The Family.

SELF-SUFFICING.

I KNOW a lake among the hills, Serene and bright and full and free, Unfed by any mountain-tills And with no outlet to the sea; And yet I marvel if there be Found anywhere through all the land So gold and jewel-rimm'd a cup As Nature with her Hebe hand Here brims, and, kneeling, offers up.

Its molten surface gives the sky
In softest sapphire beauty back;
And when the storm comes scudding by, Dark with its stress of thunder-rack, Although its blue be tinged with black, The tempest has no power to dash
The creamy shell against the shore,
Nor with defiant onset lash
The tipple to a sullen roat

From secret sources stored away Beneath its own sweet water flows The unseen strength that day by day Keeps it in such supreme repose As never shallow current shows ; * Its edges flash with tender green at lures from far the hungry herds, And in its stooping copse are seen.

The nests of thousand brooding birds.

Oh for a nature like the lake's On for a nature like the lake's
Agleam amid our summer hills,
That gives ungrudged its own, now takes—
That ever keeps its calm and stills
Its heart, self centred, even when ills
Impend with dift of tempest-foam;
That woos the weary, and above
All other weaves a natural home. All other weaves a nested home
For every wandering wing of love !
— Margaret J. Presson.

FIGHTING TROUBLE

A FRENCH physician recently asserted that there were at least twenty differ- o'clock. ent methods of cure for each separate there is one malady to which we all, bless her!" some time in life, are subject, for which effects of trouble.

Sorrow itself—the agony as the clods | much difficulty. thud heavily, one by one, on the coffin at our feet, or the wrench of soul with joy herself!" inquired Mrs. Jenner, which we remember a crime—only God lovingly. "Wasn't the party a pleastime of the was simply this: "A cine these wounds, or give us submission or peace.

But the effect of these hurts upon the character and temperament is a totally different matter. After a great dearie?" grief, a man is apt to grow apathetic ed. He hugs his sorrow; it dwarfs so they talked and played at games, and every other fact in life; it hecomes, everybody had somebody else to be indeed, a horrible death in life, grap- with, and nobody knew me, so I just pling him as the cuttle-fish does the sat still and felt dreadfully lonesome." drowning sailor—paralyzing every limb, sucking his healthy breath; and he is friends?" asked her mamma. satisfied that it should be so. Or, if he is not satisfied and comes to God for relief, his prayers seem to fall back on his head from a flat and silentiaky. He has lost his sight of Christ, once clear gown in the closet.

"Exes, mamma, but they just bowed; they didn't ourse for me. I was a HOW TO BE A VISITOR of relief, his prayers seem to fall back on stranger, mid No, very soberty solding the close of the sight of Christ, once clear gown in the closet.

"Exes, mamma, but they just bowed; they are a little was solding to they are a little was solding and real, and his hold on Him.

readers, too, probably would suspect which will prevent your ever being treat- brilliancy of the petted one. The fam. for the Master. Would they give some- for the Master. Would they give some- for and was burned up. It was a total us of sacrilege in prescribing any cure ed so again."

for it beyond prayer, or the reading of Flo's bright cyes sparkled. She had afraid. Every one knows the desages. They asked to be excused for a few loss. The three other partners brought child."

They asked to be excused for a few loss. The three other partners brought child." God's Word.

ging and planting, let him go to the garden; or of philology, let him attack a
new language. Whatever, in short, is

Then the golden head nestled very

than the uninitiated dream, she is, if

lost fortune and high social position,

One of Miss Yonge's sensible herotired brain cannot grasp the high and friends.

exalted thoughts. wholesome remedy. If possible, begin life afresh on new conditions. You have lost a wife or son? Go for a laughed, and left our little lady cut in abuse the weather, for your host owns presbyterian. time where nothing will recall them, the cold.

