into any other-still less would they be induced to come out of the filth and discomfort of their haunts into a more respectable neighbourhood. They must

A visitor to the school, in the month of one room, and about 60 boys in the other. He describes the girls, though they were -he was so bent upon making the tanner of the same wretched families as the boys, inveterate adversaries. The tanner had to boy, apparently aged 17, was addressed by pay a rixdollar for breaking! the baker's the others as "captain." He was as self. window, and the baker had to pay a rix- possessed as a man of forty, and evidently dollar for not tying up a savage dog-and had acquired the mastery over the rest by the two families were separated, from that his pre-eminence in cuming. When the Superintendent gave out that he was going if the one had lived in China and the other to pitch a tune, and the boys must follow him, the "captain" whispered, loud enough to be heard through the room: "Follow him! I wonder where he is going to?" This jest was hailed with a singing, all sorts of tricks were going on among the boys, yet they pretended to look grave and to pay the most respectful attention; in the mean time the girls sang with a sweetness and expression that went to the very heart.

During teaching, questions of an unanswerable character were submitted by the boys to their master; for example, " If put them in his little shelf in the corner; but you were starving and hungry, wouldn't his mather was waiting to tell him that he you steal?" "What is the use of hanging a bad fellow; will that convert him? Various other attempts were made by the captain to puzzle the teacher, and failing, he was heard to say, "that's no go-he is

Yet, even amongst these boys were some to whom the word of kindness was evidently a "word in season," and who drank in the tender accents with which they were addressed-perchance for the first time-as if it were music to their gentle in mind, perhaps silently rendering gratitude for the service of love bestowed upon them. Indeed even those of the rougher cast seem not insensible of the

to their circumstances; some of the pa-Things went on pretty much the same rents even have been brought to acknowspecting this self-denying mode of labouring for the recovery of the criminal and wretched, he has been led to ask the ques-Why is there not a "Ragged tion: School" in every large town in Great Britain?

> GYMNASTIC EXERCISES. Dr. Thayer's Apparatus, Boylston Hall, Boston.

The spacious and commodious hall taken by Dr. Thayer, is designed to furnish opportunity for exercise to those men and lads of the city, whose occupations are sedentary. The room is clevated and well aired; the apparatus is extensive and has been scientifically constructed. The instruments are prepared respectively to exercise the different limbs, organs, and muscles of the human body; -one set being more specifically adapted to exereise the legs; another the arms, a third the chest, and so on. Here are parallel bars, horizontal and oblique; fixed and swinging climbing poles; wooden ladders, horizontal and oblique; rope ladders, do. do.; one set of weights for the flexor muscles, and another for the extensor; a boat whose oars are drawn backwards by weights, where one can row all day, and during the severest squalls, without any danger of upsetting house-breakers, coiners, and other outcasts or drowning; a wrist machine to of society. To them Mr. Provan applied strengthen the hand, wrist and fore-arm with his offer to teach their children. The spool-ropes, which in addition to exerparents saw no advantage in the prospect cising the chest and arms, show how which he held out. If their children were to much harder it is to get up in the world become reformed in manners and correct in than to slide down; the slack-swing, the principles, they would not answer the ring-swing, the bar-swing; movable and parents' purpose near so well as they did in immovable vaulting horses; the flying

