When the hard moments come, and I recall With tears and bitter crying that last day When you were with me, Love, with me alway; Ready to come at lightest word let fall, You, who will come no more, call as I may

And how I vexed you sometimes, was unkind, Forgetful, careless, chid your girlish glee, Or, dull of spirit, failed to note or see The little wish that hovered in your mind And make you glad, while still such thing

When I count up these things and add the rest-The things I might have done and did not do : The tender words which came so scant, so few, The gifts ungiven, the kisses left unpressed,
The unspoken love that should have blessed us two:

And thinking all this over, feel my pain Stir like a sleepy snake, and writhe and sting With pangs renewed, undreamed-ot suffe, ing-As to dry pastures comes the cooling rain, Or autumn floods to spent and wasted spring.

Cometh this thought: "My little childish orie Is old in wisdom now as angels are; The far is near to her; the near is far All hidden things in earth and star and sun At her behest their mysteries unbar.

"She knows not only all my faults but knows That which to me is but half understood The germ of mood that lurked behind the The sharp strung nerve, thorn of life's daily rose,

Love's keene t grievance and vicissitude. "She makes the excuses which I dare not make;

She marks the excuses which I dare not hake;
She marks the grievings that I may not still;
Balances strife and failure, power and will,
Truly forgiving all for love's dear sake,
With warmth of pardon distance cannot chill.

"And knowing, comprehending, judging so, Perhaps she smiles amid the smiling throng That I should weep so idly, mourn so long, And waste such bitter penitence and woe Over what seems to her but trivial wrong!

Smile, darling! I will smile too, comforted. If you were here (oh, empty wish and vain I might forget and puzzle you, or pain; But wise now with the wi-dom of the dead, You never can misunderstand again.

WHAT SHE COULD.

My washerwoman had finished her day's work, and I had given her her money, and seen her tie it up in the corner of her coarse cotton handkerchief, and still she lingertle bundle containing her apron, and looked with a dissatisfied air at the paper I had given her to wrap it in. I wondered what could be the matter.

"That was a wonderful good paper you gave me last week," said she, at length. "My father used to ped all those five-cent pieces into take that paper when I was a girl | the collection next day, I wondered and lived to home. I can't never if any like sum was given at anyget out to meetin' in the fore- thing like the same cost .- Joy Allinoon, what with the dinner and the son, in The Watchman. baby; and my man ain't no hand to go. But he read that paper out loud to me all the forenoon, last Sunday, and though I couldn't hear it quite all, bein' so busy, I heard enough to know it was wonderful Bohemia in the free exercise of the improvin'; most as good as a ser- Protestant religion. This privilege

prayed in my heart that the Lord would make it a means of flocks were deprived of their shepgood to Sam, and I'm sure if it only just kept him to home 'twould be worth while. If 'tisn't askin' too much, could you give me another one?'

We had all finished reading the last religious weekly, and as I had that very morning had occasion to use some papers in packing away furs and woolens to keep them from moths. I rather thoughtlessly appropriated that. A twinge of conscience was felt at the time, for I commonly try to put good newspapers in the way of somebody's reading after I am done with them. It was some trouble to get it for

Mrs. O'Hara, but I went up to the attic, opened the great cedar chest, and substituting a daily for it, brought it down to the poor wo

"I'm afraid I've made you a heap of trouble," said she, looking disturbed and uncomfortable as she took it. "I wouldn't have asked, but I thought like enough you'd just as soon I had that as the other, if you knew I wanted it."

"To be sure I had!" said I. "You shall have it every week in future." She smiled, as she wrapped it around her apron, and said in a meek way :

"I ain't able, you know, to take it myself, with all I have on my from their beds, and driven into the shoulders besides, or I would, and not trouble nobody.

She went away gratified, and I took eare, afterward, to save my paper for her every week. Often in and stench which they there endurthe intervals of her work we talked ed. Other tortures, still more horwe had found there, for though illiterate, she was a Christian, and a woman of excellent sense.

she had on her shoulders." Her eldest daughter was an idiot, her aged mother a partial paralytic, and her husband, though trained by religious parents, was addicted to strong drink. The money that went out of his wages to indulge this appetite, she was obliged to make up

and the great opportunities for do- suits studiously avoided setting up on the field."

