And the Brook made snswer, " I cannot stay Sweet Sparrow, to prate with you, For the morning hours are flitting away, And I have my task to do."

" And what may your work be, Lady Brook,

That you cannot stop to-day? Babbling over the stones you go, And a noisy tongue you have, I trow, But what are your tasks, I pray? Nothing, I ween, but an idle song To sing as you wander by ; Nothing, I ween, but to catch the gleam Of the sun in the deep blue sky; Nothing, but dimple, and flirt with the bee, Or the yellow butterfly."

" Friend Sparrow," replied the little Brook, " Mine are but humble tasks; Yet a willing step and a cheerful look My great Employer asks : And gladly I fulfil them all, Simple although they be, And I sing, for the very joy of my heart, To the butterfly and the bee."

And what are these wondrous tasks, I pray? Quoth the Sparrow in disdain And she laughed outright, while the little Brook Made answer yet again :

"I bathe the roots of the willow trees, Beneath whose boughs I pass, And the hazel bush, and the alder low, And freshen . the meadows through which

And strengthen the tender grass. The sweet wild flowers would droop and If not for my nursing care : And on my verge is the greenest mass That groweth anywhere.

The birds alight at the mouning's prime To plash in my cooling breast, And the weary oxen come down to drink At the noon-day hour of rest : And the lowing kine from the meadows or And I give them a draught so clear,

You may believe they are loth to leave A fount of such dainty cheer. Simple, indeed, friend Sparrow, I know, Are the tasks that I fulfil, Yet methinks the humblest work should be

Performed with an earnest will; It giveth a feeling of such content, To do in all things our best But now I must bid you a kind good day." Then the Rivulet hastened on its way, And the Sparrow, with nothing else to say,

Flew back again to her nest. -Journal of Commerce

A Fairy at Home.

"What is my little Lily thinking of so in- Home."-Independent. ly ?" asked Mr. F-, as he entered the sitting-room, where the little girl was leaning her forehead against the window-pane, and gazing out into the evening sky.

tales that had fallen upon the carpet. " Such a quiet time for thinking should hard-

ther, kindly. "But try for a moment if you seminary respecting a "beau." cannot recall the train of ideas which I interrupted. Your book, I see, was of a sort which stimulates the imagination. I would like to know which way its influence tends." "You will think me very foolish, papa.

was just imagining how I should like to be "What is a fairy ?" inquired the father, in-

"Why, you know, papa, just as well as I do.

of tulip-leaves, and that ride in snail-shell girls who were engaged.' They were all the coaches drawn by dragon flies."

the best of it is, they have power to do such little interest in school exercises. Of course cent meeting in the Capitol, Ex-Governor Yates, good purposes."

"There now, papa, you are laughing at me. Now you know I don't believe all this; only the stories say so, and I always like to imagine that

such stories are true." " I should not have the slightest objections to believing in fairies, if there seemed to be any need of them; but really I think all the good, and most of the beautiful, works attributed to them can just as well be effected by human agencies. Tell me, now, what you would do if you were a fairy ?"

"O, a thousand things, papa. In the first place you need not go down town any more to that dingy old office, for whenever you wanted mency, I could tap with my wand, and up would come heaps of gold and silver. Then you know I would make mamma well, and keep her so. O, there's no end to the good things I would

" Would it not be better, my dear little girl to make the utmost use of all the power you have, instead of spending these long hours of this week already."

musing in wishing for more?" " All the power I have, is precious little, you know, papa."

