

The Family

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

BY GERALD MASSEY.
High hopes that burned like stars sublime
Go down in the heavens of freedom;
And true hearts' prayers in the time
We utter need 'em.

But never set we down and say
There's nothing left but sorrow;
We walk the wilderness to-day,
The promised land to-morrow.

Our birds of song are silent now,
These are no flowers blooming;
Yet his heart's in the forest bow,
And Freedom's spring is coming.

And Freedom's tide comes up always,
Though we may stand in sorrow
And our good bark, aground to-day,
Shall float again to-morrow.

Through all the long, dark night of years
The people's cry ascended,
And earth is wet with blood and tears;
But our meek suffering ended.

The foe shall not forever stay,
The many mill in sorrow—
The powers of hell are strong to-day,
But Christ shall rise to-morrow.

Though hearts brood o'er the past, our eyes
With smiling futures glisten;
For lo! our day bursts up the skies:
Lean out your souls and listen.

The world rolls Freedom's radiant way,
And ripens with her sorrow;
Keep her! Who bears the cross to-day
Shall wear the crown to-morrow.

O youth! flame-earnest, still aspire
With energies immortal;
To many a heaven of desire
Our yearning opens a portal.

And though age wears by the way,
And hearts break in the furrow,
We'll sow the golden grain to-day,
The harvest comes to-morrow.

A GENUINE LITTLE LADY.
Miss Lucia M. Alcott tells this pleasant story, a true story, in the *Yankee Companion*:
Going down one of the steep streets, where the pavement was covered with ice, I saw before me an old woman slowly and timidly picking her way. She was one of the poor, but respectable old ladies who dress in rusty black, wear old-fashioned bonnets, and carry big gaudy, but those better bred treat them with respect, and find something touching in the faded old suits, the withered old faces, and the knowledge that these lonely old ladies have lost youth, friends, and often fortune, and are patiently waiting to be called away from a world that seems to have passed by and forgotten them.

Well as I slipped and scuffled along, I watched the little black bonnet in front, expecting every minute to see it go down, and trying to hurry that I might offer my help.

At the corner I passed three little school-girls, and heard one say to the others, "O, I wouldn't, she will do well enough, and we shall lose our coating if we don't hurry."
"But if she should tumble and break her poor old bones I should feel so bad," returned the second, a pleasant-faced child, whose eyes followed the old lady, full of a sweet, pitiful expression.

"She's such a funny-looking woman, I shouldn't like to be seen walking with her," said the third, as if she thought it would be a kind thing to do, but hadn't courage to try it.

"Well, I don't care; she's old, and ought to be helped, and I am going to do it," cried the pleasant-faced girl; and running by me, I saw her overtake the old lady as she stood at a crossing looking wistfully over a dangerous glare of ice before her.

"Please, ma'am, sha'n't I help you, it's so bad here?" said the little voice, as the hands in the red mittens were helpfully outstretched.

"Oh, thank dear, I'd no idea the walking was so bad, but I must get home." And the old face was lighted up with a grateful smile, which was worth a dozen of the finest coats in Boston.

"Take my arm, then; I'll help you down the street, 'cause I'm afraid you might fall," said the child, offering her arm.

"Yes, dear, so I will. Now we shall get on beautifully. I've been having a dreadful time, for my over-socks are all holes, and I slip every step."

"Hold on, ma'am, I sha'n't fall. I've got rubber boots and can't tumble down."
So chatting, the two went safely across, leaving me and the other girls to look after them and wish we had done the little act of kindness that now looked so lovely in another.

"I think Katy is a real good girl don't you?" said one child to the other.

"Yes, I do! Let us wait till she comes back. No matter if we do lose some coats," answered the child who had tried to dissuade her playmate from going to the rescue.

There I left them; but I think they got a lesson that day in the real politeness which comes from having kindness; and as they watched little Katy dutifully supporting the old lady, undaunted by the immense yellow muff or the old socks, or the queer bonnet, both of their faces were full of a new respect and affection for their playmate.

KNOCKING AWAY THE PROPS.
"See, father," said a lad who was walking with his father, "they are knocking away the props under the bridge. What are they doing that for? Won't the bridge fall?"
"They are knocking them away," said the father, "that the structure may rest more firmly on the stone piers which are now finished."
Arches always require props while they are being built. A temporary wooden structure is first prepared; over which the arch of brick or stone is laid. But though the arch may be finished, and the keystone set in its place, yet it will never become strong and solid as it should be, until the props are all knocked away, the wooden arch removed, and the different stones left to feel their own weight, and bind themselves by their own pressure between the massive piers from which the arch is sprung.