"It just harrers me up to read about the missionaries, and how the fields is all white, and so few a-reapin' of 'em," she replied. "If I could give even a little, but you see I can't. I don't see low Sam can read it so cool. I most wish he'd akip it, sometimes. If I only had money, do you s'pose I'd tighten up yet they could say, with some little my purse strings, and turn away my face? I'd just rejoice to send 'em a good round sum.'

"There is something you can give," I said. "Never you wish that Sam would skip any, but when you are longing to give, lift up your heart to the Lord and ask him to bless the missionaries, and help on their work. If you give a prayer, it may do more good than some people's money. I would put in a penny if I do no more, whenever I got the chance. One leaf of the Bible, with the Holy Spirit's blessing on it, might lead a soul to God, and that soul might lead others, and a penny will pay for more than one leaf."

"So it will; cheap as books are now a days !" said she, with a hanpy smile. "I'm glad I had this little talk with you. I have my health, and earn my own money, and I can spare one cent now and

She went away smiling and grateful. One day, weeks afterward, I had occasion to go to her house.

"I want you to look in here a minute," she said, motioning me away from the family into the bit of a bedroom where she slept. When we were alone, she drew out from a hidden corner a small bag made of striped ticking.

"That's my missionary bag." said she. "I've saved five cents out of every washing, and put it in there. So little we never missed it, but you see it counts up to quite a sum. Thirty-five cents! I shouldn't ed. She rolled and unrolled the lit- have thought I could give that much, but here 'tis, and nobody the worse off. Thank the Lord that I've got it to give. I want you to take it to meetin', for I can't go tomorrow, and I hear there's to be a

I took the money, and as I drop-

HOW IT WAS DONE.

The Emperor Matthias, in 1610, had guaranteed the peasantry of was now abolished. A beginning was made in the villages where the berds. Their Bibles and other religious books were next taken from them and destroyed, that the flame might go out when the fuel was withdrawn. The ministers and Bibles out of the way, the monks appeared on the scene. They entered with soft words and smiling faces. They confidently promised lighter burdens and happier times if the people would only forsake their heresy. They even showed them the beginning of this golden age, by bestowing upon the more necessitous a few small benefactions. When the conversions did not answer the fond expectations first bland utterances into rough | said. words, and even threats. The peasantry were commanded to go to mass. A list of the parishioners was given to the clerk, that the absentees from Church might be marked, and visited with fine. If one

conventicle, he was punished with flagellation and imprisonment. Marriage and baptism were next forbidden to Protestants. The peasants were summoned to the towns to be examined and, it might be, punished. If they failed to obey the citation they were surprised over night by the soldiers, taken cellars, and stables; many perishing through the hunger, thirst, cold,

over some of the subjects of interest | rible and disgusting, were invented and put into practice upon these miserable creatures. Many renounced their faith. Some unwill- object of her solicitude. Well enough I knew "all that | ing to abjure, and yet unable to bear their prolonged tortures, ear- strongly built," said the nurse. nestly begged their persecutors to His natural vitality must be great; kill them outright. "No," would besides, sir," she continued in a revtheir tormentors reply, "the Em- erent tone, "he may have a wife, a peror does not thirst for your blood mother, or a sister praying for his but for your salvation." This suf- safety now." ficiently accounts for the paucity of martyrs unto blood in Bohemia, him," said the surgeon gruffly, feature in John Wesley's character do." by washing. To do this, and care notwithstanding the lengthened "but if you wish to stay by him not noticed by any previous writer. "George," said the father, "he Let us all learn the same lesson,

ing good which that new field of | stake, and preferred rather to wear out the disciples of the Gospel by test, as was the case with the goble now.
men whose marty doms we have recorded did they bring to the scaffold. scious Thus they were able to suppress the Protestantism of Bolemia, and plausibility, that none had died for his religion.—Rev. Dr. Wulie.

RUSSIAN WINTERS.

The Russians have a great knack of making their winters pleasant. You feel nothing of the gold in those tightly built houses where all doors and windows are double, and where the rooms are kept warm by big stoves hidden in the walls. There is no damp in a Russian house, and the inmates may dress indoors in the lightest of garbs, which contrast oddly with the mass of furs and wraps which they don when going

A Russian can afford to run no risk of exposure when he leaves the house for a walk or drive. He covers his head and ears with a fur bonnet, his feet and legs with telt boots lined with wool or fur. which are drawn over the ordinary Loots and trowsers, and reach each up to the knees; he next cloaks himself in a top coat with a fur collar, lining and cuffs; he buries his hands in a pair of fingerless gloves of seal or bear skin. Thus equipped, and with the collar of his coat raised all around so that it muffles him up to the eyes, the Russian exposes only his nose to the cold air; and he takes care frequently to give that organ a little rub to keep the circulation going. A stranger who is apt to forget the precaution would often get his nose frozen if it were not for the courtesy of the Russians, who will always warn him if they see his nose "whitening," and will unbidden, help him to chafe it vigorously with snow.

