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We shrink and shudder at the surgeon knife, Each nerve recoiling from the cruel steel, ing life,
Yet to our sense the bitter pangs reveal
That still, although the trembling flesh be This also can be borne.

We see a sorrow rising in our way, And try to flee from the approaching ill; We seek some small escape; we weep and But when the blow falls, then our hearts are still;
Not that the pain is of its sharpness shorn,
But that it can be borne.

We hold it closer, dearer, than our own.

Anon it faints and fails in deathly strife,

Leaving us shunned and stricken and

alone: But, ah! we do not die with those we mourn; This also can be borne.

Behold! we live through all things-famine, thirst,
Bereavement, pain, all grief and misery,
All wee and sorrow; life inflicts its worst
On soul and body—but we cannot die.
Though we be sick, and tired, and faint,
and worn—
Lo! all things can be borne.
—E. A. Allen.

Select Ziterature.

Mrs. Seabury's Trial.

BY LUCIE D. WEISH. "Well, now," said Mrs. Beaman, briskly, to the other members of the Sewing Society, after we voted at the last meeting to get a

judgment, I know well enough. See how Seabury's faith in her husband had never I want to see their faces." she'd a showed judgment, I say! It wouldn't be right to give her money to spend, and I, into by the entrance of Esther, the largest

for one would be against it." Mrs. Beaman glanced around the little a bright blue woollen gown, made perfectly plain, and ornamented about the neck by a ruffle of red silk. She was a wealthy widow, and as president of the society and the largest it, dear."

Seabury, laying the baby on the lounge, regardless of its walls. "Tell mother all about it, dear." and as president of the society and the largest subscriber in the church, her word was law

with every one.

Meek Mrs. Lane was the only person who

"Perhaps Mrs. Seabury didn't have money must have got awful behind with his not preaching for so long. And really, it doesn't seem as if I should want any one to buy a She looked around for a supporting voice,

but there was none.
"Well, now I'll tell you just how I feel about it," said Mrs. Beaman. "If I wasn't a very good judge of dress goods, and somebody that was should go and pick me out a dress that would wear, and wouldn't fade "I w nor cockle with dampness nor nothin', and should buy it, and pay for it, I should feel

Mis' Seabury was just as patient with email, and just as periite to me, as could be.

I didn't see the minister, for he was writing his sermon, but I did have quite a talk with her. Why, they hain't got hardly nothin' her was writing and fine, as Mrs. Beaman had in her hand. It was strong and fine, as Mrs. Beaman had his sermon, but I did have quite a talk with his sermon, but I did have quite a talk with his sermon, but I did have quite a talk with his sermon, but I did have guite a talk with his sermon, but I di

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1897. her way or no way with Ann Beaman every

> So there was no other dissenting voice, So there was no other dissenting voice, and the matter was considered settled.
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> We'll cut and make 'em ourselves, and they would be if we refused to accept the We'll cut and make 'em ourselves, and you can come to my house and sew on 'em.
> You know the conference meets with us next time and expense! Come Eather you must, such a thing, although it is a pity he should bely me on the conference meets with us next thelp me in this matter. The other children not have a larger field." You know the conference meets with us next month, and we ought to have 'em done by t sat time, so we'll have to work fast." "What color did you say the cloth was ?" asked Mrs. Driscoll.

"It's a kind of a dark plaid, and not really dark, neither. It won't fade and it won't "I will, mother, I will!" replied Eather. wear out for one while, I know. Now you all come to-morrow afternoon, and we'll be-gia. Mis' White's about Mis' Seabury's size, so we'll fit that dress to her. The biggest twin is about the size of my Rebecca, so we can get that dress easy enough, and we'll plaint when the new garments were brought can get that drees easy enough, and we il home and tried on. When the cloth was "Well, well, I do make one a little smaller for the other twin. home and tried on. When the cloth was "Well, well, I do made up, it looked even more startling than hisband, dubiously." The rest of 'em we'll have to guess at."

do think Mis' Seabury would hate to wear and short waisted bodies, which buttoned in

with Mrs. Beaman, so she said nothing.

A few weeks after this Mrs. Seabury sat

different fashion. Her own daughter's was

work of her hands as much as ever. by the window of her little sitting room tryng to amuse the fretful baby. Perhaps if the baby's mother had had less care and hard Seabury to leave her house arrayed in such see the circus procession marching up the work the child would not have been so fret. a garb. But it was a great deal harder for broad aisle at church. If Ann Beaman ever ful. Even now her mind was filled with worry about the children's winter clothes.

There was no trace of her unhappiness in she'll know it!" They had literally nothing, and the climate her face, however. Her struggle had been In the spring the town was electrified by of northern Vermont necessitates something

"Oh, if we could ever get out of debt, how | gle. happy we should be !" she thought. Her mind went back to that June day, twelve years ago, when she had married Mr.

