O Painter! why do you darken so, That canvass white, with the shades of woe? Dashing its brightness with murky hues-Are these the colours your art doth chaose f Dip your pencil in creams of light, And beautiful blendings, sparkling and bright Surely the picture will fairer shew? Nay! quoth the artist it must not be so: Lights and shadows, and shadow and light To make a fair picture must all unite.

Musing I pondered—is this the way? Soul, thou hast learned a lesson to-day. Life hath its darkness, and death its

The brighter the rainbow, the darker the cloud Who would not weary if all things were gay? Night " sets off" the glories of day; Mountains and valleys must all appear To beautify earth, each one in its sphere; Lights and shadows, and shadow and light Make a fair picture when all unite.

All things in heaven and earth agree That this will be man's true destiny; Sorrows and joys must be mingled here, To soften the smile, and to brighten the tear; The heavens may frown, but the earth will quaff The fertile shower that will make it laugh! The evening shades may be sad and forlorn, Bright sparkle the stars, and joyous the morn Lights and shadows, and shadow and light, To form a fair picture must all unite.

Look at the christian's Lord and chief, "The man of sorrows, acquainted with grief," Darkly the shadows around him fall, Brightly the glory tinges them all: The King Immortal, Eternal !- what then ? Poor and despised and rejected of men; O how it makes the canvas to burn As our eve from heaven to earth we turn There lights and shadows, and shadow and light, Perfect the picture where all unite. One group more, painter, and then we hav

Swift as the lightning, and bright as the sun, Yonder the sons of glory stand, Like signet jewels on God's right hand : And vonder again, a motly crew. Waiting aghast the "vengeance due;" These on their foreheads such glory bear, As if mercy and love were mingled there; The other with brows all thunder scarr'd, Bear horrible features, ghastly and marr'd; Who would have deemed that these sons of light Once bore the forms of those creatures of night, Redeemed by the power of transforming love. From hell's dark depths, to the heaven's above Away with the pallet ! you cannot portray, Celestial seenes with an earthy ray; You must dip your pencil in heavenly beams, To paint the glory that gushingly streams From the jasper throne ! so shadows and light Finish the picture, perfect and bright. Jacksonville, N. B. OXENBORRO.

## Simon Gainall's Dream.

A STORY FOR BOYS, THAT FATHERS MAY READ. Late in the afternoon of the 31st of Decemtrying to square his accounts ready for the new know it." year. But, for some reason or other, he could which he could not find out, that spoiled the columns of figures which had been vexing him seemed still more perplexing than while he was before him which he had been using in the evening-he saw the door open, and a man enter, of a fair and young aspect, with an immense folio book under his arm, bound like an

"Walk in and be seated," said he, absent-"Good evening!" said the stranger, "I see

you are in trouble; can I help you?" "Yes," said Simon, "that is, if you understand accounts and figures." " I understand them after my way," said he.

me look over mine a little, for I can do nothing at all with them."

beside Simon, who had his own books open before him.

" Now." said he, " show me your accounts. What is the difficulty with them?" " I cannot make the sides balance," said Simon; "I have added the columns eleven times over, and every time they are more and more out of the way."

"Let me see," said the stranger again, looking rapidly over the list of items on each page of the open book. "What is this? A cow sold to widow Higgins for twenty-seven dollars. What was that cow really worth, Simon?" "Well," said Simon, "perhaps I did get a little too good a bargain out of the widow; but

the cow was worth eighteen dollars at any rate.' "Here again; Two cords of wood to Timothy health but a few days before. Pepperly for eleven dollars and fifty cents. How

"What do you say?" roared Simon. "Do lives, not even for an hour." you mean to accuse me of cheating? What do you know about it?"

of the columns?" added Simon, angrily.

the payment? How do you expect to square say so.

business is it of yours?" asked Simon, not only ter be about it." angry this time, but somewhat frightened .-" Who are you?"

"It is no concern of mine, indeed; but it con.

good will is do you when you get in the other One day there came along by his house a fancy "I hear as much preaching as I want to on

to have my books squared." But don't you want them squared so that olumns so that the accounts will look all square and right in the sight of men; but"-

And here Simon was about to lay his hand over the stranger's mouth to prevent him from speaking; but he, taking him by the hand which he had lifted up for this purpose, said, "I have than these are, before this, to my knowledge," seen how your accounts stand in your book; book!" and taking up the great volume which can't honestly recommend."

