

POETRY.

GRANDMA.

Seated one day in her easy chair,
A dainty cap on her snow-white hair,
Her gold-rimmed glasses across her nose,
Was Grandmamma knitting her winter hose.

tenfold ratio, and he was already ranked among the most wealthy and important of his countrymen. To inherit this wealth he had but one child—the daughter whom we have introduced to the reader, and whom he was now conveying from school to reside over a household that had too long wanted a mistress.

When the district in which his estates lay had become sufficiently populous to be set off as a county, Mr. Temple had, according to the custom of the new settlements, been selected to fill his highest judicial station. This might make a Templar smile; but, in addition to the apology of necessity, there is ever a dignity in talents and experience that is commonly sufficient, in any station, for the protection of its possessor; and Marmaduke, more fortunate in his native clearness of mind than the judges of King Charles, not only decided right, but was generally able to give a very good reason for it. At all events, such was the universal practice of the country and the times; and Judge Temple, so far from ranking among the lowest of his judicial contemporaries in the courts of the new counties, felt himself, and was unanimously acknowledged to be, among the first.

We shall here close this brief explanation of the history and character of some of our personages, leaving them in future to speak and act for themselves.

CHAPTER III.
>All that thou see'st in Nature's handiwork;
Those rocks that upward throw their mossy brows
Like castled pinnacles of elder times;
These venerable stems, that slowly rock
Their towering branches in the wintry gale;
That field of frost, which glisters in the sun
Mocking the whiteness of a marble breast!
Yet men can mar such works with his rude taste,
Like some sad spoiler of a virgin's fame."
— Deo.

SELECT STORY
THE PIONEERS.

By J. Finlmore Cooper.
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"THE PATRIOT," "HOMERUD
BOUNDS," ETC.

It has been said that Marmaduke deduced his origin from the contemporaries and friends of Penn. His father had married with the pale of the province, and he belonged, and had, in this manner, forfeited some of the privileges of his offspring. Still, as young Marmaduke was educated in a colony and society, where even the ordinary intercourse between friends was tinged with the aspect of this mild religion, his habits and language were somewhat marked by its peculiarities. His own marriage at a future day with a lady without not only the pale, but the influence, of this sect of religionists, had a tendency, it is true, to weaken his early impressions; still he retained them in some degree to the hour of his death, and was observed uniformly, when much interested or agitated to speak in the language of his youth. But this is anticipating our tale.

Some little while elapsed ere Marmaduke Temple was sufficiently recovered from his agitation to scan the person of his new companion. He now observed that he was a youth of some two or three-and-twenty years of age, and rather above the middle height. Further observation was prevented by the rough overcoat which was belted close to his form by a worsted sash, much like the one worn by the old hunter. The eyes of the Judge, after resting a moment on the figure of the stranger, were raised to a scrutiny of his countenance. There had been a look of care visible in the features of the youth, when he first entered the sleigh, that had not only attracted the notice of Elizabeth, but which she had been much puzzled to interpret. His eyes seemed the strongest when he was enjoying his old companion to secrecy; and even when he had decided, and was rather passively suffering himself to be conveyed to the village, the expression of his eyes by no means indicated any great degree of satisfaction at the step. But the lines of an unconquered countenance were gradually becoming composed; and he now sat silent, and apparently musing. The Judge gazed at him for some time with earnestness, and then smiling, as if at his own forgetfulness, he said:
"Believe, my young friend, that terror has driven you from my recollection; your face is very familiar, and yet for the honor of a score of bucks' tails in my cap, I could not tell your name."

When Marmaduke first became the partner of young Ethingam, he was quite the Quaker in externals; and it was too dangerous an experiment for the son to take of encountering the prejudices of the father on this subject. The connection, therefore, remained a profound secret to all but those who were interested in it. For a few years Marmaduke directed the commercial operations of his house with a prudence and sagacity that afforded rich returns. He married the lady who had mentioned, who was the mother of Elizabeth, and the visits of his friends were becoming more frequent. There was a speedy prospect of removing the veil from their intercourse, as its advantages became each more apparent to Mr. Ethingam, when the troubles that preceded the war of the Revolution extended themselves to an alarming degree. Educated in the most dependent loyalty, Mr. Ethingam had, from the commencement of the disputes between the colonists and the crown, warmly maintained what he believed to be the just prerogatives of his prince; while, on the other hand, the clear head and independent mind of Temple had induced him to espouse the cause of the people. Both might have been influenced by early impressions; for, if the son of this loyal father, a soldier bowed in implicit obedience to the will of his sovereign, the descendant of the persecuted followers of Penn looked back with a little bitterness to the unmerited wrongs that had been heaped upon his ancestors.