Seabury. How bright and fair everything had been to them! To be sure, Mr. Seabury was in debt for his education, but they were young and strong and could soon pay the fortable. ant due. But the children came fast. Then the minister lost his health, and was unable to preach for more than a year. The enough to make a cap for Johany in addition go, Mrs. Beaman marched boldly up to the terrible debt still followed them, and now, to the spencer. after twelve years, they were no more able to pay it than they had ever been.

"after we voted at the last meeting to get a dress for the minister's wife, I just went up there to see if anything else was needed."

"I've been thinking." interrupted Mrs. Lane, a gentle-faced little woman, "that perhaps we'd better give the money to Mrs. Scabury, and let her get just what I thought 'twas, discouraged with his fruitless struggle to king people," said the lady who was one of the occupants of the carriage to her husband. "They are all dressed in the same for herself. What do you think about it, Mrs. Beaman?"

"I've been thinking." interrupted Mrs. Scabury, and let reversed nearly half the distance when a carriage drove up behind them. "Herbert, do see those queer looking people," said the lady who was one of the occupants of the carriage to her husband. "They are all dressed in the same kind of cloth. They must belong to some think of hill been." I have always appreciate the fill them. I have always appreciate the charce of the occupants of the carriage to her husband. "They are all dressed in the same kind of cloth. They must belong to some think of think nothin about it!" retorted that lady, sharply. "She hain't got no judgment, I know well enough. See how seally all the distance when a carriage drove up behind them. "Herbert, do see those queer looking people," said the lady who was one of the occupants of the carriage to her husband of cloth. They must belong to some kind of cloth. They must belong to some lititletion, or perhaps they are strolling players, and dress in that way to attract attention. Do stop and ask them something. I want to see their faces."

Through all these unfortunate years Mrs. Seabury's faith in her husband had never seen."

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rusty that black dress of hers is! If she'd wavered, and she brought up her children to The gentleman, who was much older than Mrs. Seabury hesitated a moment, then Her sad reflections were suddenly broken

"Oh, mother, mother !" she cried, throwcircle. She was a large, portly woman, with ing herself at Mrs. Seabury's feet and bursta massive double chin and keen black eyes.

Her mouth had a habit of shutting tightly, and she would press her lips together until and a line was visible. She was dressed in a bright blue woollen gown, made perfectly "What is it, Esther darling?" cried Mrs.

It was very unusual for Esther to break down. She was only eleven years old, to be sure, but in wisdom and experience she was ever dared to argue with her, and to-day she | twenty. She could scarcely remember when made a feeble effort to defend the minister's the burden of the housekeeping had not rested on her slender shoulders, while Hope, the

smaller twin, had always had a baby in her enough to buy a good black dress. They arms. "Tell me, Esther dear," repeated the anxious mother.
"Oh, mother, those awful dresses! We

never can wear them—we never can! All just alike! And how the baby will look in a cloak of it! And poor Johnny has got to have a spencer, and it is such awful cloth !" "Calm yourself, Esther, and tell me what this is all about. I don't understand in the "I went down to see Rebecca Beaman

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"It never would answer," replied her

mother, "Mrs. Beaman and the other la-

his wife, smiled indulgently, and

Mr. Seabury turned to reply.

"Can you tell me the way to Montrose

You have often heard me speak of him."

amusement had died out of them.

horse beside the little group.

to that of his wife.

shouldn't have known how his abilities were dies have mernt to be very kind to us. We wasted here, and you wouldn't have had the opportunity of helping him."
"I help him my dear?" exclaimed the as

"I know it has not occurred to you, but it will take it in the way that you do. If you accept the gift cheerfully, and as if you were pleased, they will do the same. I shall de-Merton, who edits the "Christian Messenger," is going to resign in the spring to go to India. His wife told me so. And you are "And above all things, do not let papa going to get his position for Mr. Seabury, suspect that there is anything peculiar about the clothes, for it would grieve him so." who can write beautiful sermons, but cannot preach them very well. I know all about it,

Esther's example was of so much value for Mrs, Seabury told me, and the idea came that not one of the children made any com- into my mind at once. You will do it, "Well, well, I don't know!" said her

The rest of 'em we'll have to guess at."

"I do hope the cloth isn't very bad," thought Mrs. Lane. "Ann Beaman hain't got no more taste than a settin' hen, and I there is the important of the sample. The girls' dresses, thought Mrs. Lane. "Ann Beaman hain't got no more taste than a settin' hen, and I their mother's, with straight plain skirts pers and the entertainments given by the sofront. Such frocks had been worn by chil- evident to every one that those garmen anything very homely."

