Call out from a withered tree-" You are going to kill the thievish birds. And I would if I were you; But you mustn't touch my family, Whatever else you do !"

"I'm only going to kill the birds That are eating up my crop; And if your young ones do such things, Be sure they'll have to stop."

"O," said the crow, " my children Are the best ones ever born; There isn't one among them all Would steal a grain of corn."

"But how shall I know which ones they are? Do they resemble you?" "O no," said the crow, " they're the prettiest

birde. And the whitest that ever flow

So off went the sportsman, whistling, And off, too, went his gun; And its startling echoes never ceased Again till the day was done.

And the old crow sat untroubled, Cawing away in her nook: For she said, " He'il never kill my birds, Since I told him how they look.

"Now there's the bawk, my neighbor, Sha'll see what she will see, soon : And that saucy, whistling blackbird May have to change his tune !"

When, lo! she saw the hunter, Taking his homeward track, With a string of crows as long as his gun, Hanging down his back.

" Alack, alack 1" said the mother. "What in the world have you done? You promised to spare my pretty birds, And you've killed them every one."

" Your birds!" said the puzzled hunter; Why, I found them in my corn; And besides they are black and ugly As any that ever were born !"

"Get out of my sight, you stupid!" Said the angriest of crows; " How good and fair the children are, There's none but a parent knows!"

"Ah! I see, I see," said the hunter, But not as you do, quite; It takes a mother to be so blind She can't tell black from white! -Riverside Magazine for February.

The Little Stranger.

Though a man of very strict principles, no man ever enjoyed a joke more than Dr. Byron; familiarly and draw them out. As he was one dear creature will live till morning!" day passing into the house, he was accosted by

of cloth, and his pants darned with so many quired the surrender of my forehead for a pincolors that it was hard to tell the original fabric; but very neat and clean withal. The boy This was one of many nights passed in this ing his face. At last he said :

"You seem a nice little boy. Won't you come and live with me, and be a doctor ?" " Yes, sir," said the child.

"Spoken like a man," said the doctor, patting Saturday Evening Gazette. his head as he dismissed him. A few weeks passed on, when one day Jin

came to say there was a little boy with a bundle down stairs waiting to see the doctor, and would not tell his business to any one else.

ed handkerchief, on his arm. Deliberately takdle, he walked up to the doctor saying : " I have come, sir."

" Come for what, my child ?"

immoderately; but the imperturbable gravity of well to husbands. the little thing rather sobered him, as he recalled, too, his former conversation, and he vowed he never felt so perplexed in his life. At the time he felt he needed no addition to his family. " Did your father consent to your coming?" he asked.

" Yes, sir."

" What did he say ?" live with you and be a doctor; and he said you Friday-Storm in the morning, with peals of were a good man, and I might come as soon as my clothes were ready."

And your mother-what said she ?"

he said he would, and God had provided for me. And," said he, "I have on a new suit of clothes and here is another in the bundle," undoing the Plants and Flowers in the House. bandkerchief and displaying them, with two shirts, white as snow, and a couple of neat checked aprons, so carefully folded it was plain none but a mother could have done it. The sensibilities of the doctor were awakened to see the fearcouple had bestowed their child upon him, and such a child. His cogitations were not long; he thought of Moses in the bulrushes, abandoned the child that was carried into Egypt, and that the may, even in winter, in this cold climate, the Divine Saviour had said, " Blessed be little children;" and he called for the wife of his bosom, saying, " Susan, dear, I think we pray in church that God will have mercy upon all an evidence of weakness to love flowers, it has young children."

wife, " what then ?"

"And the Saviour said, 'Whosoever receidid not occur to them that this little creekize gle heliotrope or hyacinth will reward you. that tarry long at the wine; they that seek atrong

thus thrown upon their charity, was destined to Flowers are emblems of purity, and we believe be their staff and stay in declining age,—a prono person can take an interest in such things
tector and more than son to themselves, all this who is not made better by the contact. was then unrevealed; but they cheerfully received the child they believed Providence had committed to their care; and if ever beneficence was rewarded, it was in this instance.- Family Circle.

Mr. Blifkin's Baby.

That first baby was a great institution. As soon as he came into "this breathing world," as the late W. Shakspeare has it, he took command in our house. Everything was subservient to him. The baby was the bulance-wheel that regulated everything. He regulated the tem- short time on duty before Vicksburg : perture, he regulated the food, he regulated the servants, he regulated me. For the first six deed; shells discharged from the land batteries rice us of that precious existence he had me up traced their beautiful flery paths high into the on an average six times a night.

light here, do; the baby looks strangely; I'm Commodore Porter's fieet, crossed them in so afraid it will have a fit !" Of course the lamp was brought, and of

white bear as he was. " Mr. Blif kirs," said my wife, " I think I feel

see if the wirdow is not open a little, because baby might get sick."

knew very well. placed it, shines directly in baby's eyes—strange that you should have no more consideration."

Just as I was dropping to sleep again,
"Mr. Blifkin's," said my wife, "did ye think to buy that broma to-day for the baby?" "My dear, will you do me the injustice to believe that I could overlook a matter so essential to the comfort of that inestimable child?"

