

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

COMPENSATION. She folded up the worn and mended frock, And smoothed it tenderly upon her knee...

THE THEATRE.

I was early left an orphan. My passion for the stage was such that I determined at all risks to study for an actor's profession...

peared in the boxes with a lady; but more often he made his appearance alone. My attention was always directed toward him now, from the fact there was a change gradually taking place in his appearance...

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ners, give me back what I have lost—my soul! "My dear young friend," I said trembling with excitement; but he interrupted me—"Friend! friend! you shall not call me friend! I say you have ruined me. Here on this sick bed—where I have seen spectres from hell, worse than ever the imagination could paint, stalking about me—here—prayerless—Christless—dying!—I say you have ruined me! Thrilled by your power, I followed you like a slave, until I was happy nowhere but in the atmosphere of that accursed theatre. Carees on it! Curses on it! It has drained me of every good; sapped my virtue, destroyed my soul. Come,—"and he laughed with a mocking shout that froze my blood with horror—"undo your work! Is it fair, is it fair, I ask you—that you, my destroyer, should be saved, and that I should be lost?"

He looked at me steadily for a moment. His lips trembled; and with a long low groan, he clasped his thin hands over his face, and burst into tears. We wept together. Never had a visit to the bed of the dying seemed so inexpressibly solemn: his deep drawn, gasping sobs, heaving chest and tears heavily falling over the white face; while in utter self-abasement, I reflected on the power for life or death man wields over his fellow man.

HIS MOTHER'S SONGS.

Beneath the hot midsummer sun The men had marched all day; And now beside a rippling stream Upon the grass they lay.

VALUE OF KIND WORDS.

A pleasant-looking country lady came to my home not long since, and said to me: "Do you want to buy a jar of butter?" It was very nice, and I asked the price. She informed me, but added: "You shall have it for five cents a pound less."

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

MOTHER'S DEAR COMFORT. The kitchen is clean and cozy, And bright with the sunshine gray, And "Mother's dear Comfort" for mother's sake, Is busily working away...

DETERMINED TO SUCCEED.

"Eight times three!" said Willie Wilson, impatiently. "Oh, what is the matter with me? Can't I get that right?" "Come on, Willie!" shouted the boys at the window; we can't wait, finish your lesson afterwards.

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