"To me!" exclaimed mother, in turn, laying down the blue sock she was mending and smoothing her apron as though she were going to take the baby, "dear me!"

"Why, how queer !" said Hattie, dropping her book and looking at Kate wonderingly. "George hasn't written to any of us in an age, and never to ma. What secret's brewing now, I wonder ?"

"Maybe he and Milly are coming home on a visit." said I.

"Not so early in the spring as this," returned Hattie sagely. "Willie and house cleaning can't be separated.'

At this moment, mother, who had succeeded in tearing of the envelope with eager fingers, and had commenced reading the letter, suddenly twisted her chair around so as to turn her face from us cleared her throat, and wiped her eyes on the corner of her gingham

"Anything the matter, mother?" questioned Kate, anxiously, while Hat and I sat in wondering silence.

There was no answer for a moment, then, turning slowly toward us, she held

out the letter, saying: "Read it aloud, Kate. Milly is taken very ill with typhoid fever, and George has written for me to come to them. Dear child, I wish it was so I could

"Go." eshoed Kate, decisively, "of course you'll go, and take one of us girls along to help nurse, 900."

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"Some way," said Kate. "Let's see; the express goes at half past six, would stare us in the face, or the chil- To this plan I gladly consented, and and its half past five now-just an hour. Go and get ready, mother, and Cad and I will pack your valise." "But your father-

We'll take care of him, never fear; and he'll be home before you go. Hat, you are not good for much at home except to run errands and keep awake nights, and you can do that there. Get ready as quick as possible and help mother; she's so excited she'll be sure to get her dress on hind side before, and forget to lace up her shoes."

My energetic sister had by this time gathered together her clothes, and bringing the valise from the wardrobe, was packing them into it in a manner which fortold their coming out a mass of wrinkles: I meantime, looking helplessly

e ready in season, and when fathe came home from his work, he found us hailing a street car to convey them to believe."

After we had seen them off, and had re-entered the house with something of a realizing sense of what we had undertaken weighting our minds, Kate in-

"Now what's to be done first? There is supper to get, of course, and-Nellie can wash the dishes. That's all, is it

ing, to-morrow," I suggested, with a great rent clear across the front. "Mother said something about bakwas generally made concerning the bread the evening before its manufac-

"To-morrow?" Well, let to-morrow take care of itself," said Kate, so bread, cookies, float and cold beef the sky is once more serene and fair. Set the table, Cad, while I make the

And now, while I am doing this, if the reader will take a little retrospective glance over our lives up to this point, she will no doubt the better unders.and why we were all so ignorant of

in one of the machine shops in the flour- we seek our rest 'low in the ground.' ishing manufacturing town of which we were a resident. Milly, the married sister and a general favorite, Katy and myself, twins, but totally unlike, both in looks and disposition; Hattie, a studious girl of sixteen; Ross, a boisterous school-boy of fourteen; Nellie, a delicate, petted child of eleven; and three little boys in a row, aged respectively nine, seven and four, whom we called Tip, Earl and Bennie.

talen to horsework, and mother was and saw her do it. And she, weak, unone of those domestic burden-bearers selfish woman that she is, hadn't snap who never consider their burden so enough to rap us over the head for our and beams a look of youth once more. heavy but they can add another trifle. | ugliness.' Father had never been fortunate, pecuniarily; and being anxious to give all their children a good education, the la- needle, and I desisted. bot wing for this end was added to

and, as we had often heard have been taking just such a view of my- pense to be incorruptible, being assured at 50c.

things alone.

To be sure we could sweep, dust, wash burst if I don't out with it. dishes, and make beds, and were familiar with some of the minor details of ventured to remonstrate. cookery; but to be able to keep the domestic machinery well oiled and in con- The past isn't ours; but the present is, stant motion, was to us like trying to and the future may be. That's what I converse in an unknown tongue.

knowledge of work and its responsibilities, we found ourselves with a moun- expression. tain of difficulties te surmount, and a days, too.

dent hands, there was plenty prepared whitening hair. They are old beyond we found the bread was out, the cookies worked to death, and because they loved all gone, and not a single stray pie for us so well as to bear it all patiently, we dinner, our troubles began-and they never saw it." broadened and deepened with every Kate's voice was all of a tremble, and passing moment, as we became painfully I burst into tears. aware that making bread and pastry was "Mother is an intellectual woman,

it was dangerous to speak to her. O, that weary, weary day! But only fairly hate myself when Lthink of it." the beginning of many similar ones that I did too by this time, and I said so followed it.

