The family.

THE CHILD AT PRAYER.

Into her chamber went A little child one day, And by a chair she kt elt, And thus began to pray "Jesus, my eyes I close, Thy form I cannot see : If thou art near me, Lord, I pray thee speak to me. A still small voice she heard within her soul, "What is it, child? I hear thee : tell me all."

the same verse the author also wrote,

s substituted in our common version.

Not the labor of my hands

Can fu fil Thy law's demands.

" Wash me, Saviour, or I die !"

piercing but triumphant cry,

Then his bursting heart begins to yearn and

It soars to the judgu ent seat. It beholds the

great white throne. And casting itself down

before that throne, it pours forth its last

HUMAN ENDURANCE.

THE PERILS OF A WESTERN WILDERNESS

[From the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press.]

AN EXPLORING PARTY

REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM STARVATION.

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee."

imploringly,

" I pray thee, Lord," she said, That thou wilt condescend To tarry in my heart, And ever be my friend The path of life is dark. I would not go astray; O let me have thy hand To lead me in thy way !" "Fear not ! I will not leave thee, child, alone. She thought she felt a soft hand press her own.

"They tell me, Lord, that all The living pass away; The aged soon must die, And even children may. O, let my parents live Till I a woman grow! For if they die what can A little orphan do?"

stretch onward. It reaches on to the dread " Fear not, my child ! whatever ills may come hour when the heart-strings are snapped at the I'll not forsake thee, and I'll bring thee home. touch of death. It sweeps out into eternity.

Her little prayer was said. And from her chamber now Forth she passed with the light Of heaven upon her brow. " Mother, I've seen the Lord. His hand in mine I felt; And O ! I heard him say, As by my chair I knelt,

'Fear not, my child ! whatever ills may come. I'll not forsake thee till I bring thee home." Christian Intelligencer.

THE ROCK OF AGES.

BY THE REV. T. L. CUYLER

The southern coast of England has been the for a few days. Mr. Evarts, is the hero of one were to assail our country, probably we should birthplace of the grandest hymns in our lan- of the most remarkable escapes from starvation all of us look, unless our hearts were absolutely guage. Within that belt of land, sacred to di- in a wilderness that we have ever heard of- preoccupied by partisanship or by the spirit of vine poesy, Charles Wesley caught the inspira- an escape achieved by a display of endurance sneering, to men of that peculiar earnest religition of many of his hymns, and there, we be- almost without aparallel. Our readers will re- ous type of which we have been speaking, howliève, he composed that delicious lovelay of the member mention of Mr. Evart's case in our pa- ever sectarian they might be deemed. as those heart, "Jesus, lover of my soul!" On the per last Fall, but we did not then begin to rea- in whom we should feel special reliance; those shores of Hampshire mused and sang good lize its remarkable features. These we who would exercise the strongest influence on Isaac Watts; and in the same county modest have learned afresh frum Mr. Evart's lips, and others, and breathe, perhaps the most of Mil-Annie Steele breathed forth her tender songs they make a story surpassing in interest any in ton's "deliberate valor" in themselves -Pall of consolation. In old Kent lived Edward Per- fiction. Mr. Evarts was one of

rouett, who struck that brilliant note. ** All hail to the power of Jesu's name " In beautiful last September in the wild regions about the Devonshire the Rev. Henry E. Lyte chanted sources of the Snake and Yellowstone rivers, his last sweet melody, "Abide with me; fast in Montana. It was a high region, over eight falls the eventide." A few miles from him thousand feet above the level of the ocean-one dwelt Charlotte Elliott, the sister of a clergy-never visited before by a white man, and which man; she went about doing good; but the the Indians never inhabited. It was a wooded grandest work God ever put into her hands was country, its trackless wilds covered with fallen to write, "Just as I am without one plea." [timber, making travel very slow on horseback. Devonshire is certainly bonored above all the The party scattered in search of game one day, shires in Britain, for on that poetic soil Augus-and Mr. Evarts followed a deer's trail till, at tus Toplady gave birth to the most glorious hymn of modern times, the "Rock of Ages." in the realized that he was lost in the "Can it be so in the by mn of modern times, the index of mediaval hymns, of the modern songs of Zion the "Rock the party next day. Starting early the next woods. He camped out that night, not doubtof Ages " wears the crown.

