WINTER'S POWER

old, cold as death the piercing blast! bread Poverty its darts now cast; Despair and Hunger guard the door, and strike the sad breast of the poor.

How quickly dies their feeble fire, While hearts grow faint with anguish dire No spark to kindle Hope's glad smile, No joy the leng hours to beguile.

But wrapped in gloom, the wretched wait, And, shuddering, view their hapless fate; Here, here alone, find Winter's power, To cloud, and darken every hour. For gathered round a genial hearth

Of warmth, and light, and cheering mir Where wealth and comfort gild the day

Kind Pity, touch each human heart Till ne'er a cry of want, and pain, Shall strike the ear of man in vain.

THE OLD BARON: THE CHAMPION OF VIRTUE.

In the minority of Henry the Sixth. Kin of England, when the renowned John, Duke of Bedford, was regent of France, and Hum phrey, the good Duke of Gloucester, was otector of England, a worthy knight. called Sir Philip Harclay, returned from his travels to England, his native country. He the Fifth with distinguished valor, had acquired an honorable fame, and was no less steemed for Christi in virtues than for deeds of chivalry. After the death of his prince he entered into the service of the Greek emperor, and distinguished his courage against the encroachments of the Saracens In a battle there, he took prisoner a certain gentleman, by name Mr. Zadisky, of Greek tian faith; after which he bound him to himself by the ties of friendship and gratibenefactor. After thirty years travel and warlike service, he determined to return to his native land, and to spend the remainder of his life in peace; and by devoting himself to works of piety and charity, prepare for a

This noble knight had, in his early youth contracted a strict friendship with the only inent virtues and accomplishments. During Sir Philip's residence in foreign countries, house in the north country, as far as North He supped with Wyatt and his family he had frequently written to his friend and informed him of the death of old Lord Lovel. and the marriage of the young one; but home, he resolved, after looking into his to the next monastery.' family affairs, to visit the castle of Lovel. received in the defence of his master.

Sir Philip went to his family seat in York your service.' person (by the testimony of some of the old servants of his family), after which everything was restored to him. He took possession of his own house, established his household, settled the old servants in their former stations, and placed those he brought home servants, he set out for the castle of Lovel. alight.' in the west of England They travelled by easy journeys; but, towards the evening of the second day, the servant was so ill and in the second day, the servant was so ill and the conducted him into his house, the second day, the servant was so ill and the conducted him and then led to a friend, and he thought he heard dismal presence of mind. and the next day expired. Sir Philip was as a stable. over his grave, proceeded alone on his eighteen years.

he began to enquire of every one he met, what I have told you.' hood, and where his ancestors had usually courtesy and kindness would give a relish to strongly on his mind waking; but his reason. resided. He ruminated on the uncertainty the most ordinary food."

This world, said he, has nothing for a wise man to depend upon. I have loss that all my relations and most of my friends, and am even uncertain whether errand I sent him on.

'This world,' said he, has nothing my power to entertain your honor as you lideas, that they should wait on him in his sleep, and that every dream should bear loss across the way, near the sleep, and that every dream should bear "He don't make ulsters."

'He don't make ulsters."

'Yes he does, he makes just the kind friends, and am even uncertain whether they are remaining. I will, however, be thankful for the blessings that are spared me; and I will endeavour to replace those that I have lost. If my friend lives, he whall share my fortune with me; his child given a conscious superiority to the one, and a conscious superiority to the one, and a conscious inferiority to the on the shall have the reversion of it; and I will a conscious inferiority to the obtate, and many have met with troubles that he being exacted by the former. In about perhaps he has buried his amiable wife, or his promising children; and, tired of a public life, he has retired into a monastery. At the contract the good of the cottage. There he saw the industrious the cottage. There he saw the industrious due to do the cottage. There he saw the industrious the cottage. There he saw the industrious due to do the cottage. There he saw the lie life, he has retired into a monastery. At son.

'Tell us then, how you sped!'

Very true, friend, he was so. 'Alas, sir,' said the man, 'he is dead! he urvived his father but a shore time."

Dead, say you! How long since? About fifteen years, to the best of my

Sir Philip sighed deeply.

An't please your honor, I heard say, he with the message; he stayed awhile and retirement, and let the world know that there attended the King when he went against then came back to me.

ountiful master, and the delight of all the er. and.'

ame of her? he died of grief for the loss of her husband; you.' weeks afterwards.'

Philip: but who succeeded to the title and unworthy to entertain your honor.'

there on a visit to the lady, and waited his hospitable invitation.' there to receive my lord, on his return from . That shall be as your honor pleases, since Wales. When the news of his death you will condescend to stay here. John. farmer, nor his witholding from society officer: this man he converted to the Chris- arrived, Sir Walter did everything in his do you run back and acquaint my lord of it. both in civil and political life. power to comfort her, and some said he was to marry her; but she refused to be com. dark.' tude, and he resolved to continue with his forted, and took it so to heart that she died. 'And does the present Lord Lovel reside blindfold.'

No, sir.'