"Nery precious, certainly, but not so little as you may suppose. Your father would much rather have his own little daughter here to welcome him home at night than to possess all the gold and silver that fairies were ever fabled to produce. And the gentle, quiet influence of a loving sister in the household is worth more to your dear, sick mother, than the touch of a you want." fairy's wand upon her brow. Depend upon it.

which, well accomplished, will be more beau- boys of a larger growth were there. One gave tiful in its results than any romance of fairy- him a glass of ale; another offered him a cigar, Lilian sat for a few moments musing in the first step in a bad course. These scenes were deepening twilight, and then the summons to repeated several times each week, until Bennie tea prevented any further conversation. The Malcolm could drink, swear, and play cards with first thought that entered her little head the next the lowest inebriate. morning was, " I'll be a fairy to-day." But the A few years passed, and one day Bennie was and lofty purposes of which our nature is capawinter air was chilly, and by the grey morning taken home in a state of beastly intoxication; ble. And when all is moving harmoniously in light, Lilian's fairy work seemed not quite so and that mother, who had been so absorbed in the family circle, there is an educating, forming easy and beautiful as the evening before by fire- other duties as to forget her obligation to the process ever in progress. The calm manliness MR. N. P. SELEElight. At this moment, however, she heard little | child God had given her, saw, for the first time, of the father, the tender love of the mother

Ally's voice in the next room, quite wide awake, that her child was ruined. and sure to disturb his mother. Lilian slipped Let parents be careful to know what places her eye, the affectionate kindness of brothers to softly into the room, and persuaded Ally to their children visit, and what influences are sisters, and the graceful gentleness of sisterly come and be dressed by her; and as the little thrown around them, lest, when it is too late, love-all send forth an influence which opefellow had no objection to a change of attendant, they mourn over their lost and ruined manhood. rates upon the hearts of all like the dew and the nursery toilette was very quickly completed. Especially let methers strive to make home plea- sunahine and mild breath of spring upon the Then she carried him to the breakfast room, sant, never permitting other considerations to waiting gardens. But let the father become that he might be out of hearing distance from weaken their children's love of home, or send intemperate and desolation follows. The his mother.

but as Lilian knew, to the certain discomfort of love to wander forth uncared for and unblessed. ment. The Eden of home is changed to a gloomy her father; for every particular article stood - Christian Banner.

rnerwise to its neighbour, and the whole effect mas as if a rushing wind had brought cloth, ser vice and eatibles, and deposited them on the an artist's eye could hardly have suggested any

" Mcther always did this," said Lilian to herof it before !" At this moment Willie barst into the room. I wish mother wasn't sick." he exclaimed.

me with my lessons." here," said Lilian, " and let me try." "O, you don't know how. You never did

t in your life."

" I can learn, though. You shall see," said the little girl: and she accretly resolved that your hands will grow red; thirdly, your nose; she would practice tying a ribbon around a fourthly, you will be unabled to walk a mile at block for one hour every day until she was once; fifthly, dinner will be a misery; sixthly, perfect in the art. The necktie was arranged your shoulder-blades will increase in size and even to Willie's satisfaction, and the stray altitude; seventhly, your eyes will grow weak; books were all found and put in the satchel. eightly, you will break down at thirty or there-

pression of contentment was upon his counte- forth. If these truths do not frighten women nance, as he sat down to a comfortable break- from tight corsets, perhaps the information that fast, but whether he attributed any thing to gentlemen do not admire what dressmakers call fairy influence, Lilian never knew. She rather a " pretty figure," so much as a natural one, hoped not. It was so pleasant (she thought) may have some influence, to work unsuspected !

After her father had gone, Lilian put up the luncheon in Willie's dinner basket with her own fairy fingers, and saw her brother started for school, then crept softly to her mother's room to see what she could do for the comfort of the invalid. She dusted and arranged the room in the order that best suited her mother's taste, moving all the time with such a gentle, fairyto just the right degree of shade, and left her fore propose a copartnership. All I want of mother to her morning nap. By this time Ally men is their money. All else shall be yours. had become wearied of his efforts at self-amusement, and must have some assistance. Lilian built houses, bridges and towers, all on the most wenderful models of architecture, but perfectly satisfactory to the small employer, who valued the dearest hopes of father and mother. the most elaborate structure for the noise it made

in tumbling down. All day long, his little attendant was fully curse and a reproach to their children. occupied in amusing him, and she had time only night key was heard at the door. Lilian placed youth. herself demurely in her old seat by the window, and was looking out with a somewhat more happy and less abstracted expression than on the shall be made to plant poverty, vice and ignorprevious night.

