Like music to some old rhyme: But ah! it takes courage and patience Against the current to ride. And we must have strength from Heaven

When rowing against the tide. We may float on the river's surface While our oars scarce touch the stream, And visions of earthly glory

On our dazzled sight may gleam; We forget that on before us The dashing torrents roar, And while we are idly dreaming, Its waters will carry us o'ert

But tew-ah! would they were many-Row up the "Stream of Life." They struggle against its surges And mind neither toil nor strile; Though weary and faint wi h labor. Singing triumphant they ride, For Christ is the hero's captain When rowing against the tide.

For on through the hazy distance. Like a mist on a distant shore. They see the walls of the city, With its banners floating o'er -Seen through a glass so darkly They almost mistake their way. But Faith throws light on their labor When darkness shuts out their way.

And shall we be one of that number Who mind not toil or pain? Shall we mourn the loss of earthly joys When we have a crown to gain? Or shall we glide on with the river, With DEATH at the end of our ride. While our brother, with Heaven before him, Is rowing against the tide?

> MAGGIE'S STEPMOTHER. BY PAULINA.

It was not her own mother who bent over Maggie Wortly, bathing so tenderly her bruised limb. It was that hated and dreaded being -a stepmother. Maggie's earliest recollections were of the home of her doting grandmo ther, to whom her every wish was law, and whose injudicious indulgence was quietly regretted by Mr. Wortley. The death of this anything but encouraging. Evil reports, the him differently; some spoke roughly, others idle gossip of neighbors and servants exerted their evil and adverse influence upon the mind of her young charge, turning every good into seaming evil.

" It's all the doings of your new mother Miss, that ye can't go to the party. The ould misthress (howly Vargin rest her soul) would niver say nay to anything that would plaze ve." "What right has she to keep me at home?

She ain't my mother. I shall go anyway;" and the passionate child stamped on the floor in her angry violence. "So ye shall, honey; it'll niver do for the

likes o' me to help ye off; I should lose me place; but just slip out of your window on the "Glad to see you want it." sloping roof an' it's Biddy O'Calahan that'll happen to leave the step ladder mighty convan- wife.

This was done, and as Maggie slipped from her window, flushed with excitement and pink tarletan, she saw the top of the ladder gleaming in the moonlight. Hurrying along her foo caught in a loosened shingle, and in a momen she was precipitated to the ground.

No one saw her fall; no eye but God's rest ed upon her as she lay insensible on the damp ground; her face and arms scratched, bleeding and a fragment of her dress fluttering from th highest branch of a sweet-briar thicket.

"Henry! Henry!" said Mrs. Wortley arousing her husband at midnight, and speak ing in low, hurried tones, "there is something the matter in the garden. Listen!" A moan came faintly on the night wind, followed by the furious barking of the house-dog. As Mr Wortley rushed down stairs, his wife opened the door of the adjoining room. It was vacant -the bed untouched, and the window open She thought of the party, and her womanly instinct divined the rest. Upon opening the door into the hall, she met her husband, bearing in his arms the half unconscious child. To disrobe her, chafe her cold hands and feet was the first care, while a messenger was despatched in haste for a physician. Before he arrived Maggie was raving in a delirium, and Bridget's complicity in the affair was fully apparent The girl's steady denial of all knowledge of the matter procured her discharge in the morning. and her place was soon supplied by one in evechild's life trembled in the balance, and when which the good God sends it to the earth. the crisis was passed, her mind seemed struggling to regain some lost recollection. Slove indeed was her convalescence, but the time was not lost, for the true lovliness of her stepmother's character became daily more apparent,

"I should love you so much," she said to he one day, after a long and thoughtful silence " if you were not my stepmother." "Forget the ugly word, then," was the smi

and the wonder was how she could have so mis

ing reply; "I well remember how I used to

"You, mother. Did you have a stepmo

"Indeed I did, Maggie." "Was she kind to you?"

"She meant to be I am sure, but she wa

'Why, what did she do?'

"Let me have my own way in every thing, and never reproved me."

"Oh! said Maggie, opening her eyes a little wider and relapsing into silence. A new query had arisen: What is real kindness?

"Please leave the baby with me, mother, she said the next morning. "We will amus each other, and when we are tired, we'll just go to sleep together, won't we Charlie?" Mrs. Wortley set him down on the bed, cau-

tioning Maggie not to lift him. "O no, but we must have the box of blocks or how can we build houses?"

An hour passed quickly away in general sumother returned to the nursery. Softly open-step, which is God's way, must be the way. ing the door, she discovered the children fast asleep, and the girl's arm thrown carelessly life of usefulness, ascribes her success greatly to the patient care and Christian faithfulness of

in the distribution; the rest is but conceit.

