The Family.

How Jack Frost could not Catch the Little Boy.

JACK FROST.

Who are you, lit-tle boy, on your way to the meadow,
This cold win-ter day, with your skates and your sled-O?

LITTLE BOY.

My name is Tom Rud-dy; and though it is snowing,
To the mea-dow, to skate and to coast, I am going.

JACK FROST.

You had bet-ter turn back now, my little friend Tommy;
For the ground it is stiff, and the day it is stormy.

LITTLE BOY.

No, sir, if you please, I do love this cold weath-er;
And my coat is of wool, and my shoes are of leath-er.

JACK FROST.

To nip you, and pinch you, and chill you, I'll study,
Un-less you turn back, and run home, Thom-as Rud-dy.

LITTLE BOY.

And who may you be, sir, to talk to me thus, sir?
And what have I done, you should make such a fuss, sir?

JACK FROST.

My name and my call-ing I will not dis-sem-ble:
JACK FROST is my name, Tom. Hear that, Tom, and tremble!

LITTLE BOY.

O! you are the Frost then, whose touch is so bit-ter;
Who made all our win-dow-panes sparkle and glit-ter.

JACK FROST.

Yes, I am that Frost; and now, Tom, I am coming,
To nip you and pinch you, your fin-ger-tips numb-ing.

LITTLE BOY.

My fingers lie snug in my gay lit-tle mit-tens,
And the fur of my cap is as warm as a kit-ten's.

JACK FROST.

I will breathe on your ears till they tin-gle—so, fear me,
And scam-per, Tom, scam-per, Boo-hoo! Do you hear me.

LITTLE BOY.

I hear you—I know you—and, if you can match me,
In run-ning and sliding, come, catch me, Frost, catch me!

JACK FROST.

Stop! stop!—He is gone, all my ter-rors de-fying;
To scare boys like Tom, I may well give up try-ing.

—The Nursery for January.

Worth of Woman.

HONOURED BE WOMAN! Shame on those who would speak to her, or of her, in other than terms of kindness and respect. A gallant cotemporary thinks that this world would be hardly worth living in, were it deprived of women. Listen to the raphsody: "Who would remain in a garden from which the flowers had been taken, or in a grove from which the birds have departed, or beneath a sky that the sweet stars had forsaken?" Let cynics prattle as they may, our existence here without the presence of the other sex, would be only a dark and cheerless void. The light, the smiles, and affections of woman, are the bright bow of beauty and promise, which spans the life of man from his cradle to his grave.

Another writer says: "George Channing always cherished the tenderest love for the humble mother that bore him. So soon as his resources would permit, he made ample provision for her comfort; and for years after he entered parliament, and even when a foreign ambassador, he wrote her a weekly epistle, breathing the kindliest affection. Though he could never elevate her taste and associations above the connections of her youth, he used to throw aside the cares of office, that he might visit her and the humble cousins with whom she dwelt at Bath, and there, when in the zenith of his fame, would walk out with his plebean relatives, and received the homage of his lordly visitants at that fashionable place of resort, in their company. This makes him a nobleman. He delighted in literary pursuits—was a brilliant essayist, and wrote Latin and English verses with much grace and beauty.

How entwined around the heart of the best and greatest men, are the thousand recollections of maternal love! In looking back through the desert of years, to the first years of life, the rosy spring time of existence, the soul beholds a mother's form shining like an angel in Paradise. Around her clusters all that is beautiful and holy—she is the child's divinity; and the memory of the man recognizes and recalls all that was heavenly and pure in past life, by reverting to the dear thought of *mother*.

Lamartine, in his "*Voyage en Orient*," touchingly adverts to his mother's teaching. "My mother," he says, "had received from her mother a handsome Bible of Boyoumount, from which she taught me to read when I was young. This Bible had engravings of sacred subjects on nearly every page. When I had read a page with tolerable correctness, my mother allowed me to see a picture; and placing the book upon her knees, she explained the subject to me, as a recompense for my progress. She was most tender and affectionate by nature, and the impressiveness and love, still resounds in my heart, after that voice has, alas, been long mute."

