

GENERAL READING.

FAVORITE BOOKS.

The old books remain while every thing else passes away. The chances and changes of this mortal life do not touch them.

Forever he will love, and she be fair.

What books you will choose as your intimate friends will depend upon your humor and taste.

THE RECENT SOLAR ECLIPSE.

The great point to be decided by the late solar eclipse was as to the nature of the corona or silvery light which bursts out all around the sun the moment the sun's disk is wholly covered by the moon.

ply a reflected sunlight. Assuming it as probable, then, that the corona shines by reflection, what an interesting field of speculation opens before us!

THE POET GRAY.

Distinguished as he was as an author he was yet more highly regarded as a scholar. Scholars were his chosen companions, and among his intimate friends he was said to have been delightful, though quiet and reserved in general society.

tempt to portray action. For this reason it may be assumed that the poetry of action is chief, first, and in itself grand beyond all else.

THE FAITHFUL SENTINEL.

Peter the Great was a tyrant; but on the whole his tyranny did good service for his Russian subjects.

DICKENS'S CHILD CHARACTERS.

Much of Dickens's art in painting child characters generally lies in this mingling the threads of their fate with the schemes of heartless and villainous people.

THE POETRY OF ACTION.

Poetry is the act or art of putting the ideal into realistic form. It has varieties and gradations, as all of nature or all of life.

FAMILY READING.

ARM, SOLDIERS, ARM!

BY WM. A. ARMSTRONG. N. Y. City. Arm, soldiers for the fight, Satan is massing.

THE CLOSET.

What is needed most in order to the world's conversion, we judge, is holiness, or consecration to the service of Christ.

The Lord's Supper is the most spiritual ordinance ever instituted; here we have more immediately to do with Christ.

"LOOKING UNTO JESUS."

I find among Christian people two classes of characters; in the one self pre-eminently dominates—I mean, of course, comparatively—and in the other, Christ.

The other style of Christian character is described best by that clause of the text which is under consideration: "Look unto Jesus."

"NOT KNOWING."

I know not what will befall me! God hangs a mist o'er my eyes, And o'er each step of my onward path, He makes hard scenes to rise,

A FEW PROVERBS.

Better go round than fall in the ditch. Better go alone than in bad company. Be slow to promise, but quick to perform.

THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER.

With the eyes of the spiritual understanding enlightened to see God as he is displayed in Christ, the soul is raised into a condition of living, of apprehending and trusting faith.

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DEAR I reminded once in a girls will by Sister for you to "We are And the We know And try

Now, little verses from against King gain an ends his away. Keen clothes he begun to rum. Be itness, boys a Great Capt

If ever I be her ruin ever that is the nation there are ask the un know; ask the Engli tional exper ask the un English pre answer wh the unanimo ful man in national sim ness; the nat drink

I find no rors as I Am dents of ordi mon news, ha to-day; happy nineteenth ce pening in Ch ing in Livee gon; in Max under your m tian men a wonder that d in us when c city—whole d been its ma given to drin ference cease half-ruined legislature v Sooner or lat land must per loss—strike t scale place v and adultera the very best other side p and grain end grapes that t cent delight e scale, for yo fair—load wi and murder, s such as no h tongue tell; v widows' and d will not strik day strike it f Christian men, as lo lovers of you High God and the other? v upon your b things ought

I stop at is not told! that through pendencies, v flag dominated empire the su ever winds bl girdled, are g zone of drunk of it—as I thi but deep, mu by races which mated, and ou to shudder, as "These thing held my peac wickedly that self; but I w before the b done," and "Shal things? saith soul be aveng this?"

But, oh! I before it is too of Israel! there and of agony out from the gun;" and, qu fire thereon fro into the midst put on incense living and the was saved. V