

by the voice of a singing prayer, they soon reached the abode of the Christian captive. It was a little hut at the bottom of his master's garden on the mouth of a small river. They burst open the door and took him from his knees, and in a few minutes he was on the ship's deck frantic with joy.

The account that he gave of himself was, that his name was McDonald; that he was a native of Scotland, and had been a captive eighteen years. He had obtained the confidence of his master, was chief gardener, and had the privilege of living by himself. He said he was not at all surprised when they burst open his door, for the Turks had often done so, and whipped him while on his knees.

PEACE AT HOME.—It is just as possible to keep a calm house as a clean house, a cheerful house, an orderly house, as a furnished house, if the heads set themselves to do so. Where is the difficulty of consulting each other's weakness as well as each other's wants, each other's tempers, as well as each other's characters? Oh! it is by leaving the peace at home to chance, instead of pursuing it by system, that so many houses are unhappy. It deserves notice, also, that almost any one can be courteous and patient in a neighbour's house. If any thing go wrong, or be out of time, or be disagreeable there, it is made the best of, not the worst; even efforts are made to excuse it, and to show it is not felt; or if felt, it is attributed to accident, not to design, and this is not only easy, but natural, in the house of a friend. I will not therefore believe that what is so natural in the house of another, is impossible at home, but maintain without fear, that all the courtesies of social life may be upheld in domestic societies. A husband as willing to be pleased at home, and as anxious to please as in his neighbour's house, and a wife as intent on making things comfortable every day to her family, as on set days to her guests, could not fail to make their own home happy. Let us not evade the point of these remarks by recurring to the maxim about allowances for temper. It is worse than folly to refer to our temper unless we could prove that we ever gained any thing by giving way to it. Fits of ill humour punish us quite as much, if not more, than those they are vented upon; and it actually requires more effort, and inflicts more pain to give them up, than would be requisite to avoid them.—*Philip.*

UNIVERSALISM AMONG SAILORS.—A Universalist was once appointed a chaplain in the American navy, and reported for duty on board one of our ships fitting for sea. His creed very soon became known to the sailors, and was freely discussed in their messes.

"If we are all so good that we are going to heaven," said an old tar "what is the use in overhauling one's sin? it only gives a man a bloody sight of trouble for nothing."

"If we are all on the right tack," said another, "and must bring up at the right port what is the use preaching and praying about it?"

"If we trust this doctrine, and it don't turn out to be true, there'll be hell to pay!" exclaimed a third.

These sentiments were shared in by the whole crew, and soon became known to the newly appointed chaplain, who was wise enough to resign his commission.—*Rev. Walter Colton.*

BEAUTIFUL FIGURE.—Two painters were employed to fresco the walls of a magnificent cathedral; both stood on a rude scaffolding, constructed for the purpose, some eight feet from the floor. One of them was so intent upon his work that he became wholly absorbed, and in admiration stood off from the picture, gazing at it with intense delight. Forgetting where he was, he moved backwards slowly, surveying critically the work of his pencil, until he had neared the very edge of the plank upon which he stood.

At this critical moment, his companion turned suddenly, and, almost frozen with horror, beheld his imminent peril; another instant, and the enthusiast would be precipitated upon the pavement beneath; if he spoke to him, it was certain death—if he held his peace, death was equally sure. Suddenly he regained his presence of mind, and seizing a wet brush, flung it against the wall, spattering the beautiful picture with unsightly blotches of colouring. The painter flew forward, and turned upon his friend with fierce imprecations; but started at his ghastly face, he listened to the recital of danger, looked shudderingly over the dread space below, and with tears of gratitude blessed the hand that saved him.

So, said a preacher, we sometimes get absorbed in looking upon the pictures of this world, and in contemplating them, step backward, unconscious of our peril; when the Almighty dashes out the beautiful images, and we spring forward to lament their destruction—into the outstretched arms of mercy, and are saved.

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