She apologized very handsomely, but made her anxiety the scapegoat. I forgave her and without saying a word more to her I addressed myself to sleep.

you must not snore so, you will wake the "Jest so-jest so," said I, half asleep, thinking I was Solon Shingle.

" Mr. Blifkine," said my wife. " will you get up and hand me the warm gruel from the nurselamp for baby? The dear child! if it wasn't for his mother, I don't know what he would do. How can you sleep so, Mr. Blifkins?" "I suspect, my dear," said I, " that it is be-

cause I am tired." "O, its very well for you men to talk about being tired," said my wife ; " I don't know what you would say if you had to teil and drudge

like a poor woman with a baby." I tried to soothe her by telling her she had no patience at all, and got up for the posset. Having aided in answering the baby's requ rements, I stepped into the bed again, with the

hope of sleeping.
"Mr. Biifkins," said she in a louder key. said nothing. "O dear," said that estimable woman, in great apparent anguish, " how can a be had a vast fund of humor and ready wit, and man, who has arrived at the honor of a live baby with children, particularly, he loved to chat of his own, sleep, when he don't know that the

I remained silent, and after a while deeming a very little boy who asked him if he wanted that Mrs. Blifkins had gone to sleep, I stretchany sance, meaning vegetables. The doctor in- ed my limbs for repose. How long I slept I quired if such a tiny thing was a market-man. don't know, but I was awakened by a furious "No. sir; my father is," was the prompt an- jab in the forehead by some sharp instrument. men I had seen her boy; but still she wanted to The doctor said, "bring me some squashes," in the bed, adjusting some portion of the baby's anxiety for his welfare—bow she feared that change. In a few moments the child returned mistaken my head for the pillow, which she bringing back part of the change. The doctor customarily used for a noctural pincushion. I told him he was welcome to it but the child would protested against such treatment in somewhat not take it back, saying his father would blame round terms, pointing to several perforations him. Such strange manners in a child attract- in my forehead. She told me I should willinged his attention, and he began to examine the ly bear such triffing things for the sake of the boy attentively. He was evidently poor; his baby. I insisted upon it that I didn't think my jacket was pieced and patched with every kind duty, as a perent to that young immortal, re-

very quietly endured the scrutiny of the doctor, way. The truth was that the baby was what while holding him at arm's length, and examinsolute and unlimited.

Such was the story of Blifkins, as he related it to us the other day. It is a little exaggerated picture of almost every man's experience .-

Good Advice.

If a wife wishes to be happy, and have pear in the family, she should never reprove her hus-" Send him up," was the answer; and in a few band in company, even if the reproof be ever moments he recognized the boy of the squashes so slight. If he be irritated, speak not an an-(but no squash himself, as we shall see); he was gry word. Indifference will sometimes produce dressed in a new though coarse suit of clothes, unhappy consequences. Always feel an interest and his hair nicely combed, his shoes brushed in what your husband undertakes, and, if he be up, and a little bundle tied in a homespun check- perplexed or discouraged, assist him by your smiles and happy words to persevere. If a wife ing off his hat, and laying it down with his bun- is careful how she conducts, speaks, and looks, a thousand happy hearts would cheer and brighten our existence, where now there are nothing butfgloom and sorrow, and discontent. The "To live with you, and be a doctor," was the wife, above all others, should strive to please her husband, end to make home attractive. In The first impulse of the doctor was to laugh a great many respects, these remarks apply as

A Wife's Temper.

A gentlemen's diary of his wife's temper Monday a thick fog ; no seeing through it. Tuesday-Gloomy and very chilly; unseasonable weather. Wednesday-frosty, at times sharp. Thursday-Bitter cold in the morning, 1ed sun-"I told him that you wanted me to come and set, with flying clouds, portending hard weather. thunder; air clear afterward. Seturday-Gleams of sunshine, with natial thaw: frost again at night. Sunday-A slight south easter in the "She said Doctor Bryon would do just what morning; calm and pleasant at dinner time; hurricane and earthquake at night.

It is always pleasant to enter a home made attractive with flowers. We admire the pictures on the wall, the sound of rich music as it comes to us from some richly toned instrument, but we admire, more than all, plants and flowers, beless, the undoubting trust with which the poor cause they are more beautiful than any work of 'Well, Pump,' he said, 'I have not spent art, and lift our souls upwards more than the guinea with thee, Pump; wilt thou trust me sound of music. The Giver of all good has cre- drop!' He lifted up the handles put his burning to Providence; and, above all, he thought of ated them for our enjoyment, to be used by us, mouth to the spout, and drank to his fill; this see the springing bud, green leaves, and fragrant flowers. The love for such things is happily on the increase. If the time ever was, when it was the next seven years, so help me God! and

gone by. "To be sure we do," said the wondering den in summer, but in the parlor window in winter. Let them receive regular attention and Judy threatened to dash the mon in his face. veth one such little child in My name receiveth care as though they were of consequence. They Me.' Take this child in His name and take care help to educate and cultivate the taste, to enlarge of him.', And from that hour this good couple the soul. If the plants can only be of the comreceived him to their hearts and home. I did monest sorts, in boxes and pans, still cultivate not then occur to them that one of the most some. They will need constant attention to go and do likewise." eminent physicians and best men of the age seep them in good condition, but don't begrudge stool before them in the person of that shild; it the time and labour, for the fragrance of a sin-

