#### THE BLIND MAN'S WREATH.

'My boy, my poor blind boy!' the lips of Mrs. Owen, as she lay upon the couch to which a long and wasting illness had confined her, and whence she well

knew she was never more to rise. hearth, the sole object of her cares an affections, knelt beside her, his face bow ed upon her pillow, for now only, in a moment of solemn communion with his mother, had she revealed the fatal truth, and told him she must soon die! He had watched, and hoped, and trembled for many eary months, but never yet had he admitted to himself the possibility of he admitted to himself the possibility of losing her; her fading cheek and sunken eye could not reveal to him the progress of decay, and so long as the loved voice maintained its music to his ear and cheered him with promise of improvement, so long as her hand still clasped his, he had hoped she would recover.

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'Oh Edward, do not grieve so sadly! It breaks my heart to see you cry, For her sake be calm—for my sake, too! Mary knelt down beside him, and endeavoring to soothe the voiceless angush which it terrified her to witness.

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and the tall pale son on whom she leaned confidingly, as if striving with a sweet de ception to convince him that he was in deed the staff of her declining strength. But gradually the mothers form grew bent, her step dragged wearily along, and the expression of her face indicated increasing weakness. The walks were at an end; and, before long she was too feeble to leave her bed, excepting to be carried to a summer parlor, where she lay upon a sofa beside an open window, with flowers twining around the casement, and the warm sunshine filling all things with joy, save her foreboding heart and the anxious son who incessantly hung overher. Friends often came to visit them and turned away with a deep sadness as and turned away with a deep sadness as they noted the progress of her malady, and heard the blindman ask each time whether they did not think her better or surely a little better than when the

had last beheld her?
Among all these, no friend was so wel come or brought such solace to the sick room as Mary Parker, a joyous girl of nineteen, one of the beauties of the know this cannot always go on so. I must of all who knew her. Mrs. Owen had danced Mary upon her knee, and Edward used to weave baskets and garlands for her when he was a boy of twelve, and she little fairy of six years old or thereabouts, stood beside him, praising his skill, and wondering how he could manage so cleverly though him. Not yet? The day would still come, dearest, delay it as I might, and is it manage. age so cleverly though blind. None his childish companions ever led him so carefully as Mary, or seemed so much im resred with his mental superiority; she would leave those games of her play nates in which his blindness prevented him from joining, and would listen for hours to the stories with which his memory was well stored, or which his two presents of the stories with t

own imagination enabled him to inven As she grew up, there was no change the frank and confiding nature of their intercourse. Mary still made him the re little griefs and joys in ch.ldhood: aske him to quote his favorite passage of poetror stationed herself near him at the pian suggesting subjects for him to play, which he extemporised at her bidding. Bright and blooming as Mary was, the life every party, beaming with animation and enjoyment, no attention was capable of rendering her unmindful of him: and she was often known to sit out several dances in an evening to talk to dear Ed ward Owen, who would be sad if h

thought himself neglected.

And now she daily visited the invalid her buoyant spirit tempered by sympathy for her increasing sufferings; but still dif-fusing such an atmosphere of sunshine and hope around her, that gloom and depondency seemed to vanish at her presence, Edward's sightless eyes were always raised to her bright face, as if he felt the magic influence it imparted.

Ilis mother had noted all this, with

mother's watchfulness; and, on that day when strong in her love, she had under others shrank from communicating, she spoke likewise of Mary, and of the vague wild hope she had always cherished of one day seeing ner his wite.

'No, mother, no!' exclaimed the blind

man. 'Dearest mother, in this you are not true to yourself! What! Would you all her spring time youth and beauty sacrificed to such a or her to me, as my soul tells me she is, tied down to be the guide, and leader, and support, of one who could not make one step in her defence; whose helplessness alone in the eyes of men, would be his means of sheltering and protecting her. I a strong effort to reasing corrections to me!