THE BEST HELPER

"God is true; I leave you is his care said a dying woman wearily. She could speak no comes to us. If he breathe upon our hearts,

house, and they buried her outside of the city will be ours at last, though we gain it little by walls. It was only a pauper's grave; no one little .- Ladies' Repository. beside it, but the sexton and the motherless boy. What difference if tears trickled down on the long grass, and low sobs shook the forlorn little body at the sound of each shovelful of earth? All over! The sexton drew his rough hand over his face, and walked off: the boy

dried his tears, and " looked up." "Yes, yes," he murmured, and at every with us will he?" "Why not, my child?" Be step homeward, repeating the same in a more cause he can't leave the store." Our Saviour'

"The child is crazy!" cried the people look- of this life was, "Seek ye first the kingdom ing after him. "Crazy boy, crazy boy," cried a mischie- which absorb the thoughts of the ungodly hel

vous youth, till a crowd stood gazing after in your estimation the subordinate place which On he went, murmuring, "Yes, yes," member you can achieve no real success with Homeward, we said: ah! who could call it go- out God's blessing. He knows that you have ing homeward to mount these rickety stairs into need of those temporal things, and yet he says

such a miserable room? "Gather up your clothes, and be off; all else belonging to me," cried the stern voice of life which is immortal, and which involves the the landlord. "Precious little left for the love and service of a reconciled Creator. How

"Good-by," said Jack, turning down the stair-case again.

"Good-by," came from several rooms along the upper story. Women and children looked out to see what would become of the orphan

the city, till, just as the stars would be seen, the question of the ballot, and is so simple that he stood in the country, outside of the dingy one would think it might be settled at once alleys and crowded streets. "The world is wide, and I am young," he

to help themselves, mammy said; but I must ask for Jesus' sake." Down he kneeled, the stars overhead. Afterward he fell asleep. Next morning, the soft, sweet air blew so gently across his forehead, while the birds in a

tree sang so lovingly, that he awoke, not knowing himself to be Jack Wright. "The world is wide, and I am young; God will help those who help themselves. God is true; mammy said so, and mammy knew a lot.

Dear mammy !" Jack sat down and cried. How could he help it? A book fell from his bundle, eld, and aged relative occurring soon after her father's second marriage, left the child entirely to the care of her new mother. Very earnestly and the Bible. Jack read a while and then trudged in the fear of God, did the gentle young wife on. Farm-houses came in sight; Jack passed none without asking for work. People treated

> kindly none gave him work. Another night he slept under the stars; another morning found him ready to try again. Near noon, tired and hungry, he came to a little white cottage; half covered with vines; such a sweet, cool, quiet spot his eyes had never before rested on. The farmer's wife came forward, speaking in such a kind, soft tone, that the tears rushed into Jack's eyes, and He could scarcely say what he wanted. It would seem so hard to be turned away from such a

place he thought. "Work, my boy? Work? Ay, plenty of it!" cried the tarmer, in a loud, hearty tone.

"Where are you from?" asked the farmer's

Just out of the city.

"Iv'e seen his face before," she said, tnrnng to her husband with a puzzled look. 'Your name, boy ?" she cried.

"Jack Wright. Here's my mammy's Bible. ma'am. with her name in it. She told me ne ver to give it up; and she said God would help me for Jesus' sake.

"I knew it !" both exclaimed. Jack couldn't think what they meant, but he was presently made to understand that this very house was where his mother had been brought up. She had gone from it with her husband. one of the farm hands, to work in a factory and now, after years in which sorrow and death had come to her, God had guided her boy to

the home of her old master and mistress. "Yes, yes," cried Jack: "mamma said God would hear her prayer, and he has!" God helped him, Jack still lives the farm er's boy, and year by year his trust in his mother's God grows stronger .- S. S. Visitor.

LITTLE BY LITTLE.

Do my dear young friends ever think how almost all that is good comes to us? Did you the gentle rain, drop by drop, and not one of

"I have found you," said the rain drop to the tiny grain of wheat; and "though you are far better plan to cover the tips with a trowel dead and in your grave, God has sent me to ful of earth, than to trust entirely to nature

Well, there is nothing impossible with him; so of life shoots out from the very heart of the tiny grain, which is dead or buried, and little by little it makes its way out of the tomb, and stands a single blade in the warm sunlight. That nobly done; and if the great God pleased, he could make the little blade strong and truitful in a single moment. Does he do this? No. Little by little does the stalk wax strong, and

its leaves grow slowly, one after another, lead It was only a few days ago that I heard a lit tle girl say, "I am tired, tired, tired! Here is a whole stocking to knit, stitch by stitch?

It will never be done. "But was not this one knitted stitch by stich?" I asked, taking a long one from her basket and holding it up.

" Yes." " Well, that is done."

The little girl was counting instead of knitting her stitches. No wonder that she was

Did you ever see a mason building a house " Poor man!" Impatience would say, " what

an undertaking, to start from the earth and go on so far toward the sky, brick by brick!" Who ever saw a patient, persevering person perintendence of household matters, ere the try, and not succeed at last? So, then, step by

Let us see that we do every day what we can. Any little boy or girl, who, in looking over her little brother. Maggie in her after back upon a day gone by, can say, "I have done one thing well," may be happy in the her stepmother.—North Western Christian Ad- way of wisdom. But remember one thing, thought that one step has been taken in the dear little friend, the buried grain of wheat would never start into life if God did not send Having seen it practiced for several years suc-

First Quarter, 2nd day, 9h. 48m. morning Fall Moon, 9th day, 5h. 57m. afternoon.