" Some good fairy has been at work, I guess. said Mr. F-, as he took the comfortable easy | send him on a lee shore, and make shipwreck of chair, and glanced at the usually noisy little all fond hearts forevermore. Ally, who was now deeply absorbed in Lily's favorite portfolio of engravings.

"O, no, papa," replied Lilian, as she threw herself over the side of the chair into his arms; ligion, and defile the purity of the church. " no one in the world but your little FAIRY AT

Sensible.

At a social party the other evening I met a Nothing much, papa," said Lilian, starting fair young triend, scarcely eighteen, from one of streets. from her reverie, and taking up a book of fairy the best seminaries in the state. In the course of the evening we chanced to be together with two or three newly married-ladies-mutual ly be wasted upon ' nothing much,'" said the fa- friends, who playfully rallied my friend of the

" I have none," she replied. " Honestly ?" asked one.

"Yes, honestly, and I do not wish or intend to receive particular attention from any gentleman until I leave school."

" Why not?" I asked demuraly. "I will tell you," she answered, turning to me with great seriousness. "I think it diverts one's attention from lessons, to be thinking of and writing to a special friend. The poorest Little mites of people, that wear mantles made scholars in school, each year, have been those time thinking and talking of, and writing to, "Would you really like to be so very small?" their gentlemen, and as a consequence their les-"O, that would be rather cunning, papa; but sons were never learned, and they took very wonderful things, and always use it for such they are minus of much they ought to know. of Illinois, was called out for a speech. He was I cannot help thinking that a girl needs a great "Do they, indeed?" said Mr. F-, in a deal of knowledge in order to read character correctly, so that she may judge wisely in se im-

> "Ah! I guess she is principled against marrying," laughed one.

portant a matter as matrimony.

" Not at all. I hope to have an excellent husband some day, and I want to know enough God, I have promised my country, I have proto be an excellent wife, you see. Time enough for me a year or two hence. My education is the business is hand now."

Sensible girl! School days are indeed to precious, too important, to be trifled away in vain thoughts of vain men .- E. C. C. Stevens in Morning Star.

Keep the Boys at Home.

" Come, Bennie, take your dinner and be off to school," said Mrs. Malcolm. "I want to get | and I will defy you to make anything but a deyou out of the way as soon as possible." "But, mother, why can't I come home to

"Because, child, I shall have so much to de that I cannot stop to get dinner. The Ladies'

Charitable Society meets here this afternoon, and I cannot have you at home turning everything upside down."

"But I want a better dinner than this," said Bennie, glancing contemptuously at the sweet cake his mother had given him.

"Then go to Berry's saloon and get it," said his mother. "Here is some money. Get what dug down deep again and again. Well for you, my dear child, God has given to you a work between sessions at Berry's saloon. Several

Bennie went to school, and spent the interval sweet again to your dying day .- Dr. Arnold. which he attempted to smoke, thus taking the

mat he might be out of hearing distance from weaken their children's love of home, or send them elsewhere for enjoyment. Better leave more public charities to other hands, than suffer the mother's eye fills with tears of sortestore the natural color, we give the preference to angement to her own satisfaction, doubtless those dear ones already within the reach of our row—and loving children stars with americant the second of our row—and loving children stars with americant the second of the preference to solve the stars of the second of the preference to solve the stars of the second of the preference to solve the stars of the second of the preference to solve the stars of the second of the sec rangement to her own satisfaction, doubtless, those dear ones already within the reach of our row-and loving children stare with ameze-

A Few Words on Squeezing.