She drew back, and a few inaudible. He would disengage the arm that is clinging to his neck, but she nestles taking the cause of her reserve, he made her to me, as my soul tells me she is, tied down to be the guide, and leader, and means of sheltering and protecting her: Would you hear her pitied,—our bright Mary pitied—as a blind Man's Wife

But Edward-if she loves you, as I ar saying you would only come to my castle disguised as a wandering minstrel, and would never sit at the board between me and the duke, Edward? Yes, I remem the tender sympathy, I could kneel and kiss the ground she treads upon; but, beyond this—were you to entreat her to marry your blind and solitary son, and she in pity answered Yes,—would I accept her on such terms, and right the Love me, mother! Yes, as angels love

Night, and the sun so brightly shining I
The shadows of the grave were stealing
fast upon her.
Other steps now sounded in the room,
and many faces gathered round the couch
but the blind man heard nothing—was
conscious of nothing, save the painful
labored respiration, the tremulous hand
that fluttered in his own, the broken

ed him with promise of improvement, so long as her hand still clasped his, he had hoped she would recover.

He had been blind since he was three years old; stricken by lightning, he had totally lost his sight. A dim remembrance of his widowed mother's face, and totally lost his sight. A dim remembrance of his widowed mother's face, and totally lost his sight. A dim remembrance of his widowed mother's face, and totally lost his sight. A dim remembrance of his widowed mother's face, which it terrified her to winess.

May kneeling by Edward's side. They were associated with the previous curred, when no escaletated with the previous curred their powers of vision; grave, though not said; dreamy, enthusiastic, and requiring his mother's care with the deepest veneration and tenderness. In the first year of his childhood, and also whenever his education did not take them to London and claswhere, they had resided near a tiest parts of England.

Independently of the natural kindness which very rarely falls to be shown to wards any person who is blind, there was which very rarely falls to be shown to wards any person who is blind, there was that about both the widow and her so which it invariably rendered them acceptable guests; for their intellectual resources, and powers of conversation, were caulally diversified and uncommon. Mrs. Owen had studied much in order to teach antural abilities, had become a poon which invariably rendered them acceptable guests; for their intellectual resources, and powers of conversation, were caulally diversified and uncommon. Mrs. Owen had studied much in order to teach antural abilities, had become a poon of the person and the studied much in order to teach antural abilities, had become a poon and the person and the person

dearest, delay it as 1 might, and is it manful thus to shrink from what must and ought to be 7 I have to begin life in earners, and if I falter at the onset, what will together the flowing robe and praced by

est, and if I falter at the onset, what will be the result? I have arranged everything: Mr. Glen, our clergyman, has a cousin, an usher in a school, who wishes for retirement and country air. I have engaged him to live with me as comtained by the school of the blind man; he reverently the to the blind man; he reverently be to the blind man; he reverently be the blind man; he reve

still, and you must teach me still, and tell me in your own noble thoughts and beau-tiful language of better and higher things than I once used to care for. And then our walks - oh Edward, we must continue to see the sunset from the cliffs, some to see the sunset from the cliffs, some-times together. You first taught me how beautiful it was. I told you of the tints upon the sky and upon the sea, and upon the boats with their glistening sails and you set the view before me in all its harmony and loveliness, brought it home to my heart, and made me feel how cold and insensible I had been before.'

'Ah. Mary, said Edward mournfully near you, I am no longer blind!

The book she had been reading fell up needed on the ground, she trembled, her color went and come, as she laid her hand timidly on his arm; indescribable tender-ness, reverence, and compassion were

t busy within her soul.

'Edward, you will not change in any thing towards us: this new companion need not estrange you from your oldest and dearest friends—your mother's friends! Let me always be your pupil, your friend, your—sister!

'Sustainer, consoler, guide! Sister above all, oh yes my sister! Best and sweetest title—say it again. Mary can busy within her soul.

above all, on yes my sister! Best and sweetest title—say it again, Mary, say it again!' and seizing her hand he kissed it passionately, and held it for a moment within his own. Then as suddenly relinquishing it, he continued in an altered tone, 'My sister and my friend, until another cores to align a higher winder. other comes to claim a higher privilege and Mary shall be for ever lost to me!

taking the cause of her reserve, he made a strong effort to regain composure.

'Do you remember when you were a child, Mary, how ambitiously romantic you used to be, and how you were determined to become a duchess at least?'

"Mary! he cried wildly, 'remember! Bind, blind! 'Not blind, blind! 'Not blind near me; not blind for me. Here Edward, here my restring-place is mined to become a duchess at least?'

'And how you used to tease me, by saying you would only come to my castle disguised as a wandering minstrel, and Glad! His previous resolutions, his de-

me. God was very merciful in giving me such a mother; let us trust Him for the future!'