How we longed for mother's skillful bright side to it somewhere?" hands to straighten out the tangled threads which our awkward fingers had decisively. "I have been thinking of managed to produce.

will early morn till late night; so that no gets home? It will be vacation next sooner did we fancy ourselves free for week, and Ross and Nellie will be here half an hour than some duty undone to help us." dren would come in with clamoring then we went to bed. tongues and empty stomachf; and in a When we arose next morning it was into a veritable sculd

John scowled over the miserable But we were determined to enter into pitied our often infirmities, and ate what quer. was set before him for conscience sake.

It went on in this way for about a quiet evening.

But, alas for our hopes, only ten minutes of peace and then an ominous "ahem!" from father caused us to look

"Do you know, girls," he asked, "whether mother mended my pants be-By dint of Kate's earnest efforts, they fore she went away? I should like them to put on in the morning. She generally done her mending every week, I

"There !" burst out Kate, shutting up her book with a bang, while I, after one desponding glance at the fascinating pages of "David Copperfield," went to examine the mending basket.

It was full to the brim; shirts, socks, down and buttons pulled half off, with shreds of cloth hanging to them; father's mother home. pants, and Nellie's schools dress with a

the unwelcome sask.

the basket was not half emptied of its contents.

Father, John, Ross and Nellie gaped the children off to bed.

Eleven, and still we sat silent and Very good. The clouds disperse, and grim as ghosts, solemnly stitching away at the endless rents.

"Cad," said Kate, at last, jerking out the wrrds as if she hated them, "how do you like it?"

"Like what?" I asked, in astonishment.

"This life of slavery. This hun drum, everlasting, stick-to-it, unsatisfactory existance, with not a speck of spice There was a large family of us-ten in the way of variety about it. Just children in all. John, master-workman over and over, 'round and 'round until "Oh. Kate!" I exclaimed, almost shocked. "not so bad as that: not near-

ly so bad as that."

women are fools ' "Why, Kate !"

"Don't 'why Kate' me. Just look at the mending basket. It has been filled And mother did the work for us all. and emptied year after year-filled by I don't know how she managed it, but our carelessness and emptied by our mother's slavish toil; and we great, Mily was he only one who had ever healthy, overgrown girls sat calmly by

I opened my mouth to say something but she made a dab at me with her the otherwise solitary hours, and in the

"Don't expostulate!" she exclained, "I hate it. Look at yourself as you are, An then, like many another good and and as you have been eyer since you an way and spoiled us through ture—and see if you don't look ugly. I way of mortality, we fee! our recom- others.

self than to take the trouble to teach us trying to fill mother's place and found house of God, and bringing forth an how, we felt as if we were actually con- we couldn't: and I've got so full of indig- hundred fold .- [Household. ferring a favor upon her by letting nation at myself being so blind, and at mother for being so foolish, that I shall

"But we can't help it now, Kate," I

"No, of course we can't, you goose. am coming at, exactly. We must not And so now, without any adequate let father and mother die yet awhile." "Die !" I exclaimed, shocked beyond

"Yes. Caddy: I didn't notice it any pretty mess we made of it for a few more than you have, until the past two weeks; but it seems to me now that I It was not difficult to get through could count every furrow in father's caresupper, for, thanks to mother's provi- worn brow, and every thread of mother's

a branch of our education that had been she went on m a moment, "with a mind terribly neglected; and when, about ten capable of rare development. But how o'clock, father, in blissful ignorance of much time do you suppose she has had the novices in charge at home, sent up a for reading and reflection beyond the sirlom reast and the information that a wants and necessities of her large family? stranger would dine with us, and fifteen | And don't you know, Cad, how often we minutes after the washerwoman brought have excused ourselves from reading in the clothes for us to iron. I was ready aloud to her, letting her sit digging away to melt into tears, and Kate was so cross into this very basket, solitary and alone through the long evening hours! I