Simon could not read them so as to tell whose some sort of a trade." names they were, till, by and by, the page opened which contained his own accounts, and there he saw his own name written as plainly as cop-

n the books?"

right side, left for the record of good and virtu- night it occurred. ous deeds which should have been placed to his Seven years at length had passed after the

believed that it existed. "But now you cannot deny the evidence of your own eyes; for you well know that no mortal could have known and written the things

which you read there." Simon kept on reading; for it seemed, indeed, s though he could not lift up his eyes to look away, which he attempted to do several times. But before he had finished reading his account. the stranger took the book up, closed it, laid it under his arm as he brought it, and stood still,

ter, Simon ?"

" Well, ' said she, " it is but a dream, after all,

and by no means as bad as it might be." "Yes," said Simon, "but it's true enough ber. Simon Gainall sat posting his books, and wife, that I have not done just as I ought.

Although Simon could not keep the dream out not make the accounts balance. There was an of his mind, he was not disposed to think at all er days. unfortunate wrong figure somewhere or other times alike about it. Sometimes he would feel which he could not find out, that apoiled the rather penitent, and promise himself that he whole of the reckoning. It was not till twelve would try to come a little nearer to honesty and o'clock that he went to bed, wearied with men-justice; and not only so, but that he would now to go over again in his dreams the perplexing needy; or that he would even put a little silver the evening previous. But in his sleep they At other times, however, he was very much inclined to treat the whole matter as something awake. At length, as he happened to look up about which he need not be concerned; that it own counting-room, with the same tallow candle was natural enough for one who was more than usually perplexed to dream disturbing dreams; and that it was no strange thing that some scraps of Parson Donewell's sermon should get mixed up with his dreams.

But while he found it difficult, even after his driving hard bargains, so, in his most hardheart- help. ed ones, he could not wholly throw off all sense of the claims of conscience and right; and it such conduct; for many boys who do not wish must be said, to do him justice, that more than to be unkind or cruel may be tempted to do so once or twice he did yield up some whole dollars | before they are aware, just because there is some of anticipated gain to the claims of honest deal- fun in it. "Well," said Simon, "I wish you would help ne look over mine a little, for I can do nothing love of honesty, for he had some vague fears "I shall never forget," says one, "an incident of my boyhood, by which I was taught to hanging about him of a repetition on the next New-Year's eve, of the strange visit which had the great book from under his arm, he laid it given him the alarm. But it did not come. Still playing by the road-side one Saturday afternoon, down on the table wide open, and then sat down another year, and yet it did not come. The impression of the dream began to grow dull and inn, and the passengers alighted. As usual, we the time either-to be as hard a customer as for- number was an elderly man, who got out with

though he had some conscience left, he was slow- thoughtlessly shouted-One day, which happened to be his birthday, he had made, as he imagined, some unusually favorable trades, not altogether on the side of honesty either. He walked home reckoning up his gains in his own mind, and laying plans for y wearing it out.

"That was a sudden death, was it not. Mr many three feet and a half sticks were there in Gainall?" said a passer-by to him as he was about those two loads, Simon? and how much half- ascending the steps to the door. "But none of rotten wood, when it was warranted all sound?" us," continued the speaker, "have a lease of our to my father as he introduced me—

"True enough," said Simon; and as he spoke it, all the circumstances of the dream, and the into the river to save me as I was drowning when "I was only asking questions," said the stran- conversation of his mysterious visitor, flashed ger. "I leave it to your conscience to accuse into his mind with the quickness of lightning. That evening, as he sat by his fire alone—that "But what has all this to do with the footing is, with no company but his wife-he was un-

It happened to be the case that his neighbor which you omitted to make account, because Jackson had been the victim of one of his hard there was no proof which could be brought of trades. He thought of that, though he did not

your books with such frauds as that recorded in | "And," continued he, "If I am ever going o be any better than I am-and I suppose there "How came you to know that? and what is need enough of it—why, I suppose I had bet- most glorious Indian summer which the world

"Well," said his wife, "it is better late than never,' you know, as the old proverb says."

blossoms of spring are changing to the sere and the yellow leaf, then the mind of the good man, never,' you know, as the old proverb says." conduct, even noticeably to those who were best still ripe and vigorous, relaxes its labors, and the

horse-trader, with several of his four legged articies of merchandise with him. He called upon

Sunday; so none of that now. What I want is Simon for a trade. "What will you give me for the lot? I know you used to be a good hand at getting a market they will stay square? You may foot up your for such nags as these. What'll you bid?" Simon looks them over from head to foot-He knows well enough what horses are. "I won't touch the things at any price,"

"Why not? You have traded worse critter "Well, I have; but I have done enough of now look, and see how they stand in God's that. I'll never buy another horse to sell that I

"Ha, ha! Then you won't sell a great many, he had brought is under his arm, with his other hand, he he laid it down on the top of Simon's I'm bound. But it's funny, isn't it, to hear old books, and began to turn over the leaves slowly. Simon talk about honesty? Who ever heard of Although it was full of writing, with names an honest horse-dealer? Not I, at any rate. n grand letters over the top of each page, still | What's the matter of you, Simon? Do let's have But Simon did not trade.