The Lord Baron Fitz-Owen. And how came Sir Walter to leave the John flew back the second time, and soon the farmers should remember that they out at of his ancestors?"

to him, and went away, and built himself a gold, and praised his speed and abilities.

all I know about it."

He landed in Kent, attended by his Greek the ways are bad; I am but a poor man, and he could have done in a palace. which was mained by the wounds he had used to; but if you will enter my poor coherent dreams arose to his imagination. is concerned, that is a gift too rarely pos-

shire; he found his mother and sister were dead, and his estates sequestered in the hands of commissioners appointed by the protector. He was obliged to prove the reality of his claim, and the identity of his

> · Whose cottage is this? 'It belongs to the Lord Fitz-Owen.' What family have you?"

and the next day expired. Sir Philip was fatigued in body and mind, under great concern for the loss of his servant, and some for himself, being alone and was glad to repose himself anywhere. servant, and some for himself, being alone in a strange place; however, he took courage attention, and satisfied his wishes. He soon louder—

The courtesy of his host engaged his attention, and satisfied his wishes. He soon louder—

The courtesy of his host engaged his attention, and satisfied his wishes. He soon louder—

Ulsters, Overcoats, Reefers and Suits,

As he drew near the estate of his friend, be sure you say neither more nor less than He was then transported to his own home.

tell; by a third, that he never heard of such 'I hope, friend,' said Sir Philip, 'you have awoke. The sun shone upon his curtains

refreshment. Sir Philip accepted his offer, could run; it was my hap to light on young fore he left the country. The daughter being resolved to make farches inquiry he master Edmund first, so I told his just as fetched his horse, which he mounted, and fore he approached the castle. He asked you bade me, that a noble gentleman was set forward with the servant, of whom he the same question of him that he had before come a long journey from foreign parts to of others.

"Which Lord Lovel, said the man, 'does your honor inquire after?'

"Which Lord Lovel, said the man, 'does that he was dead, and that the castle was

our honor inquire after? that he was dead, and that the castle these tidings he was much grieved and dis 'Ay,' said the peasant, 'he was the only appointed, and wanting a night's lodging to rest himself before he returned to his own tions in the social and political circles of home, he was fain to take up with one at our cottage; that my father thought my lord would be angry with him, if he were not told of the stranger's journey and intentions, especially to let such a man liest those who qualify themselves or are instructed our cottage, where he could neither he helded our cottage, where he could neither be lodged ed in the acience, have within themselven

the elements necessary to making the society within which they mingle more brilliant nor entertained according to his quality.' claimed: 'A good lad! you did your errand very well; and tell us the answer.'

and desirable than persons following any other pursuit in life. With such assurances other pursuit in life. With such assurance other pursuit in life. With such assurance pray test me how he died?"

John proceeded: Master Edmund ordered as these, therefore, let the noble yeomanny in the pray it will, sir, to the best of my knowledge.

the Welch rebels, and so there was a battle 'John,' said he, 'tell the noble stranger mained dormant while it should have been ought, and the king got the better of the that the Baron Fitz-Owen greets him well, rebels: there came first a report that none and desires him to rest assured that though of the officers were killed; but a few days Lord Lovel is dead, and the castle fallen after there came a messenger with an account very different, that several were wounded, and that the Lord Lovel was skin which and accept of a lodging there, while he shall be contributed as the contribute of a lodging there, while he shall be contributed as the contributions of England. His wounded, and that the Lord Lovel was be will accept of a longing there, while are alian; which sad news overset us all with remains in this country—so I came away contributions to agricultural literature have been engraved upon the tablets of history

sorrow, for he was a noble gentleman, a directly, and made haste to deliver my

so deeply that they will remain to imm Sir Philip expressed some dissatisfaction Lalize his name during all time. Yet his proudest boast is to be a farmer. To reach He was indeed, said Sir Philip, 'all that at this mark of old Wyatt's respect. is amiable, and good; he was my dear and noble friend, and I am inconsolable for his me with your intention before you sent to which stands this worthy scion of the most loss. But the unfortunate lady, what be- inform the Baron I was here. I choose valuable of all industries, much time, diligent study, and unceasing labor in the exrather to lodge with you; and I propose to

out her death was kept private for a time. 'Pray, sir, don't mention it,' said the a wild prediction to make that any young and we did not know it for certain till some peasant, 'you are as welcome as myself; I hope no offence: the only reason of my perseveranc; may take a place alongside The will of Heaven be obeyed!' said Sir sending was because I am both unable and

'I am sorry,' said Sir Philip, ' you should districts were left out entirely, and then the 'The next heir,' said the peasant, 'a kins- think me so dainty; I am a Christian soldier; man of the deceased, Sir Walter Lovel by and Him I acknowledge for my prince and toilers of the soil had to rely altogether upmaster, accepted the invitations of the poor,
I have seen him, said Sir Philip, formal washed the feet of his disciples. Let their cattle, etc. Now, however, when firsterly; but where was he when these events us say no more on this head; I am resolved rate schools are dotted over every neighbor ppened? to stay this night in your cottage; to-morrow hood, agricultural literature extended, and I will wait on the Baron, and thank him for journals devoted to that class of knowledge excuse can be made for an uneducated

> Not so, said Sir Philip; it is now almost seeladed life of the farm naturally induces 'Tis no matter,' said John, 'I can go it mands a change in these habits, and re

> Sir Philip then gave him a message to the Baron in his own name, acquainting him onces, see the constantly increasing novelthat he would pay his respects to him in the morning.

number the balance of the country's popureturned with new commendations from the Why, sir, he married his sister to this Baron, and that he would expect him on the lation, and that their aggregated wealth is contracted a strict friendship with the only son of the Lord Lovel; a gentleman of em-

umberland, I think they call it.'