"But, Kate," I added, "isn't there a "We can make one," she answered that; how would it do to work and get There was something to be done from the bouse-cleaning all done before she

few days I became addicted to chronic with very different views of life and its fretfulness, while Kate was transformed stern realities from what we had ever cherished before.

meals; Ross teased us in every vulner- the conflict armed with a strength higher housekeepers, that it is refreshing to read able point; but poor, patient father than our own, and through that to con-

fortnight, when, after a very trying day, new aspect from cellar to garret; every- care of a family. I should like to know we took our books and sat down for a thing was as fresh and clean as could be, who is to blame for this state of affairs? and well repaid we felt for all our toil.

> furnished apartment, with the same of school, before they are old enough to stamp of self-denial upon it there had al- assume the responsibility of motherhood, cheery, tastefully arranged of any room in the house.

We girls had planned the renovation, and John-dear, good honest fellow,had lovingly paid the bills.

And now, with all in readiness for hercoming, with a well cooked meal upon the table, with an air of thrift and 1.eatlittle gingham coats with pockets torn ness on everything, which gave the utmost satisfaction, we looked for our

But when she came - when we saw the cab old face looking eagerly out of the With a doleful sigh I lifted the bas- back window to catch a glimpse of home vague idea that a certain preparation ket, and without a word we sat down to and its treasured inmates—the revulsion of feeling was too much for us, and we Nine, ten o'clock came and went and ran behind the door to hide our tears. Such a foolish thing! but we did not church of Folkestone, England. It is

promotly that I was at once silenced, and stretched, and one by one followed came out of our hiding-place, all tear- "A.D. 1605, Nov. 8. Dyed in ye 50th stained as we were, and greeted her.

hard while she was gone. But when she a provident, diligent, hyswyfe, a careful. bed with its snowy spread and ruffled loved of her neighbovrs, elected of God. pillows, the easy chair, and dressing whose sovle rests in Heaven, her body table with all its little appointments, it in this grave; To her a happy advanwas really refreshing to hear her exclaim tage; to hers an vnhappy loss. over the extravagance we had been guilty of, and all for the sake of a woman who was fast growing old. But oh! when we told her we had done it all that she might dwell in perpetual youth; when we whispered in her ear the lesson we "Yes, worse than that with many, had learned by putting ourselves in her very many, Cad Rouncewell. My plain place; when we told her what we proopinion, very plainly expressed, is that posed to do in the future, that she might live not as a slave, but as a queen among her children, how her heart melted into tears, and with what manifest love she clung to us.

And as the years still come and go, we are reaping a blessed recompense. loving parents where sits a sweet content

They share with us our pleasures and our entertainments; we share with them interchange of thought and feelings find wisdom we could have gained from no other source.

her say she would rather do a thing her- self ever since we've found ourselves that it is as gold laid up in the treasure-

Anecdote of Judge Story. The following anecdote about the tention in a season such as the present or shavings. Each kindler will burn seven famous jurish Story is in private circul- when the climatic changes are so treation, but is good enough for the public quent and so much malaria prevails:-1. eye. It was prepared for Story's biog- Anample supply of pure, fresh and cool TWENTY CENTS PER HUNDRED. raphy by his son, but Charles Summer, air. The nerves should not be asked to who edited the work, struck it out, endure vitiated air, whether the im-The narrative runs like this: In his parities come from sewers, gas lights younger days Story lived in the aristo- and subterranean furnaces, or the indicratic old town of Selem, Massachusetts. vidual's own person. Don't live habitu-His great ability was not then tempered ally in too warm an atmosphere. Keep by as much wisdom as he afterward dis- your rooms at 65', and open the win played, and he was looked upon with dows every now and then. 2. hat plendisfavor by some of the old families.