made nigh by the blood of Christ." The homes-

It is a curious fact that the spiritual birthmounted from his horse to see his trail more hold of folks; but the names of the firm-I dare It is a curious fact that the spiritual outuan place of the heart which fashioned this hymn was a barn! Augustus Toplady was the son of a British officer. After Major Toplady's death his widow took the lad Augustus on a visit to Ireland. While at Codymain the boy of six-teen found his way into a barn, where an ear-nest but uneducated layman was preaching on position now. the text, "Ye who sometimes were afar off are position now. B 2011/1/1/1.

The essence of the Gospel is in this matchless had to combat. They had against them all the the struggle between life and death was seven souplet. It has wrought itself into ten thousand prestige of Royal authority, all the ordinary but at last the loving wife's prayers to spare prajers for pardon : it has been the condensed resources of government, all the power of the her husband and give him one more opportun-"Confession of Faith " for ten thousand peni-

They never were strong enough to hold for any answered. When he recovered and heard time the open field; they were beaten in one that his little boy lay in the cold grave, he wept laws slight changes have been made in 10p-battle after another: and yet, by sheer valor like a child. Italked to him and pointed out Two slight changes have been made in Top-lady's hymn. The word "tracts" has been superseded by "worlds" in the last verse. In enemies grudgingly admired, they maintained his position of five years before, and received his position of five years before years bef enemies grudgingly admired, they maintained his position of five years before, and received their post for a generation of civil war, and his promise that by the help of God he neve When my eyestrings break in death." Perhaps he had learned the medical fact that a similar spirit—though more modified by other child, almost killed his wife and was hurling him at the moment of dissolution a delicate tendon elements and less military in its character- to an untimely grave with no hope of a better near the eye sometimes breaks and causes a which won for the Dutch Calvinists their inde- life hereafter. I took him in with me and h flow of tears. But the allusion was more ana- pendence of Spain. It was the same which once more stands far up on the ladder of fame tomical than poetic, and the word heart-strings shone forth again, with still more powerful His trials were severe and he was often tempter though short-lived integrity, in the ranks of but he put his trust in God and prayed for help This glorious hymn yet waits a fune worthy Gu tave Adolphus, the prince and model of sol-from on high. He has once more gained the of it. The one is ordinary use is by no means dier-saints. It was the same which assumed confidence of the citizens, and now instead of

of the highest order, Some master of music its most marked character in the armies of saying "No danger I'm used to it," he pro- Asserts JANUARY 1ST 1870 of the highest order, Some master of must bit most matter of and all picturesque exaggeration claims the cause of temperance openly, and has Liabilities isolusive of R-insurance Fund claims the cause of temperance openly, and has Surnius Returnshie to Police Holders in Dividends scribe the majestic onward and apward move- apart, where has history to show the equals of led many to quit the intoxicating bowl. Ilis wife ment of the thought to its sublime climax. The the men who, having made themselves masters has regained her wonted beauty, he is blessed whole hymn is a fervent outcry of a broken of England, laid down their weapons and resum- by two beautitul children, and indeed it is beart to Jesus. It begins in a plaintive confes-ed their ordinary humble occupations in the happy family. The past only makes their love same orderly fashion in which they had mar- for each other the stronger, and together they ched to the charge or the breach? It was the labor in the temperance field, aiding the dis same again-the assertion will seem paradoxi-