No wonder that the child who listened to such teachings, from such a teacher, should have become the great and good Lamartine? Our Washington had likewise such a mother. Never can the soft, gentle whisper of a mother's early teaching be forgotten—never can her influence be over-rated. Well answered Madame Campan, to the question, "What is needed to educate a nation?" when she wisely replied in one word—"MOTHERS."

A Boy's Victory.

A dozen boys stood on the green by the schoolhouse, careless and jolly, just from a game of ball. A boy came round the corner of the schoolhouse with an old cloth cap on his head, and wearing a loosely-fitting garment of some very coarse cloth. In his hands were an iron stove-shovel and a hod of ashes.

"O, here comes old Dust and Ashes," shouted one of the group, springing forward and giving the coat a twitch.

"Hullo! what's the price of sackcloth?"

The boy's cheek flushed in an instant. The shovel rang on the gravel-walk, and his fingers clutched; but as quickly his cheek paled again, and clutching his teeth as with a great effort to keep back something, he turned a little, and muttered the word "*mother!*"

"Ho! ho! shouted the other. "The baby's sick and wants to see his mother."

The boy in the coarse frock turned away and rapidly disappeared behind the old barn; then breaking into a run, he fled swiftly down the path to the meple woods, his faithful Hunter bounding and racing through the grass by his side

Most graciously stood the maples, all russet and crimson and yellow, bathed in the yellow haze of the still October afternoon. In among their shadows he sprung, his feet rustling the already-fallen leaves, and, flinging himself in a little hollow, he buried his face in his hands. Poor Hunter stood by, wondering why his young master, any more than himself, could possibly think of anything but birds and squirrels at such a time. Then the boy, seizing his only playmate in his arms, cried,

"O, nobody loves me, nobody loves me in the world but you, Hunter! O, mother, mother, why did you die?"

And the sobs came fast and thick, and the tears flowed like rain. Long did the motherless boy wail and cry, till, from very weariness, he could weep no longer. Tears brought relief, and the holy quiet of the grand old woods filled him with solemn and heavenly thoughts—thoughts of his angel mother.

Only one year ago she had died, and he remembered his agony and loneliness, and the year of toil as the ward of a cruel uncle. He remembered his eagerness to go to school, his trying to pay his way by working about the schoolroom, and the unfeeling jibes and jeers his humble station and coarse clothing had earned him. Again the angry, rebellious thoughts came up, as his eye fell on the coarse frock, and the quivering sobs returned; but with them came the *words* of that mother, and how her poor fingers had toiled to make that frock, the best she could give him. Though coarse its texture, every thread was hallowed by a mother's love. He took from his vest pocket the well-worn Bible, *her* Bible, and read the precious promise to the widow and orphan, again and again. New and strange thoughts came to him, and there, in the grand old forest, with the autumn sunset shimmering the golden maple leaves was a new purpose born in his soul. He had begun to *conquer himself*. Henceforth there was no hesitation for him. Body and soul he devoted himself to God. Companions might jeer, but *Jesus* reigned in his heart, and his mother waited for him in heaven.

The years rolled on and the boy became a man, but the purpose formed in the old maple grove burned in his bosom yet; and now his feet tread the deck of an Indian steamer bearing him swiftly to the chosen scenes of his toil, for these words are in his heart: "I must be about my *Master's business*."—*The Congregationalist.*

The Two Houses.

I once knew a rich man who determined to have a very large and beautiful house built for himself. He bought a lot of ground in a beautiful part of the city, and took great pains to have the house built in the best manner. There were many spacious rooms and wide halls. It was planned so as to be warm in winter and cool in summer. No expense was spared to have it as comfortable and complete a dwelling as could be found. No doubt he looked forward to many years of enjoyment in his new and elegant house.

At the same time that this large house was preparing for himself and family, he had another built for them; and there was a great difference between the two, for the second house had but one small room for the whole family, and that room was mostly under ground. It had, indeed, strong walls, and was built of marble; but it had no windows, and but one small door, and that was iron. Yes, these two houses were built for the same people. The one was for the *living* family, the other for the *dead*. For the small, low house is the vault in which their bodies are to be placed as one after another shall be carried away from life.

The vault was soon finished, and it was ready long before the large house. And into which of them do you think the rich owner himself went first to take up his abode? Strange as it may seem, he was ready for the vault before the fine dwelling was ready for him; and many months before the spacious rooms of the new house was fit to be inhabited, its builder was laid in the narrow, dark, and cold apartment, which he will not leave until the earth shall give up its dead at the last day.