In Russian cities walking is just possible for men during the winter, but hardly so for ladies. The women of the lewer order wear knee boots: those of the shopkeeping class seldom venture out at all; those of the aristocracy go out in sleighs. The sleighs are by no means pleasant vehicles for nervous people, for the Kalmuck coachmen drive them at such a terrific pate that they frequently capsize.

A SONNET.

We know that we must die; then wherefore wail? No protestations, agenies, or tears Avail to change the current of the years There is one end to every mortal tale
And rightly so. Why should not forms that fail Through age or weakness pass away

Their young heirs room to spread themselved Till stronger growths in turn o'er these prevail. No life but had its being out of life: No life but a uilds itself upon the dead: And when the stern necessities of strife

Have cramped the space where growing lives would spread, The tree whose wood is made must feel the knife That fresher growths may flourish in its stead.

J. H. Pearce, in the Academy.

I DIDN'T ASK TO BE SA VED.

John Hayne was a young man much given to the use of profane and reckless speeches, and when the village pastor was talking to him about his soul's welfare one day, and asked him if he was not grate. of the Fathers, they changed their ful for the offer of salvation, he

"No, why should I be? I didn't

ask to be saved.' "Well, you will have to ask, or you will not share in the unspeakable blessing," replied the minister. and noticing a look of surprise now was detected at a secret Protestant | stealing over the young man's bold

face, he continued, "A young relative of mine was wounded at the battle of Gettys- as he finished his calculations, burg, and for hours was in a state "how much that beer cost you, my It "company" objects to be receivverging upon unconsciousness. Af- man. You can go over the figures er lying a long time on the damp vourselt. ground he became aware that there were voices near him, and although that the money, a sixpence a day, he could not move as much as one for sixty years, expended in beer of his fingers or his eyelids even, would, if it had been saved and towns like herds of cattle, where he thought he felt a hand softly placed at interest, have yielded him they were thrust into prisons, towers | placed upon his heart. Then he be- nearly eight hundred dollars a year, came aware that a nurse, he knew or an income of fifteen dollars a that it was a woman by her voice, week for self-support. was pleading with the regimental surgeon, who was on the field, to make one more effort to after trying c case. "One gallon save some poor fellow's life. Pres- of whisky made two men murderers, sently he realized that he was the it made two wives widows, and

"He is so fine looking and so

"It's no use to spend time over for the feeble and little ones in her home, she toiled early and late.

There were not want-land must move on. Remember if and only a few hours before his knows his lessons, though he is not finding. If we have a home, and for the feeble and little ones in her and cruel persecution to which it you can. I can do nothing for him, Amongst Mr. Wesley's last sayings, praised Charlie because he always and cease complaining and fault was subject. There were not want-land must move on. Remember if and only a few hours before his knows his lessons, though he is not finding. If we have a home, and One day I spoke to her of the ing many who would have braved you remain you will run the risk of peaceful death, he said to those brighter than you are, and is food to eat, let us thank God, for

"Very well," replied the nurse bravely, I will take the risk, and tedious and cruel tortures. Those shall do all in my power to resusciwhose condemnation they tate and save this poor fellow, and could color with some partical pre-only immediate attention can avail

Presently the soldier became conclous that his jaws were being gently forced open and that some power ful stimulant had been given him. It was not long before he revived sufficiently to be carried to the hospital, and in good time he entirely. recovered. His life had been saved, through the prompt and faithful efforts of that devoted nurse."

" Now what if I should tell you, continued the pastor, as he earnestly looked into the face of the young man who had just made the coarse and flippant speech, but who was his followers engaged in that manuall attention now-" what if I should tell you that that soldier was ashamed of the noble young woman who risked so much to save his life -that he subsequently went about bragging that he had never asked her to save him-that he had not the least acquaintance with herthat he refused to acknowledge even that she had been any service to him, and never mentioned her name except in a slighting, reviling way ?"

