I'd rather sleep on straw in shepherd's hut, Than lie awake and restless in a palace. I'd rather earn dry bread in lusty health, And eat it with a sense of wholesome pleasur. Than feed without the zest of appetite Off gorgeous plate and unavailing treasure.

I'd rather have one true, unfailing friend, Than fifty parasites to crave my bounty; And one poor lass who loved me for myself, Than one without a heart who owned

us; While Fortune, if we pant in her pursuit, Too often grants her favors to confound us.

Fresh air and sunshine, flowers and health

And none but fools and wicked men despise them.
—Charles Mackay, in Chamber's Journal. JOB'S DAUGHTERS.

The Wonders They Performed in a Business Way.

Some men have so much land that the taxes, etc., keep them poor; others possess so much money that they imagine they are poor; while others, having nothing, are called really poor.

Job Jonson belonged to none of these classes. Job was blessed, or (as he pleased to see it) cursed with a superabundant wealth of daughters. In fact, every year or so added new daughter recruits to his fast accumulating army of bibbed and fast accumulating army of bibbed and fast accumulating army of bibbed and

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Job was a fairly successful merchant in he city of Winons, State of Minnesota. He night have been much more successful if e had remained at home and minded the baby, and allowed his bustling little wife to

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Fact was, his wife had the energy that Job's constitution lacked, and which was accessary to enable a firm to compete with the other wide-awake men of his lively town.

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* When the Lord saw fit to send another addition to the Jonson family, in the shape of a tenth daughter—which same was Miss Louisa Melissa Ann Jonson—poor Job sat him down in profound despair, vowing that he never could supply all those mouths and backs with their respective wants.

When baby Lou was making her chubby debut into short baby-dresses, Sadie Jane Lettita—the oldest daughter—had just said her little piece at the high school, graduating with highest honors from that institution; which means that she had waded through mathematics, geography, etc., and had taken so much Latin and Greek into her system that she would be nearly a whole

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system that she would be nearly a whole year forgetting them.

"O, dear!" said Job one evening, as he surveyed his female troupe. "O, dear! those girls keep growing larger and more numerous. Every month adds to our grocury and dry goods bills. Whatevor are we going to do, ma! Our income is already stretched as far as it will stand; and prospects are growing worse all the time. We'll see starvation days yet!"

"Oh, pshaw, Job!" said Mrs. Jojson. "Do, please, quit croaking. People de not starve, nor want, as long as there are willing hands to work."

ing hands to work."
"Yes, but so many girls, all wantin

draws, and so many gris, all wanting draws, and what not; and non-earning a cent themselves."
"Why, of course not," said the wife. You can't expect baby girls to work and upport themselves, any more than you ould baby boys. But wait, and you will cause the day that our girls will be our greatest blessings, as indeed they now are."

re."

Job went growling off to bed at his usual nour of eight o'clock, in order to be able to get up at four o'clock in the morning—to chew tobacco, and worry the rest of the folks out of their nice morning naps, two hours too soon—which allows us to philosophize a little upon that fallacy about "early to bed and early to rise, etc." If a man goes to bed at sundown and rises at four next morning—out of temper—chews half a pound of fifty cent tobacco, smokes two cigars and burns a dollar's worth of fuel before breakfast—how much healthier, wealthier and wiser do you suppose he is than the lazy (1) man who gets up two or three hours later, eats a hearty breakfast and goes to his work with a good zest and clear brain!

If "the early bird catches the worm," the

If "the early bird catches the worm," the worm is certainly a fool for getting caught Let's see—where were we? O, yes, Job went to bed, and most of the brood of small, night-gowned Jonson's were "Now I lay me'd," and tucked in soon afterward.

When all was serene again, Mrs. Jonson and Sadie sat down to their talk and their mending—for I assure you that darning was a necessary art in the Jonson household.

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"Mamma," said Sadie, "I must and will do something, now that school is out. I won't sat around and hear pa run us girls down any longgr. I mean to show him that I can work as well as any boy or man."
"What do you propose to do, my dear"
"Oh, any thing! Fill clerk, or run errands, or keep books, or sell papers—any thing but sitting still at home."
"If you are bound to do something, I think you might keep pa's books; that would save the hire of one man."
After a little debate this was decided upon as the best thing for the present for ' said Sadie, "I must and will

swamped.