Then the suppliant owns that he is naked, emp- cal only to those who are imperfectly acquain- bands and brothers who are indulging in exty-handed, and helpless, and foul, and calls out ted with the subject-which gave additional cesses which prostrates everything that has any force to the Spartan training of Frederick the connection with them.-Temperance Review. Great; for though that sovereign himself cared for none of these things, very many of his offi-

cers were strongly imbued with the strict and VERY SUGGESTIVE TO CORRESPON semi-mystical Lutheran sentiment. It was the DENTS

same which reconquered India for us from the When a brother preaches for you thank him mutineers only a lew years ago. And now we meet with it again in the camp of the conquer- face to face, if at all; you need not thank him ors of France. The very genius of Luther is five thousand times to ten thousand people i there, although purified, we may reasonably the Recorder. It overdoes the thing. As much believe, from much of the arrogance and bitter- as possible omit the phrases, " Permit me to say," "We would inform our friends of Zion," ness which it has derived from the evil days in "The good Lord," (of course he's good and all which the great Reformer's lot was cast. And it is surely matter of deep satisfaction to the Methodists know it without the printing. those who have at heart the progress of our "I desire to report through our excellent R European community, so far as that progress corder," " occupied the stand," "I take my depends on religious freedom and steady mo- pen in hand to say," etc. Get at the subject rality, and on stout hearts to maintain them, to with the very first sentence. Give us kernals be thus made certain that this rich vein is not We have not time to hull and crack. Con dense ! We are crowded. Give everybody We have been glad to see in our city Mr. T. yet exhausted among us; that the little leaven C. Evarts of Helena, Montana, who is visiting which leaveneth the whole lump" shows as yet chance. Follow the models in every week's

his brother, our townsman, Miles A. Evarts, no sign of waste. If any great national danger paper as to address, place for date, name, etc. Let every writer be an editor for himself. So says the Methodist Recorder. and so say we with a little amplification. In filling up dedication notice don't say " dedicated to the worship of the Almighty God." Omit the word which we have italicised, as unnecessary eithe to the fact or rhetoric. Mention all dates in the briefest form, thus : instead of saying on the the twenty-eight day of February," say, " Feb. 28." In an obituary omit the words "the sub-

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"Oh! it is a firm : and I make bold to say correspondents, who observe the following rules they own a good many slaves, and they make Wrile short, WRITE PLAIN. WRITE FACTS. On this last we say always give ten facts to " Can it be so in these days ? Who are they one opinion. Lastly, Write on one side the pa-

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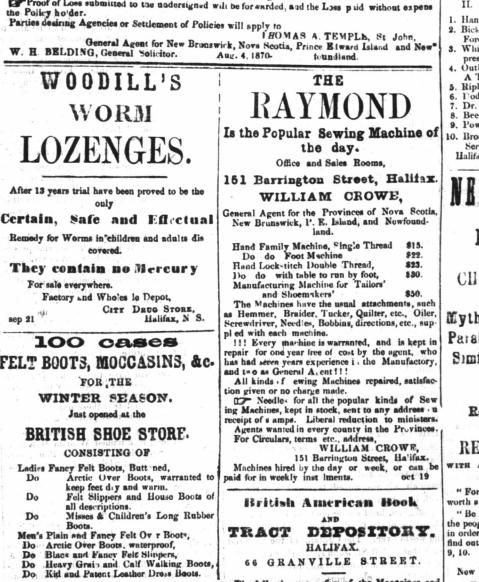
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A SERIOUS BUSINESS

Thinking, however, that some of the party pun p eacher " builded better than he knew." tor his sermon converted the soul, which gave would be back to look for him, he remained in to the Church of God the "Rock of Ages." that vicinity for a day or two; but his friends greater part are caught, and go back to their Let no man feel that he is doing a small thing knowing that he was mounted on a good horse, when he is proclaiming Jesus and the great sal- did not doubt that he would soon overtake votion even in a cow-house, or to the sailors on them, and had pushed on two days's journey the docks. Probably that obscure Irish preach- before they stopped to make search for him. er has overheard ten thousand echoes of his In the meantime, the first snow of the season, influence. It is in your power to take a firm

