eral values of goods for infant digestion, etc. There are so many youngsters being raised and lost from lack of knowledge of simple facts, that I am sure we could each benefit one another in giving our experience, and maybe the old mothers would give points, too. Their letters would be so interesting. Apologizing for such a long letter.

R.T.

Note.—Mrs. Browning's poem would grace any page. Its graphic presentation of the child-labor question is really heart-rending. Fireside is indebted to you for having sent it in. Those who live in comfort are too prone to shut out the misery and injustice that others, quite as deserving, suffer from.

By all means let us have a talk on the care of infants. It is a subject of almost universal interest, especially in this West where infants are happily so numerous. Where are the recipes?

For the most part our women readers seem to have deserted the Fireside. How is this?

Wives and daughters all remind us We must make our little pile; And, departing, leave behind us Cash for them to live in style.



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LONELINESS

I ain't done nothin' to-day but walk Around the orchard an' down the road, Stoppin' now and again t' talk To blooms and flowers she allus knowed— Knowed rach nod of each purty head— Knowed their smiles and the things they

said:
Now I know 'em, and love 'em, too,
Not fer their beauty ner purty glow,
Style ner fragrance, like most folks do,
But only because she loved 'em so!

I don't do nothin' at night but set Around the stoop in the evenin' glow, Watchin' the world all dewy wet And seein' the stars as they come and

This one here that she wished upon—
That one there that she called her own,
Watchin' 'em all through the silvery
light,
Love 'em, too, for I feel—I know—
Somewheres off in the quiet night
She's watchin' 'em, for she loved 'em so!

I don't do nothin' at all no more
But bide my time in my humble way
Doin' my best and a-settin' store
By promises for the Happy Day;
Don't do nothin' a 'tall but jes'
Naybor here with my loneliness—
Jes' us two and the dog!—and laws!
Ready and willin' and glad to go—
Lovin' live through, to the last, because—

cause I know that she loved it so! -John D. Wells in Buffalo News.





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THE FAR SEA

(BY GEORGE F. WHICHER)
We lived together, my love and I,
In our home by the quiet sea,
And a child there came to join us two,
And we thought—we thought—as
throve and grew,
"We are for Death, not he."

And we were happy, my love and I,
By the side of the sparkling sea,
Till our son went out to a tryst with Death,
And fought, but fought with failing breath,
And Death prevailed, not he.

Yes, Death was there and my love and I On the shores of a gray, gray sea, Void, void was a place that we could not fill,

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For our boy's fresh heart lay cold and still, And Death was there, not he.

But while we saddened, my love and I,

Alone by the heaving sea,
There rose in me a voice which said,

"His soul has but through a doorway sped. Which ye may pass, not he.

"His life rides out like the swelling tide, Out to a far, far sea. He has alipt his chains, and the sea is wide; Would ye have him here in the harbor bide?

Nay, rest ye here, not he.

"His dust may lie in the straightened tomb Or sink in the deep, deep sea; But the ship of his soul seeks a larger room, For death ye mourn? For the death of whom?

Ye are the dead, not he."

-Amherst Literary Monthly.

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