"I should say he was a mean. contemptible ingrate," replied John Hayne impulsively. "He was not fit to live; his life was not worth

saving." "Very well," said the pastor, but this nurse only by a little temporary sacrifice of comfort on her part, at the same time being in the pay of the government, was the means of prolonging the soldier's paltry life for a few brief years in this world of care and sorrow. Jesus Christ, the divine Lord, suffered on the cross and died for you to redeem you from sin, and now offers to make you an heir of eternal life. And yot I have never known you to speak of him, or of those who love and try to follow him, with common respect even."

Hayne, "I have never looked at on state occasions is becoming obthis thing in that light before. Of course an ungrateful person is the meanest person living. I promise as much as this now; I will never

use the Lord's name lightly again." The pastor did not press the subject any further at that time. He had set the young man a thinking. Not long afterwards John Hayne was converted, and he says that little lesson on ingratitude, brought him to a saving knowledge of Christ.—Ann A. Preston, in American Messenger.

WHAT IT COSTS.

A gentleman was walking in Rea man whose only home was in the poor-house. He had come out to take the air, and excited the gentleman's interested attention.

"Well, my friend," said the gentleman, getting into conversation, "it is a pity that a man like you should be where you are. Now may I ask how old you are?" The man said he was eighty years

"Had you any trade before you

became penniless?" "Yes, I was a carpenter." " Did you use intoxicating

drink?" "No, oh, no. I only took my beer; never anything stronger nothing but my beer.'

"How much did your beer come to a day?" "Oh, a sixpence a day, I suppose.

For how long a time?' "Well, I suppose for sixty years." The gentleman had taken out his

with his pencil while he went on talking with the man. "Now let me tell you," said he,

And the gentleman demonstrated

"Let me tell you how much s gallon of whisky eost," said a judge, made eight children orphans."

Oh! it's a costly thing.—Dr. Richard Newton.

"BURIED IN WOOLEN."

A rather curious piece of historical information has recently work of the missionaries in Africa, death for their faith; but the Je- being left alone here in the night standing around his bed, "Let me younger too. Now let me tell you many wander the streets homeless be buried in nothing but what is a story."

woolen; and let my corpse be carried in my coffin into the chapel." This was his last uttered long centence. Why buried is woolen? In Delaware river, I saw a large tag. an old Parish Church register in boat steam up to a great ship.

Warwickship, at the end of many They fastened the two by stout of the entries of burial about the ropes; then the tug pulled and year 1690 and later are the words, pulled, but the ship would not Buried in woolen." On investigation move. For two or three hours they ting the matter it was ascertained tried, but at last gave up. Then I that toward the close of the seven- noticed that another tug came teenth century the depression in the alongside—a smaller one: this they woolen trade was so great, and was attached to the large ship. The tug so severely felt by the people in the gave a puff, and off went the ship West of England, that an Act of down the river, pulled by a little Parliament was passed ordering boat not nearly so large as the that all persons should be buried in other. woolen cloth, with a view of giving an impetus to that branch of indus- seemed to know, 'could not the try. As Mr. Wesley had many of large tug pull the ship?" facture in towns in the West of Eng. not employ all her steam : it es. land he testified his law-abiding caped by the side pipes. But the principles in almost his last breath, small tug uses every particle of thing but what was woolen .. '

COMPENSATION.

It was the time of Autumn When leaves are turning brown,-Green to yellow and pied and black; And some were tumbling down.

Then poor men fell a-playing, For that their work was o'er And rich men fell a-sighing, That they could play no more.

For the Summer time is a merry time, If a man have leisure to play : But the Summer-time is a weary time, To him who must work all day.

To every one he something gives, But to no one man gives all. The rich who careth for himself Finds, after pleasure, pain; But the toiler, whom God careth for, Rests, and is glad again.

Then thanks to God the giver, Who loves both great and small;

THE " BEST' ROOM.

