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OUR HOME CIRCLE.

"FATHER, TAKE MY HAND.

"The way is dark, my Father! cloud on cloud Is gathering thickly o'er my head, and loud e thunders roar above me, and I stand, Like one bewildered! Father, take my hand, And thro' the gloom lead safely home, Safely home, safely home, Lead safely home Thy child !

The day declines, my Father ! and the night Is drawing darkly down. My faithless sight Sees ghostly visions. Fears like spectral band Encompass me. O Father ! take my hand, And from the night lead up to light,

Up to light, up to light, Lead up to light Thy child !

The way is long, my Father! and my soul Longs for the rest and quiet of the goal; While yet 1 journey through this weary land, Keep me from wandering. Father, take my

hand, And in the way to endless day, Endless day, endless day, Lead sately home Thy child !

The path is rough, my Father! Many a thora Has pierced me; and my feet, all torn And bleeding, mark the way. Yet Thy command

Bids me press forward. Father, take my hand Then safe and blest, O lead to rest -

Lead to rest, lead to rest, O lead to re-t Thy child !

The throng is great. my Father! Many a doubt

And lears of danger compass me about ; And fors oppress me sore. I cannot stand Or go alone. O Father! take my hand; And through the throng, lead safe along, Safe along, safe along, Lead safe along Thy child.

The cross is heavy, Father! I have borne It long, and still do bear it. Let my worm And fainting spirit, rise to that bright land

Where crowns are given. Father, take my hand; And, reaching down, lead to the crown, To the crown, to the crown, Lead to the crown Thy child."

-Christian Observer.

FAITH, THEN THE WIT. NESS.

"I must have the witness before I can believe." So said one in reply to the writer, who was urging home upon the seeker the duty of believing that the offering she had presented was even then "holy and acceptable to God" by reason of the altar which sanctifieth the gift. She had frequently prayed ship. for the blessing of a pure heart; she had specifically consecrated herself to God, and then pleaded "Oh, Lord, sanctify me wholly," but no specific faith accompanied the request. The spirit made intercession; the point had been reached where an act of appropriating faith, such as is expressed in the words of our Saviour, "Be-

vidual is in duty bound to believe gravel pit in Russell Square, and blackberries were gathered along the offering accepted. and, by virthe rural lane where the South tue of the "altar most holy," being set apart, but of purification. The blood cleanseth then half-a crown, but then every one begged franks or smuggled his "If we ask anything according letters by carriers and friends. to his will he heareth us, and if we Newspapers cost sevenpence each, know that he heareth us, whatsobut there was not much profit on ever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired them even at that price. since the of him." "This is the will of tax on every payer was fourpence, with nodeduction for copies unsold God. even your sanctification."-Mrs. W. D. Wellcome.

THE RICH AND POOR.

and there.

It has been said, "The church that preaches to the most poor of this generation will preach to the most rich of the next." There is much truth in this. The poor of one generation are often the rich of the next. The most princely givers of to-day were poor boys a score and two score years ago. The most intellectual men of today are in many instances, sons of poor country farmers and mechanics. The rich men and intellectual giants of a past generation have in many instances no worthy representatives in their sons. Then it is folly in Christian churches as a mere piece of worldly prudence, to bend their energies so much to the securing of the rich and cultured of to-day, while they ignore the poor. Christ chose the poor to whom to preach the gospel, and he leavened society by beginning at the lower strata. The temptation to angle for the rich is very strong. It was so in Christ's day, and the question was asked, " have any of the rulers believed on him ?" It is thought when a rich man, or

a ruler, or a man of culture is sescale, and gentlemen of rank and cured that a great point has been station thought it no degradation, gained. The writer has in mind much less a crime, to engage in at this moment, a certain church it. The hatred of France was at in which a man of social and poits worst, and Mr. Hall's earliest litical position sought memberlesson from his father was: "Be ile was gladly welcomed, a good boy; love your mother and as he ought to have been. The hate the French.' Mr. Hall's broacquisition was much talked of ther was an officer in his fathand written about. After this a cr's regiment, wore the uniform, young girl of poor parents offered and drew pay at eight, no discredherself to the church. She was it attaching to such an appoint. said, received, but no parade was made ment, which was one of the over the matter. The man of Colonel's perquisites, and the faposition has descended into the miliar story of the major 'gettin' grave without one of his family to for his parritch in the nursery is how did you know ?" "Ah, I can bear his name in the denomina- capped by one of a baby commis- tell as soon as I look into your widely known as some. It is