While we are growing very sensible, indeed in the matter of dress, in the way of boots, baltable according to its own sweet will. As soon moral skirts, warm stockings and high necks, as she had established Ally with his building we are degenerating in some other matters quite blocks in the corner, Lilian neatly and quietly as important. The corset is not a necessary re-arranged every thing upon the table, so that part of a woman's wardrobe; and, alas! when a woman does begin to wear corsets she will wear them too small, and will tug at the laces until her breath becomes short, and she feels it necesself. "How careless I have been, not to think sary to refrain from anything like a comfortable meal. We say nothing against a well-shaped corset, worn loosely, but there lies the diffi-

There's no one to tie my neckcloth, or put up A loose corset injures the appearance instead my dinner for school, or find my books, or help of improving it, and people wear corsets that they may have small waists. All we can say is, "Perhaps I can fix your necktie. Come don't squeeze, whatever you do. You may have small waists, but you are exposing yourself to a dozen misfortunes which are as bad as a large waist. First, you'll surely have dyspepsia, and grow yellow and cross and unhappy; secondly, The father then appeared. An unusual ex- about, and be a sickly old woman from that time

Cemperance.

The Rumseller's Proposal of Copartnership to the Devil.

DEAR SIR :- I have opened apartments, fit ted up with all the enticements of luxury, for like tread, that the lightest slumber need not the sale of rum, brandy, gin, wine, beer and all have been disturbed. She brought water to their compounds. Our objects, though different, bathe the aching head, then closed the curtains can be best attained by united action. I there Bring me the industrious, the sober, the res pectable, and I will return them to you drunkards, paupers and beggars. Bring me the child, and I will dash to earth

Bring me the father and the mother and I will plant discord between them, and make them s

Bring me the young man, and I will ruin b to put the sitting room again in order, and bring character, destroy his health, shorten his life, her father's study-gown and slippers, when his and blot out the highest and purest hopes of Bring me the mechanic or the laborer, and his

own money-the hard earned fruits of his toils-

ance in his once happy home. Bring me the warm-hearted sailor, and I wil

Bring me the professed follower of Christ, and will blight and wither every devotional feeling of his heart. I will corrupt the ministers of re-Bring me the patronage of the city, and of the courts of justice-let the magistrates of the State and the Union become my patrons-let the law-makers themselves meet at my table and participate in violations of law, and the name of law shall become a bissing and a by-word in the

Bring me, above all, the moral respectable man. If possible, bring the moderate temperance man, though he may not drink, yet his presence will countenance the pretexts under which our business must be masked. Bring him to our stores, oyster saloons, eating houses and hotels, and the more timid of victims will enter without alarm.

Congressional Temperance Society. The mischief at work among the members of Congress during their stay at Washington, by Dr. Sydny Stevens' Treatment of Cure with Radway's Pills. habits of intemperance, loudly called for benevoient effort, and accordingly, a Congressional Temperance society has been founded under circumstances of great encouragement. Already about fifty members of Congress have become pledged to total abstinence, with the prospect that others will take the same stand. At a reenthusiastically greeted. After stating that he had taken the pledge only ten days before, that he had " signed it for good," but that he had alluded to the fact with considerable hesitation, because of the many who had taken the pledge and failed, he added with a solemnity and pathos which moved many to tears, " I have promised mised my state, which has bonored me with her highest offices and with a seat in both houses of Congress, and I have promised Katy and the children, that I will drink no more !"

Wild Oats.

In all the range of accepted maxims there is not one, take it for all in all, more throughy abominable than the one as to the sowing of wild oats. Look at it on what side you will, vil's maxim of it. What a man-be he young. old, or middle aged-sows, that, and nothing dinner ?" asked the boy. " Ive stayed two days else, shall he reap. The only one thing to do with wild oats is to put them carefully into the hettest part of the fire, and get them burnt to dust, every seed of them. If you sow them, no matter where,up they will come, with long, tough roots, like the couch grass, and luxuriant stalk and leaves, as sure as there is a sun in heaven-a crop which it turns one's heart cold to think of. The devil, too, whose special crop they are, will see that they thrive, and you, and nobody else, will have to reap them; and no common reaping will get them out of the soil, which must be if, with all your care, you can make the ground

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