The custom of setting apart the best room in the house as one which the members of the family "My dear sir," replied John are to be permitted to occupy only solete. The parlor from time immemorial has been considered a sanctum sanctorum, and every day usage condemned as the grossest sacrilege. It is fortunate that this order of things is going out of date, and the fashion of having all parts of the house alike, taking its place. The practice of retaining the most pleasant apartment of the residence for "company" is still in vogue among the rural population, but even there it is giving way. The mere fact that there is a forbidden spot in the household in itself hinders social intercourse. A feeling of restraint becomes diffused through the no doubt that the firm immediately family and renders the atmosphere resumed business again-but it is of home chilly. When the parlor is the first partnership we ever have opened and visitors received, both the callers and their entertainers are ill at ease. To the latter the place seems as strange as the house of another person, conversation lags and becomes insipid, each one feels that he is in a sacred part of the house, and a sense of his obligation to polish up manners. Topics of interest are barred out of conversation, and when one caller makes the rounds of half a dozen residences he realizes what a hollow mockery the whole thing is. In fact, it is a more a duty than a pleasure, and when leaving one of these rooms, where extraordinary pains are taken to keep everything prime and clean, it is hard to keep from uttering an expression of relief. Most families set apart the healthiest apartment for a purpose which is in no wise beneficial, and at the same time spend their lives in dingy and unwholesome rooms simply to keep one place in good order. notebook, and he continued figuring There is no philosophy in this adults and children alike need fresh air and sunlight. Sacrifice the parlor for health every time, and it ed by you as you are, then it is better that its coming be dispensed with entirely.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE TWO TUG BOATS.

Once, when stopping at the house of a friend, in the afternoon I notieed his two boys coming in from school. One of them, Charlie, looked bright and pleasant; the other, Georgie, was cross and disagreeable. The father noticed this, and asked George what was the matter.

"Oh, papa," said George, "the teacher called me a blockhead, and told me that I would never be anybody in the world. But he praised Charlie, who does not spend half been published which illustrates a so much time over his studies as I

So the gentleman told the follow ing: "Once, as I was crossing the

" Why, said I to a man who

"' Oh, sir,' said he, 'she could by his request to be buried in "no- her steam; that gives her more strength.

"Now, my dear George, this is just the difference between you and Charlie. Your attention is distract. ed; many little side things take off your mind from your book. But Charlie puts his whole mind on his study. If we desire ever to be of any value in the world, we must fix our whole attention on the thing before us; we should not be busy about a half a dozen things at the same time. Neither let us permit our strength to be wasted on trifles. but let us live for some good, great purpose-the glory of God and the benefit of our fellow-men.'

AN UNCOMMON BANK. RUPTCY CASE.

A little boy applied to General Clinton B. Fisk for capital to go into business. Amount wantedseventy-five cents. Business-bootblacking. Station-near Fulton Ferry, New York. Profits to be divided at the end of six months. The arrangement was made and the firm began business. One Monday morning, however, the working partner came into the general's office wearing a very lugubrious countenance.

"What's the matter?" asked the general. "Oh," said the boy, "it's all up!"

"All up!" said the general, "what do you mean?" "Oh," re-plied the urchin, "the firm's bust. ed." "How is that?" as the inquiry. "Well," said the boy, "I had \$4.92 on hand; but yesterday a man came into our Sunday-school and said we must give all of our money to the Missionary Society. heard of that has been bursted in that way! Hence our extreme sympathy. - National S. S. Teacher.

BE THANKFUL.

"I don't want any supper," said Kate. "Nothing but bread and milk, and some cake-just the same every night." "Would you like to take a walk?"

asked mamma, not noticing Kate's remarks. "Yes, mamma."

Kate was pleased so long as their walk led through pleasant streets; but when they came to narrow, dirty ones, where the houses were old and poor, she wanted to go home. "Please, mamma, don't go any farther."

"We will go into the corner house." said mamma.

Some rough-looking men were sitting on the doorsteps. Kate felt afraid, and held tight hold of mamma's hand; but on they went up the tottering steps to the garret. So hot and close it was that they could scarcely breathe. On a straw bed, near the only window, lay a young girl asleep, so pale and thin and still, she looked as if she were

Hearing footsteps, she opened her eyes. Mamma uncovered her basket, and gave the girl a drink of milk, and placed the bread and cake beside her.

Kate's eyes filled with tears as she saw the girl eager y eat her supper. Not a mouthfu had she tasted since early morning.

The poor mother had oen away all day working, and now came home wishing she had something nice to bring her sick child. When she found her so well cared for she could not thank mamma and Kate enough.

The supper seemed a feast to them.

"If we can keep a roof over our heads," she said, and get a crust to eat, we are thankful.

and hungry.-Sel.

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