And this was the way things went on for year or so. Simon did not always do just right "Did you not know, Simon," said the stran- after considering the matter over; but he tried ger, " that God keeps an account of the thoughts to do better, and he did. He not only refrained and deeds of men, and that, at the last, every from fraudulent transactions, but repaid, though one must be judged according to what is written sometimes in a sort of sly way, many of those whom he had formerly wronged. - Hearing that As Simon continued to look, he saw that not the widow Higgin's cow had died-the very only all his evil deeds and frauds were plainly one which he had sold her for eight or ten dol written there, but all that he had only thought lars more than she was worth—he actually gave of doing, but had not done for want of opportu- her a thriving young three-year-old heifer, callnity; and that these were all, too, set down to ing it a New-Year's gift.-To be sure, he could his discredit. And he noticed, still further, that have given her two as well as one, without being the good which he had neglected to do was also any the poorer; but he had been so seldom out down against him, on the debter side of the known to give at all that every body thought this leaf; for, as it appeared to him, it was a sort of was a great deal for him to do. But he had count book, in which his evil deeds were re- never told of his dream to anybody except his orded on the left side of the page; while the wife, and had never spoken of it to her since the

credit, was almost entirely a blank. Simon an- memorable evening with which this history comswered at length, as he continued looking, that mences. Simon was again, as before, sitting in he had heard the ministers tell, in their sermons, his counting-room, with the accounts of the year of such kind of a book, but that he never really just past open before him. Suddenly an unusual light seemed to flash before his eyes. He looked up, and the man with the great book again stood before him.

"Simon," said the visitor, "how do your ac counts stand to-night?" "Better than when you were here before.

"Look!" said he, laying open before Simon the same great book, with the page at the head of which stood his own name displayed.

As Simon looked, he saw that there were coking directly at Simon. Simon, too, looked some things this time set down to his credit on t him; and as he looked, his singular visitor the right-hand side of the page; although what seemed to become nearly twice as tall as he was surprised him was to find that some deeds of his when he entered the room.—Then he laid the on which he had prided himself highly as being great book upon Simon's shoulders. The weight very useful and very benevolent, were actually of it seemed to crush him to the floor; so that put down on the left-hand side; while some other the awoke, all in a fright, and wet with sweat, things, of which he had made very little account things, of which he had made very little account in his own mind, were not only credited on the right hand, but written in guiden letters. But before he had a chance to read over a tenth part of the items recorded, and before he had arrived at the record of some things concerning which he had the strongest desire to learn how they are guident to be and it agrees admirably with them.

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And now, reader, although you will never, probably, have the minutes of the recording angel placed openly before your eyes till the day of final judgment comes, still you may, if you tal exertion and perplexity. He slept, but only and then give a little something to the poor and look within you, behold with the mental eye as much as Simon Gainall did, written upon the into the contribution box, instead of coppers, tables of the heart, and countersigned by conscience.-Home Monthly.

Calling Nicknames.

One of the worst of the bad habits which bad boys include is calling their companions or other people nicknames. This, when done on purpose. is very wrong and often very cruel, for they mostly indulge their wicked wit on those who most penitent moods, to resist his fondness for have some bodily infirmity which they cannot

I wish to caution the boys who read this against

fade away, and Simon at times—though not all gathered around to observe them. Among the merly. He was by no means entirely given over much difficulty, and when on the ground he to baseness yet, though there was danger that he walked with his feet turned one way, and his would by and by become so if he kept on. Al- knees another, in a very awkward manner. I

"Look at old rattlebones!" The poor man

their most profitable investment. As he arrived assisted him to walk to our house, which was but near his own door, he met a funeral procession. a little way off. I could enjoy no more play that It was that of a neighbor of his, who had been in afternoon, and when tea-time came I would gladly have hid myself, but I knew it would be in vain, and so tremblingly went into the sitting room. To my great joy and relief, the stranger did not seem to know me again, but remarked pleasantly

" Such a fine boy was surely worth saving." How the words cut me to the heart ! My How the words cut me to the heart! My father had often told me of a friend who plunged into the river to save me as I was drowning when a child, and who, in consequence of a cold then taken, had been made a cripple by rheumatism; and this was the man I had made a laughing stock of for my companions!

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"I have made no calculations; I must take it owners."

"Well, you connot live, probably, more than it if years longer; for you are, I believe, a thirty years longer; for you are, I believe, a thirty years longer; for you are, I believe, a thirty years longer; for you may have thirty years longer forty now. You may have the property for the property in the property of the property in the gates of Paradise evermore.

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