Cemperance

It's just like Him. The following incident, illustrating the tru manliness of a Christian soldier, the power right early training, the constant solicitude of friends at home, and the way in which the Christian Commission was, not unfrequently, the direct channel of good news, has been preserved

by an agent of the Commission, who was for The night scenes were sometimes grand air above the beleagured city, and meeting there "Mr. Blif kins," says my wife, " bring that the missiles ascending on the same errand from brilliant curves, making the beholder almost forgetful of the mission on which the monster course the baby lay sucking his fist like a little were sent. On one of these brilliant nights, I came upon a regimental prayer meeting, under

a bluff within short musket range of the enemy's a draught of sir; I wish you would get up and works. Whenever there was a discharge from our batteries, the rebel sharpshooters along their lines would reply by a shower of minnie balls, Nothing was the matter with the window, as which cut the leaves over our heads, and occasionally glanced down to the ground at our "Mr. Blifkins," says my wife, just as I was feet. By order of the Brigade commander, to going to sleep again, " that lamp, as you have prevent drawing the attention, and perhaps the fire of the enemy, the hymns were sung in a low muffled voice, but loud enough to " make melo-I arranged the light and went to bed again. dy in our hearts." The meeting was led by one of the Captains of the regiment. There was comething genuine and manly in the piety of the leader, which seemed to win the affection and attention of the soldiers. I was so much struck with it that I could not forbear seeking his acquaintance; and on invitation, meeting him the next day, we walked over to the Colonel's tent. As the custom was, we were courteously of fered a drink from the ubiquitous bottle. As the single glass passed round the circle, nearing me "Mr. Blifkins," said my wife, shaking me, every moment, I questioned in my own mind what terms I should use in declining; but I was yet more interested to see what course my Chris-

tian Ceptain would take. When the Colonel called upon him, he declined ; was invited again and again declined; and the third time did so decidedly, and yet respectfully, as not to give offense, nor to be further importuned. I said t

him afterward-' Captain, do you always do that ?" "Yes," said be. "Do you mean that you have never taken any intoxicating liquor ?"

"Yes, just that. "What, not even to 'correct' this Year water ?" " Never. "You must have belonged to the cold water

army in your boyhood?" "Yes; but I learned something better that that; my mother taught me this one thingwhat is right, is right,' and coming to Mississip pi don't make any difference. It would not be right for me to accept an invitation to drink at

home; I don't believe it's right here-therefore I don't drink." A few weeks afterward, passing up the Mie sissippi River, I addressed a Sabbath evening congregation. After the service, a lady came t inquire about her boy-" foolishly." she said for it was not likely that in an army of 40,000 I started up, and Mrs. Blifkins was sitting up ask me if I had met him. She told me of her

> " He promited me that he would do said she, " and I've no reason to think he doesn' do well; but if I could tell me from actua knowledge how he is doing, it would be such

She told me his name and regiment. I as sured her that there was hardly ground for al the fear mothers were exercising for their absent boys; that very many soldiers were actual becoming better men, growing strong under rial And then to illustrate I told her, with out mentionin names, of my Captain, of the prayer meeting, and of the scene in the Colonel's

"O," said she, "that's beautiful-that's beau tiful. His mother must be proud of him." "Yes," said I, "that she is-and you are th

I never shall forget the joy that leaped in her face, and how she sprang across the carpet and catching my hand in both hers, wet it with grateful tears :

" Is that my boy-is that Will? It's just lik him : I knew he would do so. He always was a good boy; he told me he always would be-and I knew he would."

A Bargain with the Pump. A queer place to make a bargain, truly, bu

there's many a harder customer for a thirety man to deal with than our honest friend the John Ashworth, in his tenth annual report of

the "Chapel for the Destitute" Rochdale, England, tells the following good story of one of the flannel weavers there, who made a very good bargain with the pump :-

"This man had saved a guinea for the expres purpose of having a whole week's fuddle. He began on Monday, spending three shillings per day for seven days; on the moraing of the eighth day he was burning with thirst, but his noney was gone. He went to the back-door of the drunkery where he had spent every farthing of his guinea, to beg a pint on trust. Judy, the landlady, was mopping the passage; he stood looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched tongue, and bloodshot eyes, expecting her to ask throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched tongue, and bloodshot eyes, expecting her to ask throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at Judy, with his cracked lips, parched throat, gave her lemonade with half a looking at loo tongue, and bloodshot eyes, expecting her to ask him to take just a drop; but she did not, and he requested her to trust him for only one pint. With an indignant look of score and contempt, she replied,-

" 'Trust thee! thou dirty, idle vagabond; set a step in this house, and I will dash this mon in

"The poor wretch hung down his head i shame. He was leaning against a pump; and after a little study, began to talk to the pump done, he again said to the pump-

"' Thank the, Pump; and now, hear Pump. I will not enter a public house again for Pump, thou art a witness.'

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