The cash system was at once instituted; one clerk was dismissed, and Viola—the second daughter—begged so hard to be allowed to quit school and take his place, that her wish was granted. And would you believe it? Jane, the third daughter, made such a to-do about Viola's promotion, that she, too, got clear—vowing that she would take the place of the delivery boy, and deliver the lighter packages.

Mr. Jonson staid around the store most of the time; but for all that he might as well have been home trotting the baby. Still, he kept up the appearance of managing the concern, while his young working Amazons were the real power behind the counter.

counter.

The new management had been working about a year. The debts were fast dissolving before the clear-headed and economical management and cash system, when a cloud began to threaten the financial horion. The young men of Winona began to whis-

The young men of Winona began to whisper together at their clubs.

"By Jove," said Charley Brown (who was sweet on Sadie), "ain't those Jonson girls trumps!"

"Trumps!" exclaimed Ed Lightner (also sweet on one of the sisters). "Well, I should remark they are! They're a regular gold mine to old Jonson."

The girls suddenly found themselves way above par in the town matrimonial market. They were invited to every thing, and had beaux by the dozen, until affairs began to look dangerous to business interests, and they called a meeting of the three eldest daughters of the family to consider what should be done.

Viola was chairman of the meeting, which she called to order, and stated the sense of the meeting.

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"Sisters and fellow-girls; the enemy are after us. We must prepare to repulse them. Our work is not yet done; we can not afford to break ranks and go over to the enemy—to surrender—however much we form a consolidated union to resist the charms of certain (and uncertain) young persons in the enemy's ranks until our debts are all paid, and the mortgage or papa's house is removed."

"That great booby of a Jim Shanks almost proposed to me last night!" broke in Neil, aged fifteen.

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"Don't revile the enemy," said Viola; "we may have use for them some day in the future. As for me, I've been parrying with a couple of them for some time past." Some of the others had also been attacked; so the result of the conference was, that they all agreed not to engage themselves until after the debts were all cleared.

Affairs glided along smoothly for several years under these arrangements. Papa Jonson was good-natured and happy, as all indolent people are when they have but lit-tle to do. One day Sarah came into dinner

lie to do. One day Sarah came into dinner flushed with excitement and joy. She held in her hand the notes and mortgage on their home. She had just paid the last of it, and they were finally free of debt.

Mr. Jonson pattod her on the shoulder, called her his little business manager, and bestowed other high compinents upon her. Of late he has not been heard to say: "Oh, what can women do?" But instead, he was one day overheard saying to neighbor Jackson (who, by the way, is nearly eaten out of house and home by a big family of lazy boys): "I say, Jackson, I've got a good rule for getting on in the world."

"What is it!" asked Jackson, who is not much of a success, financially.
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"Raise daughters," was the laconic but expressive answer.

In fact, Papa Jonson was as proud of his daughters now as he had once been angry with them for being born.

A few days after the mortgage was paid Charlie Brown, who was still faithful to Sadie, besought that young lady to give him a decided answer, once for all. She blushed exceedingly red, and demurely said: "Ask papa."

You may easily believe that Charlie was not many weeks in seeking "pa," of whom

You may easily believe that Charlie was not many weeks in seeking "pa," of whom he begged his daughter's hand.

But pasaid: "What! Give her to you? No, indeed. You'd better ask me for my pocket-book, or my house, than for my business manger. You'll have to ask her mother, if you want any such favors."

manager. You'll have to ask her mother, if you want any such favors."
So poor Charlie had to say his piece all over again to Mamma Jonson, who an-swered his pleadings with: "Sadie is the one to please in this matter, and she can do as she desires."

Sadie pleased to change her name to that

or "Brown."

After Charley's success "among the Amazons," two other young men went and did likewise, and the result was a grand triple wedding in the Jonson family and a change of management in the Jonson store.—

Royal, in Woman's Magazine.

PIPKINS' DIPLOMACY.

Reminiscence of Arkansas Politics in the Early Days. In one of the back counties of Arkansas a good many years ago there was a very warm contest for the office of constable of Snake township, being conducted between John Pipkins and Dennis Tompkins, says the Arkansas Gazette. The fawnship

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for the proposed

A fight to the death between two eals in the harbor was the sight witness ed at North Sidney, C. B., a few days

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