

hand upon the heir of Marchlaw, and Peter beheld the once vacant chair again occupied, and a namesake of the third generation prattling on his knee.

VARIETIES.

Duties are ours: events are God's. This removes an infinite burden from the shoulders of the miserable, tempted, dying creature. On this consideration only can he securely lay down his head and close his eyes.

The worst education which teaches self-denial is better than the best which teaches everything else, and not that.

It is a melancholy thing when any one who professes devotion to the pure service of wisdom, and who must know how few as yet imagine that there is such a vocation for man, at the same time complains fretfully of the indifference and injustice of the world. If wisdom is not better than the world of to-day, why not serve the world instead of wisdom? If it is, why complain of the exchange by which you have been so much the gainer? The jewel hidden under the sand of the desert laments not its dark and silent lot. The sand lies open to the sun and dews, and to the feet of the ostrich, the antelope, the camel, and of all unclean beasts. The jewel is concealed because it is, not because it is not, precious. When the true day comes which will consign the dust to neglect, it will be owned and honoured, at all events, to be a spark of diamond is more than to be a grain of sand.

The helve of the hatchet disputed against the blade, which was the worthier? Nay, said the wise raven, which listened to the argument, and had not spoken for a thousand years before, the steel will hew a hundred handles for itself, but the hundred handles could never shape one blade.

A man must have bread to live on, bread growing in the fields around him, ground in a mill, and baked in an oven within his reach. Dust, indeed, he may find without having it sown, or reaped, or ground, or baked for him; and a traveller may tell him of fruits and viands much better than bread to be found in India or the Moon; but the dust will not feed him, nor the name of pine-apples and nectar serve him for dinner. So is it with our need of religion. Worldly maxims of prudence and knowledge will not do as a substitute; and philosophy, which, to be comprehensive and lasting, must be religious philosophy, is for all but a few as airy as the rumour of a magic garden, and the tale of lunar feasts and quintessential potatoes.

from out of Elysium. The sooner a man gains such possession, therefore, the more adds he to his sum of happiness. But there are obstacles, and one of the greatest is—straps! A wet and wearied man returns home; the cloth of his trousers clings with unwelcome pertinacity to his foot; a collection of that most adhesive of all mires, London mire, is formed about his boot, and in that dirt are embedded his—straps! What obstacles their removal presents to his easy chair; how many men, not unregardful of their personal appearance, have encountered all the unsightliness of slack and crumpled foot gear (as regard trousers,) rather than be pestered with—straps! Then the scraper! The strap and the scraper are naturally antagonistic; the leather pulls down the iron or the iron pulls off the leather. An "astriector fastener," has been invented so ingeniously "made of springs, and such like things," as Cowper sings, that straps are dispensed with, and the trouser sits, or sets which ever be the right word (tailors don't use it in their bills, so the orthography is vague), sits, or sets, better. There is no fastening underneath the foot. The apparatus is mainly attached to the heel of the trouser, holding it smartly to the boot heel, so securely and simply, too (nothing being visible the while), that in the most active fencing it holds its own. It is easily removeable. George IV, would assuredly have pronounced this invention excellent. It is "important to ladies," as everything tending to preserve good humour in their lords must be. A most ingenious "fastener."

THY DOUBLE DIAPHRAGM SEWER.—Now that the Tooting tragedy has proved the necessity of improved sewerage, alike in town and country, it may be useful to call attention to this sewer as one upon a new principle. There are two separate channels, so arranged that the house drainage (the value of which is admitted), is separated from the mere flood water, which is not only comparatively valueless, but spoils the manure, which is of value. The arrangement provides a perfect control over both channels (without complication), and at the same time secures the advantage of a subway, by which access may be had to the drain of every house, as also to the lower sewer at any point, without disturbing the street or breaking up the roads. All who traverse the streets of London must feel what a desideratum that is. The Double Diaphragm Sewer has moreover the recommendation of economy, especially if worked in Mr. Buckwell's patent artificial granite, which presents a surface peculiarly adapted for the transmission of fluids.

THE ASTRICTOR TROUSER FASTENER.—Certainly a man's slippers and easy chair, honestly earned by a day of honest and useful toil, are a corner

REIN'S LACTATORY, OR BREAST RELIEVER.—Mr. Rein, the surgical and acoustic instrument maker, 110, Strand, has registered a very philosophical instrument, for drawing off superfluous milk, in lactation, and