This is very strange, said Sir Philip.
So it is, please your honor; but that is they were unworthy of the least of his bless-they were unworthy of the least of his bl and the marriage of the young one; but from that time he had heard no more of him. Sir Philip imputed it not to neglect or for gence. I have taken a long journey to no getfulness, but to the difficulties of intercourse, common at that time to all travellers

purpose, and have met with nothing but in the other, the old woman and her daughter course, common at that time to all travellers

in the bed, the father and his two sons upon mercilessly, and thus they may be accorded and adventurers. When he was returning grimage! Pray direct me the nearest way clean straw. Sir Philip's bed was of a better far more defects than their less noted breth kind, and yet much inferior to his usual ern; not because they really have more, bu Noble sir,' said the the peasant, it is full accommodations; nevertheless, the good because those they do possess become pubfive miles off, the night is coming on, and knight slept as well in Wyatt's cottage as lie property, are brought to light, comment-

cottage, that, and everything in it, are at He thought he received a message from h s sessed by mankind, as the terrible results friend, Lord Lovel, to come to him at the of panics, whenever they do occur, testify. My honest friend, I thank you heartily, castle; that he stood at the gate, and re- A panic is no more or less than the temporary a man may possess, let him once get pani

Though I have been dead these fifteen stricken, and he is changed from a human 'John Wyatt, sir; an honest man though | years, I still command here, and none can to a wild beast, without powers of reason of a poor one, and a Christian man, though a enter these gates without my permission; control, in the slightest degree, of his welcome; the hopes of my house rest upon occurring in public places where crowds are assembled! Every vestige of self-control

Upon this he bid Sir Philip follow him; disappears in an instant; men, being the A wife, two sons and a daughter, who he led him through many rooms, till at last stronger, trample women and children un in the upper offices of his family. He then left his friend to superintend his domestic will be proud to wait upon your honor; let he sunk down, and Sir Philip thought he der foot; they act like beasts terror-stricken. affairs; and, attended by only one of his old me hold your honor's stirrup whilst you still followed him, till he came into a dark. That they could all be saved from death, by and frightful cave, where he disappeared. simple self-possession and quiet, does not He seconded these words by the proper and in his stead he beheld a complete suit of occur to one in a hundred; and so, lives are fatigued he could go no further; he stopped called his wife to attend him, and then led groans from beneath. Presently after, he at an inn, where he grew worse every hour. his horse under a poor shed, that served him thought he was hurried away by an invisible is a quality which can and should be cultihand, and led into a wild heath, where the vated-by some necessarily less than by weakness, but by every one to a greater of

bimself, and having shed a tear of humanity after returned, followed by a youth of about 'Forbear! It is not permitted to be re have over themselves, by exerting their will vealed till the time is ripe for the event; force to its fullest capacity. 'Make haste, John,' said the father, 'and wait with patience on the decrees of Heaven. where, going into an unfrequented room, he whether the Lord Lovel resided at the seat 'I will, father,' said the lad; and imme was again met by a friend, who was living, his eyes on Smith, demanded: of his ancestors. He was answered by one, diately set off, ran like a buck across the and all in the bloom of youth, as when he he did not know; by another, he could not fields and was out of sight in an instant. | first knew him; he started at the sight, and a person. Sir Philip thought it strange that a man of Lord Lovel's consequence should be unknown in his own neighbor fare hard; and if it were otherwise, your impressed his sleeping fancy remained strove to disperse them : it was natural that have no use for another 'I wish heartily,' said Wyatt, 'it was in the story he had heard should create these

least, I will know what all this eilence means.'

Tell us then, how you sped!'

Shall I tell all that passed? said John.

All, said the father; 'I don't want to field anything.'

John stood, with his cap in his hand, and the father that a served to break his fast. He walked about the fields alone; for old Wyatt and his two soms were gone out to their daily labor. He was som called back by hide anything.'

John stood, with his cap on out to their daily labor. He was som called back by hide anything.'

John stood, with his cap in his hand, and the father that a servent from the Baron waited to conduct him to the dastle. He took leave of Wyatt's we ought to be exact and evere.

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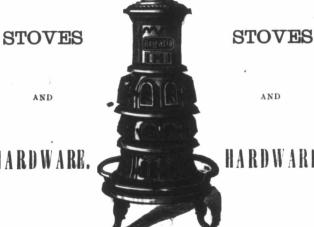
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