## Children's Page

DYING IN HARNESS.

Only a fallen horse, stretched out there on the road, Stretched in the broken shafts, and crushed by the heavy load;

Only a fallen horse, and a circle of wondering eyes Watching the frighted teamster goading the beast to rise.

Hold! for his toil is over-no more labor for him;

See the poor neck outstretched, and the patient eyes grow dim; See on the friendly stones how peace-

fully rests the head-Thinking, if dumb beasts think, how good it is to be dead; After the weary journey how restful it is to lie

With the broken shafts and the cruel load-waiting only to die. Watchers, he died in harness-died in

the shafts and straps— Fell, and the burden killed him; one of the day's mishaps-One of othe passing wonders marking the city road-

A toiler dying in harness, heedless of call or goad. Passers, crowding the pathway, staying your steps awhile,

What is the symbol? Only deathwhy should we cease to smile At death for a beast of burden? On through the busy street That is ever and ever echoing the tread of hurrying feet.

What was the sign? A symbol to touch the tireless will? his knuckles in his eyes, and swallow-Does He who taught in parables speak ing his sobs as if he were ashamed in parables still?

The seed on the rock is wasted on heedless hearts of men That gather and sow and grasp and

lose labor and sleep; and then-Then for the prize! A crowd in the street of ever-echoing tread; The toiler, crushed by the heavy load, what is the matter!' lies there in his harness-dead.

-John Poyle O'Reilly.

#### A LESSON FROM LIFE.

bitious to rise in the world, and make very far. Mothers are likely to keep another piece. their lives useful to their fellowmen. A writer in the New York Evening are. Post says that Mr. Kelly was one of | The sobs started rather suddenly. of the successful business man, not not beyond compliments. only unspoiled, but bettered by suc- "Suppose you stand on a chair," cess —a type which illustrates the op-portunity given in the United States ther can see you. And do you think for the fittest to rise to position and you could eat some popcorn while power in the commercial world. Mr. you are waiting?" Kelly's early opportunities were no The small boy was very positive on greater than those presented to hundred this point. And while munching the dreds of thousands of other boys all white kernels from Amy's bag, his over the country to-day-but he made equanimity was quite restored. use of them. "An office boy in the at once he caught sight of a familiar employment of an old Spanish house figure on the opposite side of a pier, The kept early hours, kindled the caught in a pair of outstretched arms fire, and swept out in the morning, and hugged to somebody's heart, and and although working hard at one she went back to her friends quite thing or another all day, he had such satisfied. a thirst for knowledge that he made of Spanish, by learning the meaning ly, "you seem to think that your the words in the bills of lading forte in life is taking care of and adding to his vocabulary at ev- You're always at it. ery opportunity. Soon it was found when a clerk was absent, that Hugh did not deny the accusation. pilot a visitor from Mexico or Cuba only answer. about the city. This opened the heart of the old Spaniard, and the way of promotion and trust for the Irish-American boy." Now we have! Kelly was "lucky." But what ing a big schoolroom in Stockholm. would his luck have amounted to if She warbled and sang as she worked, he had not prepared himself for a like a bird in springtime. A lady higher position while still an office riding past in ber carriage heard the have bothered his head about him if sweet voice; then entered the buildthe boy had been, like so many boys, ing, and hunted about till she found of closing time, and uninterested in and not at all pretty; but her man-city. the business of the firm? As General Taylor of the Globe is so fond of was charmed. telling young men-the boy who is willing work and who does just Craelius, the famous music-mayter,' a little more than is expected of him, just a little more than he is actually paid for, that boy need not fear that he will be over-looked in any tune. business establishment.

THE POTATO GIRL.

Some of the children in town called Pet "he potato girl." That was because her father sold potatoes, and Pet liked nothing better than to sit on the high seat beside him, while the patient, plodding horse drew them from the home of one customer to that of another. Pet's father sold good potatoes and when he had once secured customers he was not likely to lose them. A great many people who bought from him fell into the habit of looking for the small girl on the front seat, and nodding kindly to her.