It is a pleasure to look upon this scene when the room is well filled, the apparatus in full use, and the gymnasts passing round from one piece of the apparatus to another, to give the requisite variety to their exercises, and to allow each different part of the body to "take its turn." It is not the vigour, the agility, or the quickness; it is not the length of the leap, nor the height of the vaulting, which alone delights us in contemplating this scene. To a reflecting mind, there is a deeper pleasure than could be derived from beholding any mere exhibition of strength, should it equal a lion's, or of fleetness though it should emulate that of a stag. We know that every leap and spring aids in renewing the substance of the body, and therefore in giving greater hilarity to the spirits, and superior vigour to the intellect. Every motion helps to mate friends, he said he did not know construct a fortification against disease him. His wife then came to his bedside, and to render the body more impregnable against its attacks. It requires, indeed. no very strong imagination, to see the norrid forms of the diseases themselves, as they are exorcised and driven from the bodies which were once their victims, and are compelled to seek some new tenement. Those prodigious leaps over the vaulting horse, how they kick hereditary gout out of the toes! Those swift Saviour, he is my only hope." somersets, with their quick and deep breathings, asthma, and phthisic from the throat and lungs. On yonder pendant rope, consumption is hung up like a malefactor, as it is. Legions of head-aches are impaled on those parallel bars. Dyspensy ost its victim when he mounted the flying horse, and has never since been able to regain her accursed throne, and live by gnawing the vitals. There goes a flock of nervous distempers, ticdouloureux, and St. Anthony's fire;there they fly out of the window, seeking some stall-ted alderman or fat millionaire. or aristocratic old lady. Rheumatisms and cramps and spasms sit coiled up, and chattering, in the corners of the room; -the strong muscles of the athletes having shaken them off, as the lion shakes the dew-drops from his mane. Jaundice flees away to yellow the cheeks and blear the eyes of my fair young lady, reclining on ottomansin her parlour. The balancing-pole shakes lumbago out of the back and kinks out of the femoral muscles, and stitches out of the side. Pleurisy and apoplexy, and fever, and paralysis hover round; they look into the windows of this hall, but finding brain and lungs and heart all defiant of their power, they go away in quest of some lazy cit, some guzzling drone, or some bloated epicure at his late supper, to fasten their fatal fangs upon them. In the mean time, the rose blooms again on the pale cheek of the gymnast, his shrivelled skin is filled out.

THE JOYS OF HOME.

and his non-elastic muscles and bones re-

ioice anew in the vigour and buoyancy of

youth .- Com. Sch. Journal.

See the traveller. Does duty call him for a season to leave his beloved circle -the image of his earthly happiness continues vividly in his remembrance. In quickens him to diligence; it cheers him under difficulties; it makes him hail the husband had finished his work for the even- leave him a'one, Bill, or I'll knock you and his face turned towards home; it ing, dismissed the people, and shut up the down; don't you know that's my teacher?' communes with him as he journeys; and

tannery, he found both wife and boy so sad As regards the acquirement of useful he hears the promise which caused him to hope, "thou shalt know also that thy tabernacle shall be in peace, and thou shalt visit thy habitation and not sin. O! the joyful re-union of a divided family-the pleasure of a renewed interview and conversation after days of absence. Behold the man of science. He drops the labour and painfulness of his research, closes volume, smoothes his wrinkled brow, leaves his study, and unbending himself, stoops to the capacities, yields to the wishes and mingles with the diversions of his children.

" He will not blush, that has a father's heart, To take in childish play a childish part; But bends his sturdy back to any toy, That youth takes pleasure in, to please his boy

Take the man of trade. What reconciles him to the toil of business? What enables him to endure the fastidiousness and impertinence of customers? rewards him for so many hours of tedious confinement? By and by, the season of intercourse will arrive, he will be embosomed in the caresses of his family he will behold the desire of his eyes, the children of his love, for whom he resigns his ease; and in their welfare and smiles, he will find his recompense.

Yonder comes the labourer. He has borne the burden and heat of the day; the descending sun has released him from his toil, and he is hastening home to enjoy repose. Half way down the lane, by the side of which stands his cottage, his children run to meet him; one he carries, and one he leads. The companion of his humble life is ready to furnish him with his humble repast. See, his toilworn countenance assumes an air of cheerfulness; his hardships are forgotten; fatigue vanishes; he eats and is satisfied; the evening fair, he walks with uncovered head around his garden, enters again, and retires to rest, and "the rest of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much." Inhabitant of this lonely, lovely dwelling, who can be indifferent to thy comfort? Peace be to this house.

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[Christian Herald.

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