sermon in the heavenly world. I minored VI Toplady was ordained to the mittistry in 1762, trails or journeying on foot impossible for Mr. take it.- Young Pilgrim. and began to preach on the banks of the Otter. Evarts, and perilling his lite from exposure. It His career was a short one, for he died at the was saved by a provision of nature not known age of thirty-eight. He lived fast and worked in these parts-the hot springs. He rememfiercely. James Hamilton says of him, that, bered that they had passed some of these five "like a raceborse, all nerve and fire, his life or six miles from the spot where he became se- the street cars at No. 43-Fort street in the was on tiptoe - and his delight was to get over parated from his party, and succeeded in ma- City of Detroit, to attend my friends' wedding. the ground." He composed in hot haste. Cer- king his way back to them. He lay by thes, Willford Mitchell met me at the door. He tainly some of his sharp controversial papers on the ground, warmed by the springs, though was looking unusually well this evening and against Arminianism were thrown off as from a baving little nourishment in it. There was was a fine specimen of a man, five feet eleven furnace, for they scorched terribly.

piece, the "Rock of Ages," he could not resist means to take them. Neitheir did he dare to an old schoolmate and a triend I prized very the temptation to give a sly thrust at those who leave there without some MEANS OF KINDLING A FIRE, he insisted were believers in " Pertectionism :"

Living Prayer of the Holicst Believer in the fire. How to get the first spark was the pro-World, This was as much as if he said, " The blem. Fortunately he had with him his field already assembled, among whom were many most sanctified soul in the world must come down and conless that nothing in my hands I he succeeded on a bright day in lighting a fire long be held dear in my mind. bring, and that vile I to this tountain fly."

Glorious child of song ! He has gone where versies are forever hushed. Perhaps him and sing with tears of joy. "Jesus, lover of my soul," so our Methodist brethren have cheered many a love-feast by pouring forth the inspiring strain, " Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myselt in thee."

Toplady's hymn is as universally popular as the sunshine or the vernal flowers. It has been translated into almost every tongue. Dr. Pomeroy went into a church in Constantinople where a company of Arminians were singing a hymn which so moved them that tears were they were singing. A man present translated England was dying, his feeble lips murmured the sweet words of Toplady's hymn: and so it root in the rude discourse of an obscure layman in an Irish barn! Truly the religion of Jesus abaseth the proud and exalteth the lowly. Kings and beggars must go down into the dust alike, where the blood of the atoning Lamb is streaming.

We dare not attempt the critical analysis of Toplady's wonderful hymn. Just as soon would Faith kneeling before a cross :

"Nothing in my hand I bring, Fimply o the cross I cling!"

No device in all Greenwood is more impres-

A country gentleman lately arrived in town, immediately repaired to the house of a relative away from them. You are sold, and that is the end of it-sold to ruin sooner or later. I have seen people try to escape from them. Some, it

Mall Gazette.

I asked.

an to me one day.

nything like that nowadays ?"

" Who bought him, pray ?"

greater part are caught, and go back to their To the young I would say, Have nothing do with them at all. Fight them; give them no quarter; and do all you can to destroy their two feet in depth, fell, making all following of stand against them; and be sure that you do

"NO DANGER: I'M USED TO IT."

It was a beautiful evening that I stepped from plenty of elk and game in the woods and fish in with curling brown hair, which hung in wavy Even when he wrote his magnificent master- the streams, but he was wholly without any ringlets around a high and noble brow. He was highly. Was one of the leading lawyers of the city, and esteemed by a large circle of

so he entitled his hymn when he wrote it, "A for the nights were too cold to be without a friends and acquaintances generally. He con-

with some rotten wood. He then started on After the ceremony was over which gave t the track of the party, using his burning glass Willford the prettiest girl in the city, for his the strife of tongues has ceased, and the contro- to make a fire in bright weather, and carrying bride, we assembled at the table to partake of brands in his hands from one stopping place to the feast prepared for the occasion-Willford Wesley have sung each other's hymns in glory, another in cloudy days, burning his fingers terand been pazzled to find out which of the two ribly in the process, in spite of all his precauti- was indeed beautiful, with a tinge of red playwas the "Calvinist." As we Presbyteriaas ons. Two nights he had to spend without fire, ing over her fair cheek, as she leaned so confiand with the utmost difficulty kept himself alive dingly toward the husband of an hour. The by constant motion and rubbing of his stiffening thought came into my mind, will she always be limbs. A single small bird and a small fish or so happy, without a cloud to shadow her, life;

