## THE GOLDEN SIDE.

There is many a rest in the road of life,
If we only stop to take it;
And many a tone from the better land,
If querulous heart would make it;
To the sunny soul that is full of hope,
And whose beautiful trust ne'er faileth
The grass is green and the flowers bright
Though the winter storm prevaileth.

Better to hope the 'the clouds hang low, And to keep the eyes still lifted; For the sweet blue sky will soon pe

When the ominous clouds are rifted; There was never a night without a day, Or an evening without a morning; And the darkest hour as the proverb good Is the hour before the dawning.

There is many a gem in the path of life, Which we pass in our idle pleasure, That is richer far than the jewelled crow Or the miser's hoard of treasure; It may be the love of a little child, Or a mother's prayer to Hear Or only a beggar's grateful than For a cup of water given.

Better to weave in the web of life
A bright and golden filing,
And do God: will with a ready heart,
And hands that are free and willing Than to snap the delicate, minute threa Of our curious lives assunder, And thus blame heaven for the tangl

And thus sit and grieve and wonder.

Better to stand by the forge and mould,
Thoughts that shall light the dreary
Paths of this toilsome light of ours
To the rest of all the weary,
Than to fold our arms and idly sit,
As though made of tears and laughter,
Let each take his cross and follow it
Into the greater Hereafter.

## WHO STOLE THE MONEY.

BY AN OLD CONTRIBUTOR. have learned, in the course of ni legal experience, that circumstantial evidence alone, is a dangerous theory upon which to base conviction in crimi ial causes. I have known several cases in which the innocent have been grossly wronged through this means; a very plausible instance, I remember, being in

bstance as follows: A pale, seared boy, some fourteen years old, was brought into the Municipal Court, in a neighboring city, one morning, evidently in great tribulation, who was arrainged upon a charge of

theft in his employer's store.
"What's your name?" asked the

Judge quietly.

"Johnny Biggs," said the boy humbly

"Where do you live?"

"Down't North End, sir." Now, Mr. Clerk, what is this case

said the Judge, with some interest. "The old story, your Honor," replied the Clerk, rather familiarly. Thieving. He's stolen a pocket-book. and won't give

the case, I respectfully suggest that the the service I had so accidentally rendered

"Very damagingly so!" sug frankly. "And, though it is hardly within the ordinary rule of Courts, at this late stage of the business, I pray the Court to allow me, on this trembling, frightened boy's behalf, to ask the last but had his hammock swung in his witness in this case a few brief ques-

the stand again directly.

"You say you missed your pocket-book, after leaving the store, sir?" I "Yes, sir-with seventy dollars in it."

"You are sure you didn't take it out, when you went? "No, sir: I did not." "You might have done so?"
"But I didn't, sir."

"You couldn't have dropped it, then, in your hurry as you went?"
"I didn't have it. I left it on the counter, near where this boy was busy putting up goods. And I've no question

"You came back -- how soon? "Within five minutes, or so."

"And the boy was gone?"

"Yes, sir, and the pocket book,"

added the witness sharply.
"That's all, sir," I remarked.

And the gentleman sat down.

I had not made much progress as yet,
but I next asked the lad to stand up;
when I spoke to him kindly, and said: "Johnny, why did you hurry out that night as soon as this gentleman left, as says you did ?"

"Cause mother was dreadful sick he said tearfully; "aud me an' my little brother Neddy was all't she had to take care of her. An' I went straight home, and didn't knew nothin' about no money of that man's, no way."

"You went home because your mothe was sick. How long has she been ill?"

"A good while, sir." "But why didn't you return to your

The lady who presented Mr. Spurgeo work? Why were you absent three days with \$100,000 some time ago, to found orphanage for boys, has it is said, offered that gentleman another large sum of just then ?' " Mother's dead, sir." said the "When did she die?"

