

Happily there was not much for aunt Hannah to do...

They followed the lads gaily through those delicious woods...

Grace clasped her hands with delight...

If we could always live here—if it could always be to-day...

They sat side by side under the chestnut. Aunt Hannah glanced at them sharply...

It was a pleasant, innocent, rustic tea-drinking—the two young men...

The twilight was darkening into night when the crockery was all packed...

Aunt Hannah could catch a glimpse of her niece's light muslin dress...

"Lord have mercy upon us, what's that?" cried Mrs. James...

Both young men sped off, and one of them ran against Mr. Walgrave...

"She has fainted," he said. "I never saw any one so frightened."

He laid her gently down upon the grass with her head upon her aunt's lap...

"It's only a faint!" Mr. Walgrave said reassuringly...

He was kneeling by the girl's side, with one little cold hand in his...

"It isn't as if it was any one else," she said, clutching the girl's disengaged hand...

"Her heart!" cried Mr. Walgrave aghast. "What's the matter with her heart?"

He laid his hand upon the girl's breast with an unadvised look.

"I'm afraid there's something wrong. Her mother died of heart-complaint, you know—"

"She drew a long shuddering breath, drank a few spoonfuls of water, and declared herself quite well."

"I'm afraid I've given you all a great deal of trouble," she said.

"No, Grace; there has been no harm done," he answered, with a chuckling smile.

"It was a viper!" cried Grace. "Vipers have stung people to death in this country."

"I am not at all tired. I am quite ready to go."

beams, and anon emerging upon some smooth stretch of meadow...

To be continued.

PRAYER AND POTATOES.

From the Small Fruit Recorder. If a brother or sister be asked, and destitute of daily food...

An old lady sat in her old arm chair. With wrinkled visage and dishevelled hair...

But now they were gone: of bad or good. Not one was left for the old lady's food.

And she thought of the deacon over the way. The deacon so ready to wish her and pray.

But the deacon's religion didn't let her say: He was more accustomed to preach and to pray.

He prayed for patience, and wisdom, and grace. But when he prayed "Lord give her peace,"

The deacon was troubled: knew not what to do: Was very embarrassed to have her net so.

And that groom followed him all the way home: In the midst of the night if he heard his room-

Agin he went to the widow's bed but: Her sleepless eyes she had not yet shut.

And would you, who hear his simple tale, Pray for the poor, and praying, "prevail."

MY EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE.

BY MARK TWAIN. Mark was employed as a reporter on the Virginia Enterprise of Nevada...

"I wanted variety of some kind. It came. Mr. Goodman went away for a week and left me the post of chief editor."

"The first day, I wrote my 'leader' in the forenoon. The second day, I had no subject and I put it off till the afternoon."

"The fourth day I 'foaled around' till midnight, and then fell back on the Cyclopedic again."

"The fifth day I indulged my brain till midnight, and then kept the press waiting while I peened some bitter personalities on six different people."

"The sixth day I labored in anguish all day into the night, and brought forth nothing. The paper went to press without an editorial."

"The seventh day I resigned. On the eighth, Mr. Goodman returned and found six ducks on his hands—my personalities had borne fruit."

"Nobody, except he has tried it, knows what it is to be an editor. It is easy to scribble long rubbish, with the facts before you."

"There was a faint fluttering under his hand. Thank God for that! The heart that loved him so fondly, had not ceased to beat."

"I am not at all tired. I am quite ready to go." And so they went arm-in-arm through the narrow pathways...

SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE.

FROM experiments conducted by Dr. Jannell, it would appear that food, both animal and vegetable...

Efforts have been made in England to organize a party to proceed to Africa for the relief of the famine.

A young hippopotamus was recently born at the gardens of the Zoological Society in the Regent's Park, London.

We learn that the Smithsonian Institution has recently succeeded in obtaining two complete skeletons of the remarkable tapir of the highlands of the United States.

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FARM ITEMS.

WHITWASHING TREES.—An old farmer of Genesee-town says: "The practice of whitening the bark of fruit and ornamental trees with whitewash is one that cannot be too severely deprecated."

It will pay the farmer to supply himself, his sons and his workmen with good papers and books.

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WIT AND HUMOUR.

A REVOLVER.—The earth. Does it hurt a jake to crack it.

WHY is a small baby like a big banker? When he is a wrath-child.

WHY is a donkey not such a fool as he looks? Because he likes a dry champagne, and objects to any more asses.

WHY is the difference between a hill and a pill? One is often hard to up, and the other is often hard to get down.

WHY is a woman who is skating fall through the ice declared to be a fool? Because she never again leaves a hot goose for a cold duck.

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