You have been a drunkard, or a crime I am not making up this story, even a prolonged drizzle. The sensible inal? Leave all old acquaintances be- children. I am relating a real incident, visitor never notices the family jara. If hind, cut the ground from under your which happened precisely as I am tell- there is an antagonism over a dog on a sky, into which you may see clearly,

given to you alone to bear. Bear it. Do not shift it on to the shoulders of all who come near you, to add to the bur-

ing else will so thoroughly drag the sick parties of soul out of its selfish luxury of woe, and acquaintance.

Sessed, unselfish, she would at home.—Harper's Bacar. God and the other souls whom it was young lady both at once, and with puss sent to help. Jesus wept over Lazar to help them talk, they at once plunged us's death, but he did not lose an hour into an animated conversation. Flo of his work in weeping. "Let the discovered that Mademoiselle was as dead bury their dead," he said to his great a stranger in D—— as abe her-

THE LITTLE WALL FLOWER.

disease that firsh is heir to. Every pet had not been properly treated at one of our readers, we have no doubt, hirs. Green's. "An' sure," she said, has his half-dozen especial ailments, "its hard hearted they'd be that look over some photographs. Then for he had little to give. He was called and his pet remedies, for each. But wouldn't be good to little Miss Flo,

The dejected face and the drooping pictures, and finally wound up the butions. not one man in a thousand seeks a air were perfect tell-tales to the keen music box and set it to playing some practical cure. We mean the physical observation of mamma, who generally of the most bewitching tunes, so that not get to church. He was merciful to read her darling's countenance without

polite."

"Indeed. What did they do,

"Oh, it wasn't so much what they and morbid. He shuns his friends, he did, mamma," confessed the little tenloathes the old routine of work, his year-old; it was that they all knew one flower, you will be such a sweet one ed, at any rate, appetite is gone, his thoughts are blurr- another, and they didn't know me, and "Didn't Amy introduce you to her

"Yes, mamma, but they just bowed;

"You were a little wall-flower, Flo,"

never yet known one of mamma's rules ments which haunt the best-regulated But there are two or fhree common- to fail, and she felt sure that if she took families. place, wholesome remedies which every mamma's advice she would always be

opposite direction from its grief, and to side; it belongs to the people who in- anecdote and not too much, the exact talked the matter over with them, and fire to the cotton, and are alone cultake care that it be a direction which is vite guests, and then forget to see that amount of good looks, and an absence ought to be paid. Next year they blamed The three partners who be a musician, let him open the piano, any one whom I invite here to be a be, she may join the guild of the guests could all try again for the carpet. And owned the three legs with which the in spite of the amazement of his con- wall-flower even for five minutes. But for life. To those childless homes they did. All the money which had cat ran to the cotton will pay the whole ventional neighbours, and study a new lest you should happen to be one at where visitors are desired for company, and study a new lest you should happen to be one at where visitors are desired for company, been earned and saved for the carpet value of the bales to the partner who and difficult score; if he be found of dig. the next little company to which you how often is she asked, and how was given to pay the debt of the was the proprietor of the injured leg."

his favourite hobby, let him obstinately closely against mamma's bosom, and a she conform to certain common sense pursue it until the tension upon the in-jured part of the brain is relieved. | charmingly confidential talk ensued, regulations, received with open arms, as after which Flo said her prayers and a beneficent angel. To this end she

guess what it was. ines, when in great trouble, 'always Havens gave one too. She was a sponsible for it. A visitor should have kept a good novel in her work-basket, neighbour's daughter, and some years somewhere, "Little pleasures conquer she was rather a patronizing girl, who melanchole sooner than high and exided provided in the sound and control of the provided provided in the state much sounds to please the much sound as the much sounds the metantic first are much sou

be done, too, by a stubborn, downright present, and if there is, try to cheer her occasional little frictions, which it is

disciples. "Follow thou Me."—Re- self was, and that she couldn't speak along the Hudson river lives a family, becca Hardine Davis.