" That night, sir. An' I staid away, A young man found a skunk in the for contempt of Court, calmly admits in 'cause I had to go to her funeral with Neddy, and he is all alone now, sir." cellar at Banstable, Mass., and he let one article that Kelly was the murderer, down a piece of meat covered with ar- describes approvingly the manner in "I never have seen it in all my life, senic, as he thought, to the floor. It was afterward found that the bait had which the victim was watched, and add poor mother allers said I must be honbeen lowered into the pork barrel. est, ef I starved; and God would know

ted, died on Friday last.

This event is one which confirms

ever strong that evidence may be.

sentenced to death.

of January.

The Grand Duke Alexis is a fine l THE MURDER OF POLICE CONSTABLE player on the piano.

A set of Eugenie's diamonds

Small-pox is increasing its rava

The Bible War at Hunte

An international exposition of agricul

Punch says that the reason the wind

him in court, and he proved a thoroughly honest and good servant in the years that followed that little incident.

TALBOT,—The acquittal of Kell charged with the murder of Police Court of the charged with stable Talbot, has created very consi able excitement, the conduct of the jur in my opinion that it is unsafe to convict upon circumstantial evidence only, howhaving been denounced on the one han and extelled on the other in no measure Prince Alexis wouldn't sleep in the terms. Considering the evidence gir iary could have given a verdict acquittal. Is it possible, it has been asked, that with all the powers placed

Certainly, there is no objection, sir."

And I had the loser of the money upon

Queen Victoria is about to send copies of her works to the new library forming at Chicago. Her autograph will accommon to secure the attendance of such as the control of the control jury as would fearlessly return a verdi An opponent of the public school sys- in accordance with the facts brought of tem insists that if you teach a boy to write, he is much less likely to make his mark in after life.

A prominent journalist offers a reward of \$1000 for a tale that will make his passed against the Irish people as un hair stand on end. He has tried all the hair restoratives and failed. He is held

One of the Manitoban half breeds accused of complicity with the Fenians in the late raid, las been found guilty and subject is preserved against the encroachments of the Crown. There does not Her Majesty's writ has been issued seem to be any doubt that there was a for a new election in Carleton County. denial of justice in the case of Kelly, for The nomination will take place on the 26th instant, and the polling on the 2nd unless the witnesses are all to be regarded a suborned and their testimony as fabricated, the murder of Talbot was Telegrams received respecting the vessels ice-bound below Quebec convey clearly brought home to the prisoner. But every effort was made by every unfavourable news as to their position. possible means to terrify the jury Some of the shins have gone ashore and are going to pieces, whilst others are articles appeared daily in the incendiary drifting with wind and tide amongst the press of Dublin, of the most atrocious character, and by very open threats the Rev. Richard Bentley, of Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y., is to be inducted into the pastorate of Union Church (Canada Presbyterian,) Galt, on the was laudable to kill an informer, and

that if they did not return a verdict of The young man Goodland, who had his foot so severely crushed by an acci-dent on the Grand Trunk, near Prescott, acquittal, their own lives would pay the forfeit. It was under such circumstances that the injured limb had to be amputa- that the prisoner was allowed to leave ay! I forgot-woman is always dear, the dock solemnly pronounced not guilty of an act of which no man doubted he was the perpetrator. The Irishman the organ of the irreconcilables, in its money to found a similar institution for articles on the subject, for some of which the publisher Pigott has been punished

> that the prisoner would have had every chance of escape but that his revolver out of the rib? "Indeed, I can't say,"

A RIDE FOR LIFE.

so that the engineer cannot see entirely through it. So, as he thundered along yesterday, he little thought what stirring times were upon him. He had hardly to take place at Vienna in the spring of The Republicans have carried the

The woman, hearing the peculiar death-whistle of the locomotive, looked over her shoulder and saw the train rushing at her. She did not shrick nor like a

discovery of what was the matter the wildest excitement consuad Punch says that the reason the wind blows so hard round corners is because pawn-brokers' shops are stationed on the corners, which are designed for raising the wind.

A person was remarking the other day, "How cheap everything has got!"
"Not every thing," said his friend. "Why, what is not?" "Woman!" "Oh, ay! I forgot—woman is always dear. ay! I forgot—woman is always dear.