two gave him all the food he had except the who can tell? at the close I was sorry to se thistle roots. His boots gave out, and his feet wine brought to the guests, and Willford parbecame worn to the bone. In spite of all, he take of it so freely. He drained glass after pushed on, and thirty eight days from the day glass until I saw a change come over him. He he was lost be met a party coming to find-not was the gayest of the gay. When we at last him, but his lifeless remains; for they had no withdrew from the table, before taking my hope of finding him alive. He had made his leave I had an opportunity of whispering a cauhymn which so moved them that tears were trickling down their cheeks. He inquired what they were singing. A man present translated He had become reduced in weight from 160 to danger, I am used to it." I went away with they were singing. A man present translated the words, and lo ! they were the dear old lines, "Rock of Ages." When Prince Albert of England was dying, his feeble lips murmured that month of foot travel. We remember no to ruin, for I felt that there it would end. In the sweet words of lopiady's hymn; and so it instance of endurance surpassing this, and we the morning I was called away by a telegram. those precious thoughts which had their original should be glad if Mr. Evarts, who is a Ver- and it was five long years before I saw Detroit monter, born in Bolton, and a former resident again. When I returned, as I stepped from of Burlington, would write out for our columns the train I saw a man lying beside the depot, in fuller details the interesting story of his surrounded by a lot of boys who were playing all sorts of prauks with him. I was surprised struggle for life in the wilderness.

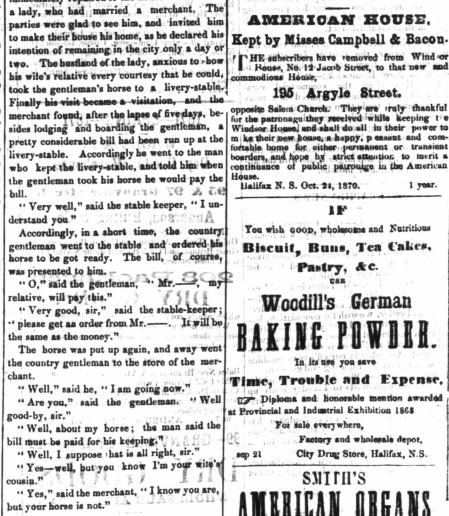
on approaching the group to see Willford in a state of drunkenness; I immediately ordered a forted. When the "Master" called for him his cab and bore him to the place they told me he

It is curious to trace the manner in which lived--up three flight of stairs in the worst part we pull a tube rose to pieces to find out where this peculiar spirit-that of the devout, or, as of city, in a little eight by ten foot room. As the delicious odor was lurking. The hymn itself is absolute perfection. Of all its lines the fearing soldier—has been transmitted from one she used to be. On the bed lay a little boy of two finest are those which are carved on a generation and one country in Western Europe three summers gasping his life out. I laid monument in Greenword, beneath a figure of to another, and what an enormous share it has Willford beside the dying child and hastened had, relatively to numbers and to external re- for a physician but he came too late-he was

sources, in determining the fate of battle fields already dead. The agony of that fond mother, and of political causes. It was this which ani- and still loving wife I shall never forget. mated that race of heroes, the French Huguenots ordered some things that were needed for the sive, and no words can express more beautiful-of the sixteenth century, men of whom, as Nie-present, and left.

ly the entire empty-handedness with which a poor, weak sinful soul comes up to grasp the one-tenth of the Catholic enemies whom these to poet and the first whom the sect. They never amounted in number to with the drunkard's own disease, delirum tre-Margate, P. E. Island, divine Redeemer as its last and only hope. one-tenth of the Catholic enemies whom they mens. All that night I watched by his side ;

THE PURITAN SPIRIT.



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