When Pet's father broke his ankle, almost his first thought was for these customers of his. It would be some weeks before he would be able to go out on his route again. They would grow tired waiting for him. After a time they would begin to buy potatoes of some one else. He knew the names and addresses of very few of them, for it had never occurred to him that this was necessary. Now, when too late, he saw his mistake.

Pet watched his troubled face, and wondering if the broken ankle pained him very much. "Does it hurt you so much, papa?" she asked wistfully. ankle? Oh, I could stand that all right! It's the route I'm worrying about," groaned Pet's fa-"Dave's big enough to take the potatoes around, but he doesn't know the customers and they don't know him

"But I know them, papa," Pet exgo with Dave."

the route, and her father acknowledg- she consented to sing. ed that she might as well try it. While practising her part, to the ly voted by Parliament were provo's ery day: "be sober and watch," was "Of course, some of the best ones will surprise and joy of both pupil and ed by the increasing drunkenness never so much in need of enforcement be left out, and I'll have a hard time teacher, the long-lost voice sudden- among women. Englishmen could as now.

explaining when I get back," sighed. "But even if she remembers a few, it'll be better than nothing.' But Pet's memory was better than her father imagined. She forgot no She sat by her brother's side alert and eager, giving him direc-tions. "Stop at the third house, the one with the big piazza, Dave," she would say. And after a moment, "We have no more customers on this street. Turn to your right." When they stopped at a customer's door it was Pet who climbed down and rang the bell. "Papa's broke his ankle," she would announce, when her ring was answered; "but Dave and I have

brought the potatoes. How many would you like to-day?" When Pet's father was well enough to take up his rounds again, he did not find any disappointed customers grumbling because they had been overlooked for so many weeks. Instead, everyone was interested to know whether the broken ankle had mended perfectly and everyone had words of praise for Pet and Dave.

Pet's father came home from that laid up for a month right in the busy season, but now I'm ashamed of myself for saying a word. A man with such a sensible, dependable little son and daughter hasn't any right to grumble, whatever happens.'

#### AMY'S OCCUPATION

The small boy at the corner of the pier began to cry suddenly, digging of them. One of a group of girls a few feet away shrugged her shoulders petulantly.

"I do hope he isn't going to keep that up!" she exclaimed. "It makes me so nervous to hear a child fretting. Oh, there goes Amy to see

As a matter of fact, another girl about the age of the first speaker had detached herself from the group and was bending over the grieved little lad with an air of sympathy The story of the early life of the which won his confidence at once. late Hugh Kelly of New York con- "Lost your mother?" the girls heard tains a lesson for boys who are am- her say. "I don't believe she's lost

Evening Post's correspondent, ity of a good-bye. Amy saw him

"I declare, Amy," exclaimed one of beginning in his wonderful mastery the group she had quitted so abruptwhich it was his business to copy, children and homesick girls at school.

A smile curved Amy's lips. could make out a bill in Spanish and not such a bad occupation," was her richness. All who remembered the women staggering on the street and

A SWEET LITTLE SINGER.

Brushing and sweeping and dusting, doubt many will say that Mr. a little Swedish girl was busily clean-Would the head of the firm song, and stopped to listen to the ner was so courteous that the lady

"I must take your daughter to she said to the mother, who was the janitress of the school building. "She

So the lady took the little girl away with her to see the music-mas-The great man was delighted with her voice. "I must take her to Count Puche."

But Count Puche looked coldly at the young singer, and gruffly asked the music-master what he expected him to do with such a child. "Only to hear her sing," answered

when she had finished, he cried out in becoming tipplers. ages of the Stockholm academy." studied, and studied and sang.

of being spoiled.

day, nor the next. Slowly the beau- and drink in moderation.

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### Rochester Editor Dead

torial staff of the Rochester, N.Y., ways a pitiful sight. Post-Express, died suddenly while sit-Death was due to acute indigestion. He was born at Tribes Hill, journalistic career he was editor of The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle and of The Indianapolis Sentinel, an editorial writer on The New has a voice that will make her for- York World and associate editor and then editor-in-chief of The Buffalo Courier. His connection with The Post-Express began in 1886. He is writings on Catholic subjects had athe said; "he is a great judge of mu- tracted attention for some

Drinking Among Wamen

(Western Watchman.)