A QUESTION FOR HUSBANDS.

enger-descends into its tomb, so in the

darkness and death of sin the Holy Spirit

we live to do good; without him, we do nothing

good. Let us obey the Spirit, and all good

Proposed at first by the Mother at Home many a kind heart, as his little figure glided it has since been reiterated by the press throughout the country, but, so far as we "Yes, yes," he whispered low, not wishing know, has failed to elicit a satisfactory rea crowd to follow. Away he went, outside of sponse. It is not necessarily connected with Let all concerned please read and consider:

What ought, what can a mother do when thought. "Besides, God helps those who try good, pleasant husband constantly thwarts all her efforts to teach or govern the children, and yet cannot be made to see or feel what he is

Let us illustrate and sketch from memory, not imagination: " Mamma, please give me a piece of pie?"

"No, darling, one piece is enough?" "Half a piece, please, mamma?" "No, Freddie, no more."

"A very little piece, mamma dear." "No, Freddie, no."

"Do give the child a little piece, I'll risk it's hurting him." " Mamma, may I go out and play?" "It is very chilly, and you have a cold,

lon't think it is best." "Bundle me up warm, mamma, and take cold."

"I fear you will. You must play in doors o dav." "Just a little while please, mamma?"

"No, Freddie, you must not go out to-day "Do let the child go. What a girl you are making of him. Women never were fitted to bring up boys. Dress him warm, and let him run, it will do him good." And Freddie went out.

"May I have my blocks in the parlor, mamma ?' "No, Freddie, make your block house in the dining room. Miss L. is an invalid, and I

want the parlor very quiet." "I will be very quiet." "You will intend to be, but you cannot help making some noise, and as Miss L. very rarely goes anywhere. I fear she will be very

tired at best; so be a good boy and play in the dining-room this afternoon." "I won't make a bit of noise, nor tire

"You must play in the dining-room, Freddie and not say any more about it "Nonsense, it will do her good to see a hap-

py little face. It will give her something besides her own pains and ach so think of. Let him bring his blocks in the parlor " And he brought them in

"What a torment that boy has got to be It's teaze, teaze, from morning till night. It's enough to wear out the patience of Job. If you won't whip him, I will." And he whipped him.

Query .- Who ought to have been whipped.

All the varieties of black raspberries, as well-

LAYERING RASPBERRIES.

as some of the purple sorts, are propagated by layering the extremes ends of the young cane. The time for covering the "tips," as they are usually called, will vary according to location, soil, and condition of the plants, but it is usuever see a farmer planting and sowing? Down ally safe to begin layering as soon as the ends in the moist earth goes the seed and yellow of the canes show a slight enlightment and corn, grain by grain, little by little. God sees cessation of growth. In the latitude of New the farmer at his work, and knows full well that York City, the first of September will be early he has done what he could; so he kindly sends enough to begin this operation, and it may be continued throughout the entire month. If the ry way more desirable. For many days the these little drops ever forgets its errand upon soil is loose and free of weeds, many of the canes will take root without assistance; but if really good, strong plants are desired, it is a There are also several of our cultivated blackberries that may be propogated in this manner, when the rain drop has done its errand, a spark and excellent plants produced very cheaply All the trailing or half trailing varieties are

> more readily in autumn than early in the season CUTTING OFF THE SEEDS.

usually multiplied by layering, and they root

The maturing of seeds upon almost all kinds of plants is an exhaustive process. There are many of our annuals and bienmals that will become perennials if they are not allowed to produce seeds, and this leads the florist to practice a system of removing all seed-vessels from plants where a strong growth is desired, and the seeds are of no value. Small herbaceous plants and shrubs will usually be greatly benefited by the removal of the flower-stems as soon as they are out of bloom, and the increase in growth will readily be observed. It is not only a waste of vigor in the plant to allow seeds to mature that are not wanted, but it also exhausts the soil to no purpose. In many of the comparatively slow-growing shrubs, like Rhododendrons and Azalias, this practice of removing he seed-vessels is of more importance than in those of rapid growth, but it is beneficial to

condent of the Scientific American says that, his father, a prominent sheep raises, finding that the "bell wether" was never attacked by dogs, conceived the idea that the use of bells would tend to frighten away the murderous canines. Accordingly he furnished fifteen or twenty sheep of a flock of one bundred with twenty sheep of a flock of one bundred with globular bells, the size of an ordinary teacup.

Having seen it practiced for several years such There is no real use in riches, except it be it help, and it is by the same help that it now cessfully, our correspondent is certain of its

As the little rain drop-God's beautiful mes- Provincial Wesleyan Almanac.

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