Is there any way to escape an earthquake? Yes, have a balleon always in readiness; and as soon as the shock comon the horse and its sider, and there was

mences jump in, cut loose, and ascend beyond the "storms of time and sense." expect that both the woman and the horse would be killed. Rats, says Josh Billings, originally There was perhaps 30 feet intervening between the cow-catcher and the horse's heels, when, fortunately for the woman, she observed a place which was a little originally staid there. They are about allod for az a pane in the small of

A lady, of an irascible temper, asked the track and endeavored to press him

evenge against Germany. Of course Vesterday there occurred on the Oregon and California Railroad, between this city and Salem, one of the most thrilling incidents we ever heard of. able a power as that which so completely most thrilling incidents we ever heard of, able a power as that which so completely When the down train came near one of prostrated and humiliated France in the When the down train came near one of the stations on the road, it was running at full speed, in order to make time, as it was a few minutes behind. The road at this point runs through a cut, something more than a mile in length, and in extering it the road makes a curve she can carry her programme of vengeance into effect. As a matter of times were upon him. He had hardly got into the cut before he saw a woman riding leisurely through it, and with perfect nonchalance using the centre of the track. He immediately whistled "down breaks," and then sounded the warning.

mischief of the French with a surprising precision. The clamour of imprudent rein, she guided the fleeting horse from the life of continental nations.

PARLIAMENT OF ONTARIO

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, MONDAY, Dec. 11. The Speaker took the chair at thre

THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS Mr. Deroche rose to move an address to His Excellency in reply to the speech from the Throne. He begged the inulgence of the House while he, perhaps the youngest member of the House, dressed them for a few moments.

nestration, but at the same time he did so because he believed the policy of the Government would be in the future as it had been in the past—one that would secure the confidence of the people.

Mr. H. S. Macdonald, of South Leeds, econded the address.

Mr. Blake rose and said

drawing their opposition to the reading of the Scriptures in schools under School rushing at her. She did not shrick nor commissioners.

Hon. A.P. Grant of Oswego came to his death under singular circumstances. Whilst descending the stairs of his house he fell to the bottom and broke his neck.

At the National Board of Trade Conference at St. Louis, a proposition was made for the abrogation or reduction of the existing duty of twenty per cent on Canadian lumber.

The whole he made about as rapid time as any animal ever seen in Oregon; but each instant the iron horse gained upon the one composed of blood arms and efference. The shricking of the locomotive the lady; "its face is so dirty it cannot the windows. And upon their out of the windows. And upon their out of the windows. And upon their the face is for the reconders as we may see in the shrought of the windows. And upon their out of the windows are the manner than the trant of defensive preparations andertaken. In Germany as a precaution against the frontier the windows as a precaution against the frontier the which the windows as a precaution against the frontier the windows as a precaution against the frontier the where we will be much if not more, so that we may see how much the industry of France and Germany is taxed, and the labor and productive powers of the two countries robbed, to keep up the vast standing armies which are deemed essential in the menacing attitude of the two countries.

How much better it would be if sums as menacing attitude of the two countries. How much better it would be if sums as large could be devoted as carnestly to the education and amelioration of the condition of the working classes, who in both France and Germany are sadly in need of amelioration. Such a speculation is however vague, for the whole story of the acts of nations shows that it is futile to expect a military disarmament in Europe in our day. On the contrary, armaments will go on increasing with the inventions that are made in the destructive art of war, and the mutual jealousy of two nations so thoroughly hostile to each other as France and Germany will keep up the bane that has so long taxed.

The leader of the other side, had voted in solid and unbroken ranks against every amendment, and though personally he regretted the absence of many estimable men from this House, yet he rejoiced, in his country's interests, to see that, as two to one, the Province had pronounced against these men. (Application of the Government in Europe in our day. On the contrary, armaments will go on increasing with the inventions that are made in the destructive art of war, and the mutual jealousy of two nations so thoroughly hostile to each other as France and Germany will keep up the bane that has so long taxed. history of recent years at all exhibited a parallel case of such a complete rooting out on any side of the House. (Applause.) The leader of the Government, a day or two before the session closed,

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