This is a fact which ought to fix your attention, dear reader. Everything in life may seem bright and happy, and promising great enjoyment, and you therefore forget its end, or imagine it is too far off to be thought of. *The house of the living* is so large and beautiful, that it hides from your sight *the house of the dead*. But remember that, like the man I have been telling you of, you may have to lie down in the grave before you have entered upon the pleasures of life which you are expecting. If you will be wise, you will live and act in such a manner as to be prepared both for life and death; to enjoy the one and not to fear the other. The Saviour has declared: "*Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*" This is true in the most important sense possible. The true believer, whose sins are pardoned and who is accepted in Christ, has the promise of a house which is not made with hands, but is eternal—not in this perishing world—in the heavens; and the passage from this life to that is not to *die* as the world speaks of death; it is to fall asleep on earth, and awake with God.

Deaths of Children.

"Around the throne of God in heaven
Thousands of children stand;
Children whose sins are forgiven—
A holy, happy band,
Singing glory—glory—
Glory be to God on high!"

Blessed be God for the teachings of the death of little children! Their ministry is accomplished; and how often is it one of reconciliation between an impenitent parent and a neglected Saviour! The vacant place at the table which was once filled by the child; the unoccupied crib in the chamber; the picture-books, well worn by those dear little hands; the multitude of objects daily coming into sight which were either the possessions of the absent one or in some way connected with it—are mutely, but most eloquently, pleading with the father and the mother who are left behind, to begin to walk in that path, if they are not already in it, which shall lead them where the family will be uplifted once more and forever.

How many might be found who date their first religious impressions from the death-bed of "our little girl," or "our little boy!" That father, whose thoughts and cares have been limited to this brief life, awakes from his worldiness as he wakes up through tears to see the pearly gates open for the admission of one of his idolized children. The mother, whose anxieties for the future of her offspring have been confined to the vain things of time and sense, is taught at last, by the removal of her loved babe from her sight, that there is a world for which preparation is of infinitely greater importance than this—a better country, even a heavenly.—Thus is she taught a lesson which could have been impressed only upon a bleeding heart.—The child of her love is safe—

Gone to God?
Be still my heart—what could a mother's prayer,
In all the wildest ecstacies of hope,
Ask for its darling like the bliss of heaven?"

The households are many of which it may be said—*One is in heaven.* Bereaved father, bereaved mother, is a child of yours there, and are you on the way thither? Listen to the Divine voice which has spoken to you so tenderly and in so much mercy, and commit yourself and your all to Him who has already taken one of your treasures to himself.

"There in the Shepherd's bosom,
White as the drifted snow,
Is the Lamb that we missed one morn
From the household flock below."

Author of "Home Thrusts."

Agriculture.

Feed Cows Well.

The farmers in the dairy districts make a great mistake in not feeding their cows with richer food. If it requires twenty-five pounds of hay per day to keep a cow in a condition in which she can neither lay on fat nor give milk, it is evident that the butter and cheese which we get is derived from the food she eats over and above this twenty-five pounds necessary to keep her in a stationary condition. To feed only twenty-five pounds would manifestly be absurd. Twenty-five pounds of hay are required to keep the cow alone going, and if we feed another five pounds, all the milk is derived from the five pounds extra feed. You feed thirty pounds of hay per day, but it is only the five pounds that produce milk. Now do you think it would be better to feed another five pounds, and get as much milk for it as you have from the first thirty pounds?

But you say the cow's stomach will only hold thirty pounds of hay or straw. Very well, then take out a few pounds, and supply the place with some richer food such as pea or bean meal, mixed with a little corn meal or shorts. In this way you can get the cow to eat the other extra five pounds. You will get more and richer milk, and more and better manure. When the cows have plenty of food, their milk is richer in butter and cream, or curd in the fall of the year, than at any other season. Dr. Voelcker found the milk of a dairy in August contained 3½ per cent. of butter and 3 of curd. In November the milk of the same cows contained five per cent. of butter and 5½ of curd. One gallon of the November milk would make nearly twice as much saleable cheese as a gallon of the August milk. The great aim of dairy farmers should be therefore, to provide the cows with a sufficiency of food at this season of the year. I have never tried it, but it strikes me that oats cut when green would make excellent fodder for milch cows. I know they are excellent for horses, and if a few peas are sown with the oats it is quite an improvement.—*Joseph Harris.*

Cheap Paint for Farm Buildings and Fences.