This difference in opinion had long been a subject of amicable dispute between them; but, latterly, the contest was getting to be too important to admit of trivial discussions on the part of Marmaduke, whose acute discernment was already catching faint glimmerings of the important events that were in embryo. The sparks of dissension soon kindled into a blaze; and the colonies, or rather, as they quickly declared themselves, the states became a scene of strife and bloodshed for years. A short time before the battle of Lexington, Mr. Ethingam, already a widower transmitted to Marmaduke, for safe-keeping, all his valuable effects and papers; and left the colony without his father. The war had, however, scarcely commenced in earnest, when he reappeared in New York, wearing the livery of his king; and, in a short time, he took the field at the head of a provincial corps. In the meantime, Marmaduke had completely committed himself in the cause, as it was then called, of the rebellion. Of course, all intercourse between the friends ceased. On the part of Colonel Ethingam there was unthought, and on that of Marmaduke there was a cautious reserve. It soon became necessary for the latter to abandon the capital of Philadelphia; but he had taken the precaution to remove the whole of his effects beyond the reach of the royal forces including the papers of his friend also. There he continued serving his country during the struggle, in various civil capacities, and always with dignity and usefulness. While, however, he discharged his functions with credit and fidelity, Marmaduke never seemed to lose sight of his own interests; for, when the estates of the adherents of the crown fell under the hammer, by the acts of confiscation, he appeared in New York, and became the purchaser of extensive possessions at comparatively low prices.

It is true that Marmaduke, by thus purchasing estates that had been wrested by violence from others, rendered himself obnoxious to the censures of that sect which, at the same time that it discarded its children from a full participation in the family union, seems even unwilling to abandon them entirely to the world. But either his success, or the frequency of the transgression in others, soon wiped off this slight stain from his character; and, although there were few who, dissatisfied with their own fortunes, or conscious of their own demerits, would make dark hints concerning the sudden prosperity of the unportuned Quaker, yet his services, and possibly his wealth, soon drove the recollection of these vague conjectures from men's minds.

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NEWS AND NOTES.
An Alton (Ill.) woman has secured a divorce because her husband spoke of her biscuits as like unto cobloaches.
The connection of the Arizona and California wings of the great cantilever bridge at Needles, California, was finished Wednesday, and a celebration held. The bridge is said to have the longest unsupported span of any cantilever bridge in the world.
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'Tis now the youth with sadness notes
How changes with unfold;
When'er his trousers light he dons,
It rains or else turns cold.
Joseph E., a three-year-old son of Leon Bean of St. Anthony, Kent Co., had the misfortune to fall into a tub of hot water, and died after twenty hours of the most terrible suffering. The little sufferer retained consciousness almost to the moment of expiring.
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George—Laura, will you be my better half? Laura—Oh, George, how can I, and you so good?
I say, friend, your horse is a little contrary, is he not? No, sir. What makes him stop then? Oh, he's afraid somebody'll say who he and won't hear it.
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CURIOSITIES OF SUICIDE.
The love of life is said to be the most powerful and lasting instinct of the human soul, and yet an Englishman of the last century shot himself because he was tired of buttoning and unbuttoning his clothes.
A study of the statistics of suicide proves that nowhere is man more logical, inconsistent or absurd than in the motives and manners of his self-destruction.
For example: One man ran a key down his throat and held it there until he died. Why? Because, as the letter left behind declares, he "could not find sufficient air to breathe with ease." Therefore, mark you, he would choke himself to death with a large brass key.
Another swallowed broken glass because the fish didn't bite. Another inspired idiot blew himself up with dynamite for the reason that the pie he had for dinner was burned on the bottom.
Still another: An old man in a soldier's house, finding his supply of grog out for some trifling infraction of the rules, killed himself. How? It was very simple. Very absurd. He sharpened one end of his steel spectacles and jabbed it into his jugular vein.
Viewed concretely these instances seem positively humorous, but in the abstract they emphasize a very serious tendency. When it is possible for men to commit suicide for the reason stated above, there is something radically wrong with the social machinery.
To-day, originality of method seem to be the desideratum of the mad to suicide, and, as a result, we find recorded some remarkable instances. One man managed to fall upon the tines of a pair of forks, which he had buried, handle down, in the ground. Another, probably in a spirit of emulation, contrived to impale himself very neatly and effectively on a sharp pointed pin.
More Paris is to kill themselves during the day than at night.
There are more suicides during the pleasant months of April, May, June and July than during any other period of the year.
There are more suicides between the ages of 45 and 55 than during any other period.
There is a much smaller per cent. of suicides in Russia than in the United States.

ENGLISH AS SHE WROTE.
A recent traveler in Spain and Portugal sends an interesting Portuguese official document found on the table of a British steamer before entering the port of Lisbon. The leaflet contains "instruction concerning tobacco," and is issued by the custom house authorities. Here is one of its clauses:
"All tobacco the visit may find on board, besides what may have manifested in this transgression, will be subject to imprisonment and other penalties the law imposes." If there has still been any doubt as to the genuineness of the amusing booklet, "English as She is Spoke," this example of official English ought to remove it.
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