English very fluently, and was therefore the members of which have farmed

self. Then, if you have to be a wall- dominie thought they ought to be ask-

man and woman in grief would do well in the right.

visitor even under complimentary cir. sent necessities. For a year they had to try, unless they prefer to give up the "Are wall-flowers anything horrid?"

visitor even under complimentary cir. sent necessities. For a year they had decided thus: 'The leg that had the oil duties which they owe to the living, and fill no place hereafter but that of grace to be a wall-flower?"

and walk when fatigued. The model work at once in an disgrace, if there is any, is on the other ready adaptability; she has just enough for the partour. The give the brain work at once in an disgrace, if there is any, is on the other ready adaptability; she has just enough for the partour. The give enough to buy a trag on it was hurt; the cat could not it."

and walk when not hungry, and walk when fatigued. The model work for the neighbours to help the give the brain work at once in an disgrace, if there is any, is on the other ready adaptability; she has just enough for the partour. The give the categories wants are considered with a carpet. They had done extra use that leg, in fact, it held up that leg, work for the neighbours to help the categories the categories and along. But the parents had just three other and the off distances. One must take when one would sleep, eat when not hungry, and walk when fatigued. The model work at once in an disgrace, if there is any, is on the other ready adaptability; she has just enough for the partour. The part of the categories was hurt; the cat could not it."

A woman who years ago at one blow her evening hymn, and went to bed. must first of all come when she is asked lost fortune and high social position, and cheerand was forced to devote herself in D—, a town which had lumber in fully say good by at its end. Punctualpoverty wholly to the care of an im-becile relative, was lately asked how attracted Flo's father. Nearly all the Never should a visitor presume on her of home life, and imagine we would be she contrived to retain her courage and older residents wanted to make Mr. popularity to keep people waiting far happier in other scenes. We forget cheerful spirits.

and Mrs. Jenner welcome in the place, Every family is entitled to its idiosynthat the world bestows no titles as "Simply," she said, "by seizing and the children were told to invite crasy. One host is afraid of his coach-noble as father, mother, sister, or bro-every day upon the little pleasures of little Flo to the various merry-makings. man, and he cannot bear to have the ther. In the sacred precincts of home life, when the great blessings are denied But the D-children were clannish, carriage wait; another is tied to the we have many chances of heroism. me. I play chess. I run out for a walk and I am afraid not very polite, as Fio breakfast bell; another expends his The daily acts of self-denial for the in the country, I look at the pretty had expressed it, so that she would extraneous activity in getting people to good of a loved one, the gentle word things in the shops, I sketch the queer have suffered more than once from the dinner table. A model visitor according for another's troubles, the faces I see—I grasp at every scrap of homesickness but for Mrs. Jenner's knowledges these peculiarities and bender that comes within my sensible advice. Let us see if we can be suffered more than once from the shops, I sketch the queer have suffered more than once from the shops, I sketch the queer have suffered more than once from the shops, I sketch the queer have suffered more than once from the shops, I sketch the queer have suffered more than once from the shops, I sketch the queer have suffered more than once from the shops, I sketch the queer have suffered more than once from the shops of soothing for another's troubles, the nest under the shed, and I don't want mise and I d things in the shops, I sketch the queer have suffered more than once from the dinner-table. A model visitor ac- of soothing for another's troubles, the abuse the weather? Certain hosts feel accomplish? Our slightest word may about the right size to reach under, him yow, in the presence of God and A few days after Amy's party, Laura that they own the weather; they are re- have an influence over another for good melancholy sooner than high and ex- did not take much trouble to please greenhouses, too dusty to look at their garner. If some one in that dear home and flying around at a great rate. But CHAPTER VI.—THE MCNEIL'S alted thoughts."

This is because the anybody except her own very intimate improvements, or too damp for a dive. can look back in after years, and as Le. Work. mybody except her own very intimate improvements, or too damp for a drive. Can look back in after years, and as it is not their climate, and the man who has words and example prepared me for a their climate, and the man who has words and example prepared me for a look back in a month is apt life of usefulness, to her I owe my pre-Total change of base is another most stranger here as she shad been before. twenty-eight fine days in a month is apt life of usefulness, to her I owe my pre- and got all the eggs without breaking a holesome remedy. If possible, be- The company in groups of two and to be angry at three bad ones. Never, sent happiness " we may well say, " I single one.

refusal to be beaten by disaster. "God or him up; you can almost always do the part of the common friend to quietly loves the man that tholes" (endures), it if you try." says the Scotch proverb. At least you can shut your lips and thole in silence, person she saw who seemed in the same which will subside of itself it unnoticed. Don't pose forever on a pedestal of position as herself was a young lady in a Mothers, fathers, sisters, wiver, can say misery to win pity. Your grief was black dress, sitting in a distant corner very severe things. We can all abuse with sewing in her hands.