She knew it would be of no use to argue when Mrs. Beaman was young, and tren when Mrs. Beaman was young, and the saw no reason for making these in any when the saw no reason for making these in any when the saw no reason for making these in any when the saw no reason for making these in any who as ever.

after the same style.

No one knew how hard it was for Mrs.

Lane, "It makes me ashamed every time I

a silent one, in the solitude of her chamber, the news that Mr. S-abury had received a very flattering offer to edit the paper of the and no one knew that there had been a strugseemed miraculous to these simple people.

There was no question about Mr. Seabury's It was indeed a fantastic procession, for the cloth had held out wonderlulty well, and acceptance. Of course he must take it. Esther and Hope had short capes to wear with their dresses, while little Nannie had a Such chances come only once in a lifetime.

If the people were surprised, how much long one with a hood to it. The capes were more so was the minister and his family ! lined and wadded, and were really very com-They little knew how important a part the Mrs. Beaman had felt that the crowning plaid dresses had played in the matter. As soon as it was decided that they would point was reached when she found pieces

, Mis' Seabury," said she, "I guess I The parsonage was about a quarter of a mile from the church, and the Seabury fam. made a mistake when I bought that cloth. Mr. Seabury had no talent for making lly had traversed nearly half the distance It really wasn't just what I thought 'twas,

say that I liked the garments or that I really enjoyed wearing them or seeing the children

"Why, John Seabury, can this be you?" exclaimed the gentleman, holding out a friendly hand. "You don't know how "V " Well now ' said Mrs. Beaman heartily. pleased I am to see you again!"
"And I to see you, Professor Dawes. "I'm glad you don't bear me no ill will for making you all look like a menagerie. I guess those things won't do to ware down Ada," turning to his wife, "this is Professor where you are goin', though. So If you'll just get all the clothes together, I'll take 'em

To save her life Mrs. Seabury could not what they had been." repress the burning flush of mortification Mrs. Beaman was as good as her word, which rose to her cheeks as she acknowledged and the twins rejoiced in dark blue dresses, Professor Dawes kindly greeting and replied while Nannie and and Johnny appeared in brown. Mrs. Seabury's gown came home a "What will they think of us in these grotesque clothes?" she thought. "Oh, they will see that John has not succeeded as

when she once began to color.

The baby's little cloak was left untoucha preacher, and they will think I have been a drag on him and kept him from advancing. No woman who would dress herself and her ed, for he had fretted himself into a better plaid garment was always a most precious While these bitter thoughts passed through

Every summer Mrs Seabury and the chilher mind Mrs. Dawes had been surveying deen make a visit to Dunbar, spending the little family with kindly eyes; all the "A conference to-day," said the professor, turning to her. "What do you say about the minister's wife never regetted the cour-age with which she had faced her trial.

going in for a while? We can do so perfectdress that would wear, and wouldn't. fade nor cockle with dampness nor nothin', and should buy it, and pay for it, I should feel to be thankful, I know."

There was a subdeed murmur of assent from the other women.

"As I was asying when somebody interrupted me," went on Mrs. Beaman, with a severe look at Mrs. Lane, "I went up to Mis' Seabury's to find out if anything else was needed. Well, now, I tell you it made me feel bad! Mis' Seabury was tryin' to out out a dress for Nsanie—that's the one next to the youngest—and she didn't that's half enough cloth. The biggest twin was half enough cloth. The biggest twin was althin's the closhes, and the other will was attyin's to keep the baby from cryin'. He oertainly is the fussiest baby I eversee. He yelled the whole endurin' time that I was pitched the whole endurin' time that I was there, but this mother said she didn't think he ache, and he beliered most of the time, and Mis' Seabury was just as patient with 'em all, and just as perlite to me, as could be I didn't see the milaster, for he was writing and the same half and look for the rath was all and just as perlite to me, as could be I didn't see the milaster, for he was writing Mrs. Seabury took the sample in her hand.

"I went down to see Rebecca Beaman this afternoon," said Externoon," said Externoon," as id Externoon, "as in Externoon," as id Externoon," as in Externoon," a ly well, as our trip is one of pleasure and not

all, addies are prifice to me, as could be laddies are minister, for the way writing his serrom, but I did have quits a talk with the Way, they hads' got hardly ochicated to war, and no money to buy anything with, the didn't wan to tell me, but it cannot not little at a time. I didn't any mobile about the social getting anything to kee, but I didn't any mobile about the social getting anything to kee, but I didn't any mobile about the social getting anything to kee, but I didn't any mobile about the social getting anything with. But I didn't any mobile about the social getting anything with. But I didn't any mobile about the social getting anything with the social getting anything the social g