One day Mrs. A. called upon Mrs. B., Not slops, but undiluted animal and and in the course of their conversation vegetable food; as a rule, animal food and in the course of their conversation | vegetable food; as a rule, animal food | MOORE'S EARLY & BRIGHTON | for that meal; but when, next morning, their years, Caddy. They have been Mrs. A. asked Mrs. B. if her daughter rarely troubled with nervousness. 3. was going to the party that evening. Take sufficient physical exercise in the "No," was the short reply: "I don't open die. When you feel irritable, trempropose to let my daughter go to any ulous, fretful, fidgety, and unable to place which is frequented by that in-concentrate your thoughts on the veriest significant young puppy Story." Years tritle, take a long walk or split half a afterward, when Story was a judge on cord of wood. If these rules were faith-

the Supreme Beanch, he visited Salem, fully followed, there would be less work and was warmly welcomed by those for the doctors to do. who had known him formerly. Among MACK's MAGNETIC MEDICINE is a poand he accepted her pressing invitation and all weakness of the generative or to dinner. Now, in the years which gans in both sexes. See advertisement had claused, the seamstress had become possessed of a home of her own, to which was attached a garden, with a pear-tree, which was just then loaded with tine fruit. After the invitation to dinner had been accepted, the seamstress cecuit Cabin, 230. Stamers, \$10 to \$140. Stamers, \$10 to \$140. Stamers, \$10 to \$140. Stamers sail every control of the control of excellent pears for dinner, as "Mr. Justice Story, of the Supreme Court of the United States, was to be present.' The good-natured seamstress sent the pears at once, and with them this message, "Tell your mistress that I am Story has grown to be so fine a dog. "-[Editor's Drawer, in harper's Magazine for April.

## Children Getting Married.

So much has been said and written about the inefficiency of young wives as a word or two in their detence. A lady says :- "We read a great deal about the extravagance af wives and of girls marry-Two we-ks more and the house wore a ing without knowing how to cook or take Girls will be girls, and it will be useless One spot in the house was an especial to make women of them until they are attraction, and that was mother and old enough. If young men insist upon father's room; hitherto a bare, sparsely marrying girls before they are hardly out ways been upon everything that was in- they must abide the consequences. The dividually their own-but now the most girls don't propose to the young men, neither do they urge an early marriage it is the young men that do this , and many a young girl has been coaxed into marriage when she felt she was too young, by the same young man, who will,

> after maraiage, fret because his childwife can't cook as his mother did.' William Harvey's Mother.

We have read a good many epitaphs, which have been quoted more for their oddity than anything else. Here is a genuine one, which for beauty of sentiment and expression we have never seen surpassed. It is that of the mother of William Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, and is to be seen on a monumental tablet in the supposed to have been written by her

yeers of her age, Joan, wife of Tho. Har-And such a time as we had taking her vey, Mother of seven sons and two over the house and witnessing her de- daughters; a Godly, harmless woman, light and surprise, mingled with little, a chast, loving wife, a charitable quiet soft-hearted rebukes for our working so neighbovr, a comfortable, friendly matron. came upon her own room, and her eyes tender-harted mother, deere to her hys-band, reverensed of her children, be-

A farmer in San Bernardo, Cal., had reason, not long since, to value the services of a mare and her colt:

He had been caressing a young bull which had always been a quiet animal enough, when he turned to leave him the brute rushed upon him and knocked him senseless, vainly attempting to gore him senseless, vainly attempting to gore through the law prestrate. About one Sole Agent, Goderich. enough, when he turned to leave him hundred yards away a favorite mare and pet colt were quietly feeding, but as soon as they saw the assault of the bull they rushed to the rescue, and by kick-The rich reward of our struggle with The first thing the farmer knew was the idleness and self indulgence we see becolt rubbing his nose against his face, as
fore us in the faces of our loved and much as to say, "I'm very sorry, but we hurried up as fast as we could

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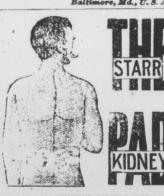


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