Ah, poor tortured heart, speaking so bravely forth, striving to cheer the mother's fulling spirit, when all to him was dark, dark, dark!

She raised herself upon her pillow, and wound her weak arms about his neck, and listened to the expressions of inelfable love, and faith and consolation, which her son found strength to utter, to sustain her such a mother of the met and return her gaze, has never cast one lingering look at all she resigned in giving hering look at all she resigned in giving her

rustling was heard amid the flowers at the window, and a bright young face looked in.

'Ah, Edward, it is better you cannot see me as I am! You would not love—I mean you would not think of me—so much!'

"Ilush! said Edward, recognising the step, 'flush Mary, she is asleep!

The color and the smiles alike passed from Mary's face, when she glided into the room 'Oh Edward, Edward, she is not asleep, she is very, very ill!"

'Mary! darling Mary! said the dying lady, with difficulty rousing herself; 'have had such a pleasant dream; but have slept too long. It is night. Let them bring candles. Edward 1 cannot see you now."

Night, and the sun so brightly shining I The shadows of the grave were stealing.

They were so accustomed to treat him. 'If I could but see you for a mor

as one of themselves, and were so used to his aptitude in many ways, that they often did not appear to remember he was blind.
The flowers were rare and beautiful,
and yet no donor's name accompanied the
gift. Suddenly one of the girls cried out gitt. Suddenly one of the girls cried out laughing!y, 'I have guessed! It is Edward! He has heard us talking about this ball, and must have ordered them on purpose for us. Kind, good Edward!' and they were loud in their expressions of delight; all except Mary, who kept silently aloof.

'Mary does not like her flowers?' said

Edward inquiringly, turning in the direction where she stood.

presence. As time wore on, and some of his old pursuits resumed their attractions for him, she used to listen for hours as he played upon the piano. She would sit near him with her work, proposing subjects for his skill, as her old custom had been; or she would beg him to give her a lesson in executing a difficult passage, and rendering it with due feeling and expression. In the same way, in their readings, which gradually were carried on with more regularity and interest, she appeared to look upon herself as the person obliged, appealed to his judgment, and deferred to his opinion, without any constitution of the service she was rendering.

One day, as they were sitting in the library, after she had been for some time pursuing her self-imposed task, and Edward, fearing she would be tired, had respectedly entreated her to desist, she answered gaily:

Let me alone, Edward! It is so pleasant to go through a book with you; you when her sisters told me of the numbers.

Alone, alone! How tho silence of this room strikes upon my heart,—how long this evening will be, without her footstep! And yet this is what awaits me, what is inevitably drawing near. Next week I leave the roof under which she dwells; I shall not hear her singing as she runs down stairs in the morning; I shall not have her constantly at my side, asking me with her sweet childlike earnestness, to teach her to repeat poetry, or to give expression to her music. The welcome rustle of her dress, the melody of her laugh, will soon be come rare sounds to me! Within around beyond, all is dark, hopeless, solitary. Life stretches itself wearily before me, blind and desolate as I am! Mother, well might your sweet spirits shrink when you contemplated this for your miserable son:—How strange those last words! I thought of them to day, while I made her wreath of roses, and when her sisters told me of the numbers.

\*Let me alone, Edward! It is so pleasant to go through a book with you; you make such nice reflections, and point out all the finest passages, and explain the difficult parts so clearly, that it does me more good than a dozen readings by my self. I shall grow quite clever now we have begun our literary studies.'

'Dear Mary, say rather, ended; for you know this cannot always go on so. I must return to my own house next week: I while I made her wreath of roses, as

The sense of her beauty, of an exquisite

for retirement and country air. I nave engaged him to live with me as companion and reader. Next week he comes; and then, Mary, farewell to Woodlands!

'No, not farewell, for you must come here very often; and I must read to you still, and you must teach me still, and tell still.

'Miserable! With roses blooming on your brow, and hope exulting in your heart; when life smiles so brightly on you and guardian angels seem to hover round your path !'
He spoke in a manner that was unusua

to him; she leaned thoughtfully against the piano, and, as if unconscious of what she was doing, disengaged the garland from her hair.

from her hair.