Some questions having been asked about the best out-door paint, I would recommend as the cheapest and neatest covering for fences and rough work a mixture of lime paste and skimmed milk. The best preparation would be made by mixing lime with curd, and using milk or whey for diluting the mixture. The reason why this compound will make a more permanent wash than ordinary whitewash is, that the coagulated casein in curd is dissolved in a solution of any alkaline earth, and the compound is not soluble in water. Glue can be mixed with a lime solution, but it will not resist the action of the water, and it should not be used on surfaces exposed to rain. The oils which are used with metalic oxyds and salts to form paints are known as drying oils, because they have the power of abstracting oxygin from the air, and thus change from a semi liquid to a solid. The most common drying oil is linseed. Hemp seed, poppy, sperm, and cod liver oil belong to the same class. Although common whale oil will not dry above the freezing point of water, a mixture of fish oils with ochre may be found a very cheap paint for barns and outhouses. For fine inside work, the first coat of paint should be of white lead (carbonate of lead) which has a great body; and a second coat, and all succeeding coats, should be of zinc oxyd, which makes a much whiter paint than lead, and is not discolored by sulphurated hydrogen which sometimes taints the air. As a paint for iron and other metals the preference should be given to oxyd of zinc, as the priming and second coat should be applied before the first is entirely dry. In this way the common complaint about paint peeling off is entirely obviated,—*Prof. Tillman.*

Vermin on Fowls.

The Massachusetts Ploughman says a good method to rid fowls of vermin, is to take a feather and dip it in kerosone, and touch it lightly under the wings. It will soon spread over the body and destroy vermin. This is often recommended as an effective remedy. We have not tried it, but should not hesitate to do so if we had occasion. A better way, perhaps, would be to keep a box of dry ashes for them to keep off the vermin. But if you mix into the ashes a few ounces of powder of sulphur, it will make a sure thing of it. This wont cost much anyhow, and you can't do better than to fix up such a box under a shed or in a hen-house where the fowls can have free access to it. You will whitewash the henery of course. That ought to be done often, and a lot of ashes put in frequently.

Sheep Essential to Good Farming.

"One thing that struck me very forcibly was that all farmers testified that sheep raising was absolutely indispensable to successful farming; that manure was necessary to preserve the fertility of the soil; and that without them the whole kingdom would in a few generations be reduced to barrenness and sterility. It is in this view that I regard sheep-raising in this country as more important to the ultimate and permanent prosperity of the country, than on account of their present profits. Whatever else may happen, we cannot permit this virgin soil and these beautiful fields of ours to be reduced to barrenness by the time they pass into the hands of our children and grand-children.—Their fertility must be preserved at all hazards, even at the expense of present profit."—*Lieut. Gov. Stanton, Ohio.*

Save the Leaves.

The leaves which the autumn winds scatter about so freely can often be made very useful, if collected, for bedding for horses, cows, or other domestic animals. If gathered from the lawn, the fence corners and the paths, and stored under shelter, they would be useful all winter, and their absence would greatly improve the looks of the premises which they now disfigure.

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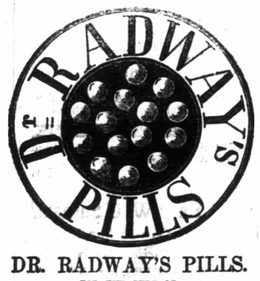

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AT the Annual Meeting of the Society, held in March last, the following report was presented:

The Directors have great pleasure in once more meeting the Share and Policy-Holders, and in presenting to them the following Report of the operations of the Society during the year 1865.

The augmentation of Income arising from new business continues to be satisfactory. During the year the Directors have received 1,318 Proposals, and issued 1,027 Policies; the sum assured being £496,440, and the Annual Income derivable therefrom £13,171. 5. 4. The remaining Proposals have either been declined, or awaited completion at the end of the year.

The Annual Income of the Society now mounts to £141,894. 11. 9.

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