"I should suppose that young lady would speak to me first," said the bashful part of little Flo to the other part

the servants of our friends. People the servants of our friends. If you have seached middle age, you of herself which believed that riamma may hate and detest their servants, will find help in remembering that the knew everything.

pain or grief, no matter how heavy it She's a grown-up lady, and she can't but they never forgive others for half. may be, will not last. To the boy or girl grief is eternal. The man of fifty over to seeher, anyway," and Flowalked knows that he has come through other sloughs to firm land. Firm land lies took a seat by the lady. Almost at the isms of their children. Our self-love is beyond this slough. But the surest remedy is some hard work for others, not for ourselves. The harder and more exacting it is, the better. Nothing else will so thoroughly drag the sick purring loudly by way of beginning an able, agrecable, self-contained, self-possessed, unselfish, she would better stay

STORY OF A CARPET.

In one of the Dutch congregations English very fluently, and was therefore the members of which have farmed very happy in finding a little girl kyho the same rocky hills for a third of a had been taught to speak French.

"I have been very homesick," she quiet members of the church. Only THE LITTLE WALL FLOWER.

FLO JENNER came home from Amy's told the first sympathizing person who had exchanged a word with her since they been able to provide for them selves and their half-dozen children. They live half a dozen miles from the happy that she had helped to make a stranger feel at home.

"I have been very homesick," she quiet members of the control. Only by hard work and close economy have they been able to provide for them selves and their half-dozen children. They live half a dozen miles from the happy that she had helped to make a stranger feel at home.

"I have been very homesick," she quiet members of the control. Only have done right. Then do not undo advice to boys: "You are made to be kind, boys" generous, magnanimous, as the last he was induced to give more than he intended. Partly village where the church is located. If there is a boy in school who has a spontaneous outgrowth of purest love, partly it was the result. could not join in the games, and he worn by the members of the household Mary was privately certain that her had to be content with looking on. Flo was "bome-made." The head of the Laura's father joined the group, and penurious, because he did not respond told the most beautiful stories about the to the many appeals made for contri-

When the westher was bad he did Flo was very much surprised to be told his beasts. He was currently believed at last that her mamma had sent for to have little interest in the church. On one of the occasions (which occur-Now, can you tell me what was Mrs. red with semi-regularity during the first ovingly. "Wasn't the party a pleasing prescription against being negliar to the church's existence) lected? It was simply this: "Always when a debt was to be raised, the make up your mind to be as entertain-dominie and elders canvassed the conchildren at Amy's house were not very ing yourself as possible, and never wait gregation for the purpose. The elder to be entertained. If you are feeling a thought it hardly worth while to go so little forlorn, see if there isn't somebody far away to this single house adown the else who feels forlorner, and try to be rough road through the fields. "These cheerful and to forget all about your people never gave anything." But the

ing a happy time."

bad made and put up curtains to the
The secret of this prescription is in a windows. Cushions had been fitted to

The poets scoff at any attempt to grief. "You were a little wall-flower, Flo," breakfast hour, to sleep in an innection was making a rag soaked in oil. The cat going too grief. "Who can minister to a wait the hostess's pleasure about the to await the hostess's pleasure about the other half of an it had been promised. But there were daughter, or to endure the unnatural anxieties about the other half. It was conton bales where she was accustomed to hunt rats. The cotton thereby took of the summer suppline and real, and his hold on Him.