And in like manner God permits his children in their infancy and weakness, to have various props and supports on which to lean, giving crutches to the lame, and sight to those who fear to walk by faith; but when at last he would bring us forth to stand in strength and beauty, resting on his Word alone, he knocks away prop after prop, till we can only rely on God and wholly trust in him.

Sometimes a man trusts in health, and God weakens his strength in the way, and shortens his days, that he may learn to lay hold on eternal life, when this life is passing from his grasp. Another trusts in his wealth, and thinks

himself secure from the approach of want; till God removes that prop, and teaches him how to pray. "Give us this day our daily bread," and trust in the Lord's providence till he receives it.

Again, men trust in friends, and covet human sympathy, and receive honor one of another until the Lord knocks away the props they rest on, and they become foes, and are loved far more than all that men can give or do.

Then when earthly hopes are blasted, and earthly joys withered away, the Lord appears to us an unchanging friend, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. His peace to man taketh away. His love is an everlasting love. His compassions fail not. His mercies are from everlasting—His word endureth forever.

What then, though every prop be gone, only God sustains our fainting souls? It is enough. Storm and sunshine, war and peace, sorrow and joy, darkness and light, all are alike to us while "He abideth faithful," and is with us always, even to the end of the world.

"Let sickness blast, but death devour."
If heaven but recompense our pain;
Perish the grass, and fade the flower,
If firm the Word of God remain."
—The Christian.

THE FORGIVEN DEBT.
One of the old school merchants of Boston, very extensively engaged in commerce, and located at Long Wharf, in that city, died intestate at the age of seventy-nine. His eldest son administered upon the estate.

Among his papers a package of considerable size was found after his death, carefully tied up and labeled as follows:
"Notes, due bills and accounts, against sundry persons down almost shore. Some of these may be got by a suit or severe dunning. But the proper course most of them have had is father's name. My children will do as they think best. Perhaps they will think, with me, that it is best to burn this package entire."

About a month (said the narrator of this) after our father died, the sons met together, and after some general remarks, our eldest brother, the administrator, produced this package, read the superscription, and asked what course should be taken in regard to it.

Another brother, a few years younger than the eldest, a man of strong, impulsive temperament, unable to express his feelings by words, while he brushed the tears from his eyes with one hand, by a spasmodic jerk of the other toward the fireplace indicated his desire to have the paper in the flames.

It was suggested by another of our number that it might be wise to make a list of our father's names, and of the dates and amounts, that we might be enabled, as the intended discharge was for all, to inform such as might offer payment, that their debts were forgiven.

On the following day we again assembled. The list had been prepared, and all the notes, due bills and accounts, whose amount including interest, exceeded thirty-two thousand dollars, were committed to the flames.

It was about four months after our father's death, in the month of June, that, as I was sitting in my eldest brother's counting room, waiting for an opportunity to speak to him, there came in a hard-favored, little old man, who looked as if time and rough weather had been to the windward of him for seventy years. He asked if my brother was not the executor. He replied that he was the administrator, as our father died intestate.

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Last Quarter, 20th day, 10h. 2m. morning.
New Moon, 28th day, 7h. 4m. morning.

Day	SUN	MOON	H Tide
1st	4.24	7.43	5.26
2nd	4.24	7.43	5.26
3rd	4.25	7.43	5.26
4th	4.25	7.42	5.26
5th	4.26	7.42	5.26
6th	4.27	7.42	5.26
7th	4.27	7.41	5.26
8th	4.28	7.41	5.26
9th	4.29	7.41	5.26
10th	4.29	7.40	5.26
11th	4.30	7.40	5.26
12th	4.31	7.39	5.26
13th	4.32	7.38	5.26
14th	4.33	7.38	5.26
15th	4.34	7.37	5.26
16th	4.34	7.36	5.26
17th	4.35	7.36	5.26
18th	4.36	7.35	5.26
19th	4.37	7.34	5.26
20th	4.38	7.33	5.26
21st	4.39	7.32	5.26
22nd	4.40	7.31	5.26
23rd	4.41	7.30	5.26
24th	4.42	7.29	5.26
25th	4.43	7.28	5.26
26th	4.44	7.27	5.26
27th	4.45	7.26	5.26
28th	4.46	7.25	5.26
29th	4.47	7.24	5.26
30th	4.48	7.23	5.26
31st	4.49	7.22	5.26

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