'These poor flowers have no bloom, and this bright life of mine, as you thinn it, has no enjoyment when I think of you, sad, alone, unhappy, returning to your desolate home, Edward.

'Dearest,' he returned inexpressibly moved idea not wrive for the Remember. moved, 'do not grieve for me. Remem ber, my mother left her blessing there! 'Was it only for you, Edward?'

There is a moment's silence; he covers his face with his hands, his lofty self-denying spirit wrestles with himself: when gently the wreath is laid upon his knee, her arm is passed around his neck, her head with its glory of golden locks is bowed upon his breast. owed upon his breast.
'Oh Edward, take the wreath, and with it take myself if I deserve it! Tell me that you are not angry, that you do not despise me for this—I have been so unhappy, I have so long wished to speak to

'Mary, Mary, forbear! You try me be yond my strength; beloved of my soul ligh of my sightless eyes, dearer to me than language can express, you must not

she in pity answered Yes,—would I accept her on such terms, and rivet the chains she consented to assume Oh mother, mother, I have not studied you in vain, your life has been one long self sacrifice to me; its silent teaching shall bear fruit! Do not grieve, soo bitterly for me. God was very merciful in giving me such a mother; let us trust Him for the future I am how; I am hout amounted way any investment of that way any investment of the depths of their hearts on the depths of their hearts and devotedness of which a noble nature susceptible—to know that the heart on investment of the depths of their hearts and devotedness of which a noble nature susceptible—to know that the heart on investment of the promise of the promise of the beautiful sympathy and love. She has never wavered in the path she chose to tread; she has never cast one linger—to be certain that, with all my faults in pitying me in pitying here.

son found strength to utter, to sustain her soul. Yea, in that hour her recompense had begun: in loneliness, in secret tears, with Christian patience and endeavor, with an exatted and faithful spirit, had she sown; and in death she reaped her high reward.

They had been silent for some minutes and she lay back exhausted, but composed, while he sat beside her, holding her hand in his, fancying she slept, and anxiously listening to her breathing which

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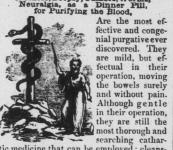
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To the Public generally. WE have added to our establishment a NEW SODA FOUNTAIN, so that all who thirst during the hot weather can be supplied with cool and refreshing soda water. We have also IOE CREAM of the first quality. Ice cool (dinger Beer and Connectaonary in great variety.

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F'ton, June 7, 1879. BABBITT BROS. An Article that Suits!

WHITTIFR & HOUPER have imported another lot of those elegant TEA CADDIES, sizes 2, 3, 5, 10 and 15 pounds, which will be filled PURE TEAS! good stock of Choice Grades now on hand and will be sold by Chest or in above Caddies, a ERY LOW PRICES. Please call and inspect our goods and get price

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I have just received my Spring and Summer Stock of BOUTS and SHOES, comprising all the latest styles of Ladies', Gents, Boys', Misses', and Children's wear, which I will sell at prices much lower than formerly. As the stock is large and competition great, I mean to sell lover than any one in the

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Adapted to all ages and conditions in all climates, containing neither calomel nor any deleterious drug, these Pills may be taken with safety by anybody. Their sugar-coating preserves them ever fresh, and makes them pleasant to the system when the system being number to make a settlement and neighborhood for a number to make a settlement and neighborhood for a number to make a settlement and neighborhood for themselves and produce is better in rethant im most parts of this Province, as it is within a very short distance of the winter operations of the Miramichi sumberers. For further particulars apply to BERTON RDGs. F'ton, Sept.28

NEW BRUNSWICK RAILWAY.

TIME TABLE.

Passenger Trains LEAVE. A. M. Gibson, 4.00. Woodstock, 1.35. Gibson, 9.00. Woodstock, 10.25 Caribou, 5.00. Edmundston, 7.40. Caribou, 8.15. Edmundston, 5.30.

#### T. HOBEN, Supt. Gibson, May 13th, 1879. STEAMER FLORENCEVILLE

Undearwear, Hosiery, Gloves, in great variety and low in price, AT C. H. THOMAS & CO'S

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Undearwear, Hosiery, Gloves, ville will leave Fredericton for Woodstock, on TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY mornings at 6 o'clock, returning will leave Woodstock, for Fredericton, on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY ngs at 8 o'clock.

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NOTICE.

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