"You were a little wall-flower, Flo," breakfast hour, to sleep in an innection was radius. In a cauces was roug. In a cauces was rought a rag soaked in oil. The cat going too near the fire set the rag on fire, and being or ange of the white robed girl. She glistentoned in a rag soaked in oil. The cat going too near the fire set the rag on fire, and being or ange of the white robed girl. She glistentoned in a rag soaked in oil. The cat going too near the fire set the rag on fire, and being or ange of the white satin and lace; she carried to pay of the debt. More than half of it had been promised. But there were a little wall-flower, Flo, was rought and the white robed girl. She glistentoned in a rag soaked in oil. The cat going too in the white robed girl. She glistentoned in white satin and lace; she carried to await the host

i minutes. They would confer about it, a suit to recover the value of the cotton families.

It is a servile condition to be a little money now beyond their previsitor even under complimentary cir
sent necessities. For a year they had

"The judge examined the case, and "The judge examined the case, and " church.

What millionaire has given so much? -Christian Intelligencer.

HEROISM AT HOME.

How useless our lives seem to us sometimes. How we long for an opportunity to perform some great

The Children's Corner.

WORK AND PLAY.

THE boys were waiting in the road
For foe to come and play;
"We'd like to know what keeps you to,"
Impatiently cried they,
"We've waited nearly half an hour;
Ibo hurry, Joe," they cried.
"I'll be there—when my work is done;
Not till then," he replied.

"Come on, come on; the work can wait,"
They urged, "till by-and-by."
"It might of course, but I don't think
It will," was his reply.
"When I've a task to do, I like
To do it right away:
"Work fore my father can then fine Work first, my father says, then fun;
And what he says, I say."

Hurrah for Joe! such talk as that Is what I like to hear; But many toys will not agree With Joe and me, I fear. Play first, and last, and all the tline, Would suit most boys I know ; But that I'm very glad to say, Is not the way with Joe.

When you've a task to do, my boys, Don't put it off, and say You'll do it when you've had your fun, But do it right away. But do it right away.

This "putting off" soon forms, my lads,
A habit to deplote;

Who promotly does his work enjoys
His pleasure all the more.

— Gelden Days.

tranger feel at home.

There was a little lame boy who Until recent years much of the clothing club-foot, don't let him know you ever clothes, don't talk about rags in his hearing. If there is a lame boy, assign hearing are of the game that doesn't hearing. If there is a lame boy, assign him some part of the game that doesn't require running. 'If there is a hungry one, give him part of your dinner. If there is a dull one, help him to get his lessons. If there is a bright one, be not envious of him; for if one boy is proud of his talents and another is ly arms, and kiss the brilliant locker. envious of them, there are two great wrongs, and no more talent than before. If a larger or stronger boy has injured like and strongs, and pln up her hair you, and is sorry for it, forgive him. All the school will show by their coun-

ORIENTAL JUSTICE.

DR. HENRY M SCUDDER relates #

The secret of this prescription is in a very old book, "In honour preferring one or two of the large, old-fashioned one another."—Harper's Young People, chairs. One or two new books had been bought and laid on the table. But the floor was bare.

HOW TO BE A VISITOR. The wife said she bad sent to the problem's houses, to alter your own breakfast hour, to sleep in an unaccisal tomany dollars. Endeavour was making to the secret of this prescription is in a windows. Cushions had been fitted to one or two of the large, old-fashioned rats might not destroy the cotton they purchased a cat. They agreed that already dressed for the ceremony, and been bought and laid on the table. But the floor was bare.

The wife said she bad sent to the beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the cornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the ceremony, and beads and other ornaments the log that already dressed for the cat; by an already dressed

-Missionary Review,

THE NEST UNDER THE WOODSHED.

Frank to his grandma, who was winding up the tall clock, "I'll do that for you; to me how kind!" I'll do lots of things. I wish I was a . "I mean to be so; truly, I mean to

"Frank!" called Uncle Will from the knows I do i" yard, "come here!"

When they went into the house Uncle or make an object is a great part of genius.

Mallock. Will said to grandma, "I don't know how I should have got that hen off the nest and the eggs out if it hadn't been

Our Story.