There is no denying the fact that This the Count consented to do, and the women of our large cities are fast They can no strong drink, and they do not try. a woman never reforms. drinking is practiced in their houses, discontinue this practice also.

Have you guessed the little Swed- till night. On the continent you can ish girl's name? It was Jenny Lind. always distinguish English girls by their blase countenances and their (except Hope) custom of drinking at meals and afterwards in the smoking rooms. Those who drink in public invariably Joseph O'Connor, chief of the edi- smoke cigarettes. It was to us al-

We are becoming very English on a grumbler and a shirk, thinking only the little singer. The child was shy, ting in his chair in his home in that this side of the water; and the women are more English than the men. In New York they have taverns pat-N.Y., in December, 1841. During his ronized exclusively by women; and women's clubs where drinks are served without meals. The women of smoke the whole afternoon. The secrets of the divorce courts do not tell survived by his wife, a sister of Ros-by the upper ten of New York; but us a tithe of the excesses induiged in enough can be gleaned to convince us that women's habits there are in sad need of reform. Five years is the verage life of a club man with us; can't stand dissipation like men; and picture of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthexcess tells upon them very soon. All ony, the pharmaceutical preparations in the world will not conceal the marks that drink leaves on the face of a delight: "She shall have the advant- longer conceal their penchant for woman. And once addicted to drink

At the academy the child sang and The letters of an army officer publish- It used to be charged that the doc-She ed in the papers the past week show tors were responsible for drinking was not yet twelve, and with all that deep drinking is indulged in very among women; they too often prethe praise and attention showered generally, and without creating any scribe it for their female patients. upon her she was almost in danger surprise, in the swellest military This charge cannot be made against fort in the country, Fort Hamilton. reputable physicians these days. One evening at an entertainment she A lady from the south who has been They seldom prescribe intoxicants was to sing a higher part than she visiting St. Louis, before leaving for for men or women now. They are had ever tried before. The house her home, sent a letter to the papers taught in their colleges that it is depicting for the little favorite. She took her place before the audience, but fashionable restaurants most frepharmacoepia. Few drug stores keep when she tried to sing there was no quented by women are declared by alcoholic beverages, and prescriptions sound. She tried again, but all her their proprietors eminently respect- calling for liquor cannot be filled in silvery notes were gone. The master able, and under no circumstances the them. But while they eschew all was very angry. Her friends were scenes of female carousing, as charg- forms of alcohol they are very fond of surprised and grieved, and the poor ed in the letter referred to. But prescribing morphice and opium pre little songstress drooped with sor- while they contend that no heavy parations. We hope they will soon Her voice did not come back next they admit that women frequent them becoming more and more difficult for a priest to properly prepare a pertiful dream of fame and fortune fad- The most disgusting sight in Lon- son for death, as he too often finds ed away; yet she bore her disappoint- don, and what is true of London is that opiates have dulled the percepment bravely, and said: "I will stu- likewise true of every city in the tion of the sick to such an extent that Three Kingdoms, is the number of his administrations must needs be-Four years passed, and the people women seen on the streets the worse come material and perfunctory. Why claimed, "and they know me. I can had quite forgotten the little singer, for liquor. They are to be seen go- not allow people to die in the old till one day some one was wanted for ing into the taverns at all hours of way? A drug kills pain. But the Pet's father looked doubtful. "You an unimportant part in a chorus the day and night, some with little dying must be willing to suffer a litdon't mean that you can remember which none of the regular singers was children accompanying them, some tle for their sins. The stupor prowhere to go, do you? You'd willing to take, and the master even with babes in their arms. Ex- duced by drugs deprives the sick of get all mixed up driving around thought again of his poor little pu- cessive drinking among women is the all the comforts of religion and de-Would she take it? Pleased to curse of England and Scotland; and prives the Sacraments of much of But Pet was positive that she knew be useful and oblige her kind master, is a thing not wholly unknown in Ire- their efficacy. The Apostolic injuncland. The rigorous excise laws late- tion repeated in the divine office ev-

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