THE HOUSEHOLD OF Moneil.

BY AMELIA E. BARR. Author of "Jan Vedder's Wife," "The Dauehter of Fife," etc., etc. CHAPTER V .- Continued.

AND the Laird, in the presence of such a gathering of his family, began to have some uneasy scellings about Grizcida's fortune. He had no doubt that many of them would ask him straight questions on the subject. It would bevery humiliating to confess that he had given her nothing. The reason would be inquired for, and how could he say that he had been led to this extraordinary caution by Maxwell's unfeeling or ungentlemanly conduct about a few sheep, or by his own fixed conviction of the man's cruel and dishonourable character?

" Doctor, what will I do in the premises?" he asked one day, when the subject pressed him closely.

"You have done right McNeil What will you want to undo it for?," Folk will ask questions."

"You have not such a small measure of capacity as to fear a few old men and woman asking questions. You have done right. Then do not undo

club-foot, don't let him know you ever of purest love, partly it was the result saw it. If there is a boy with ragged of a foolish pride which could not suffer with gold and coral. And yet, as a secondary pleasure, he was not unconscious All the school will show by their countenance how much better it is than to have a great fuss. And remember who said, 'Love your enemies,' and 'Bless them which curse you.'"

All the school will show by their countenance how much better it is than to have a great fuss. And remember who said, 'Love your enemies,' and 'Bless them which curse you.'"

All the school will show by their countenance how much better it is than to could adorn Grizcida as she had never been adorned before. McNeil was aware of this feeling. It may be doubted if Maxwell was hot unconscious that he enjoyed showing MeNeil he could adorn Grizcida as she had never been adorned before. McNeil was aware of this feeling. It may be doubted if Maxwell ever had a mean thought of which McNeil was not aware. And he watched Grizelda's pride and excitement over her lover's gifts, until a certain intention gradually took form flower, you will be such a sweet one ed, at any rate, that everybody will declare that the the wisitors were shown into the wall-flower is as charming as the rose or parlour. Attempts had evidently been outdone for sharp and subtle discriminations even by a Philadelphia jurist. The girls inations even by a Philadelphia jurist. Four men, partners in business, all her bridal beauty, Full of pride bought some cotton bales. That the and joy she tapped lightly at the locked

"Father, you will not cease to love

"Never, while I live." "Will you forgive me to-night all my disobedience to you? I am sorry for

" I will forgive you freely."

"Will you try and love Walter?" "I will try-for your sake."

"For his own sake, dear father." "Yes-I will try-if he is good and

kind to you"
"He is sure to be good to me, I do

"Grizelda this is my bride present to you." He opened some cases and took from them a necklace and pendant of diamonds and sapphires; a bracelet, a ring for her finger, and a comb for her hair of the same brilliant gems. "Part of these I bought for your mother, Grizelda; part of them I "WHEN I get to be a man," said have bought purposely for you." "Oh, my father, how good you are

be kind to you in all things. God

Then he kissed her, and put the Frank ran out, and found his uncle jewels in her hand. In his heart there standing beside the woodshed with a was a great struggle of feeling; but large dish partly filled with eggs. amid all, he was pleased to see Grizelda "I want you to help the," he said, shining in gems that dwarfed all of "The old speckled hen has made a Maxwell's gifts. For in spite of his pro-Take this stick and push the hen off as the gathered clan of McNeil, to love and cherish Grizelds, he did not believe Frank lay down flat on the ground, in him !—he never for a moment be

Life doer not make us; we make life. J. Kavanagh.

THE love of Christ is like the blue- for Frank."

for Frank."

Now," said grandma, "you see you forget them. After Grizelda, with all fect; try to believe, in a new scene, and among new faces, that you are a different man, whom nobody knows but God: The new chance for you will be conversation to which referbed become real and possible. Much may chance there isn't another wall flower become real and possible. Much may chance there isn't another wall flower by the said grainding, you see you longet them. After Grizelds, with all the real vastness of which you can need the rea pleasant circumstance and suspicion