all hearts, the poor not being over-

looked, and the Lord, in whose

hands are all the riches of this

world and all its honors, will see

to it that we are the recipients of

In the memoirs of the veteran

devoted to sketches of the "good

old times" in England as he knew

stretch far away around the capital of Syria. From the height on which we stand we can distinctly sanctified not only in the sense of Kensington Museum now stands. see the outline of the city, and Envelopes were not. Postage some of its most conspicuous cost anywhere from a shilling to buildings. The principal part of the city lies directly before us, while the suburb of the Meedan stretches in a long narrow line towards the south-west. The shape of the city is peculiar, and has been compared to a spoon, the Meedan being the handle; or to a tadpole, the same suburb being or returned, and the duty on adver- the tail. The principal buildings that we can distinguish are the tisements was three shillings and Great Mosque, with its three tall sixpence each. The only use vertise ice for sale; elections were literally 'fought out' by bands old minaret at the east end of the town near Brescia. He visited of hired roughs; slavery had but town, marking the beginning of Gasparo's shop, profited by what recently been abolished; prize- Street Straight, and the dark ruin- he saw, improved upon the ideas fighting was a national institu- ed walls of the citadel, built in by his own genius and skill, and tion, and dog-fighting, cock-fight- 1219. The view, especially when the result was the celebrated Creing, and bull-baiting were not yet the strong sunlight is softened by mona violin. But all Cremonas illegal pastimes. Passing Old the approach of sunset, is one of are not Amati's productions. His Bailey in 1810 young Hall saw the most beautiful in the whole sons were pupils in his workshop sixteen men and a woman hang- land; and we never stand on this and constantly strove after greating on the same gallows, and no hill without calling to mind Ma- , or perfection. Another celebrated wonder, for there were two hun- bomet's exclamation as he stood pupil of the Amati school was dred and twenty-three capital of- on the same spot-that as there is Antonius Stradivarius. He spent fences on the statute-book, and but one paradise for man, his his early and middle life in experisome ninety culprits were hanged should not be on earth; and there- menting, and was fifty-six years annually, some in chains, to teed fore he would not enter Damascus. old before he was satisfied with the the crows and tester slowly away. I am afraid had he entered it his results. He made violins until The pillory and the stocks were delight would have to a great destill in vogue; vagrant men and women were whipped 'through the town' at the cart's tail, and as Naples, also called an earthly the ducking stool for scolds had paradise, are both lovely beyond not gone out of fashion. Debtors expression when seen from a disrotted in prison, while criminals tance, but, unhappily, the delucould buy every luxury except sion is soon scattered when you liberty. Men of all ranks swore, walk along the narrow, dirty, illeven in the presence of ladies, and intemperance was scarcely less luted air of many a lane.-Mis. prevalent than profanity. Smug- Mackintosh. glingwas carried on on a gigantic

OUR SCHOLARS WATCHUS. I was early at my post one Sabbath morning, but I found John there before me. His pecu-

liarly happy smile told of great joy and peace within, for he had some months before opened his heart to the Lord Jesus.

After a few words of greeting, I

"John, I am glad to see you are so near the Saviour this morning.' "Yes, I do feel very happy, but CONCERNING VIOLINS.

The violin, meaning little viol. On Thanksgiving-day the managers of the Fair-ground menagis referred to as early as King erie transferred an elephant from Saul's time, though that was strictly a lyre, an instrument with his old shed to the commodious ten or twelve strings, played with mansion that was recently built for its accommodation at a cost of the fingers only. The viol proper is of later origin, probably Italian \$5000. It requires both tact and of the ninth century, and played experience to move an elephant with a bow. This is a parent of with any degree of satisfaction. the violin and kindred instruand those not acquainted with the ments, such as the viola, violone peculiarities of the animal would make a bungling job of it were and violincello.

they to undertake the task. An The violin is a growth, and came to its perfection in the early part elephant has one peculiarity which of the seventeenth century. The all old trainers understand perminarets; the Greek Church, a first one of the present shape was feetly, and that is, he will in varierasure of pencil marks; no one building large and massive, like a made by Gasparo di Salo of ably attempt to leave a shed. had yet been so visionary as to ad- warehouse, but with no tower or Brescia, Italy. After him came stable, tent, or house from the steeple to indicate its use; the Andreas Amati, of Cremona, a same opening or door through which he entered. Rather than leave from any other opening than that through which they have entered, although given an opportunity to obtain egress through other passages, elephants have been known in many instances to break their cages, and tear down doors, and even their own sheds. The Fair Association managers removed the bars at the rear of their elephant's house, and led him into the place through the opening thus created rather than take him through the front door. After doing this they replaced the bars. and watched the animal to see he was ninety-two years old, and what course he would pursue ungree, vanished. "All is not gold died at ninety three, rich and honthat glitters." Damascus as well ored. Other makers of Cremonas. der the circumstances. He surnot less distinguished, were Guarveyed the situation, and then wrapped his trunk about each bar nerius and Pruggar. alternately, and made a desperate

Of the instruments manufacattempt to remove them. After tured by these families of Cresatisfying himself that his plan mona, it would be difficult to was not likely to succeed, he knelt decide which is superior. Ole down and placed his head under paved streets, and breathe the pol- | Ball, the Norwegian, had among the bottom bar of the house, his instruments a violin made by which was located about three Guarnerius in 1616; for which he feet from the ground, and endeapaid four thousand dollars. It is vored to break it in twain. He said that once when he was in failed in this attempt also, and America, and was travelling on finally gave up and became rethe Ohio river in a steamboat, the signed to his fate. The managers boiler burst, the boat took fire, then left him to entertain himself and Ole Bull, with his pet violin with his own reflections, but unbetween his teeth, jumped overanimously agreed, after they had board, and swam safely to shore. reached a point Leyond the hear-It is claimed that there are only ing of the sagacious beast that safesix Cremonas in America. The ty demanded that two more bara oldest, made in 1614 by Garpard should be placed between the bot-Duiffa Puggar, is owned by Protom bar and the ground.-Albany fessor Gibson of Henniker, N. H., (N. Y.) Argus.

one of the best violinists in this country; though, being naturally modest, and not appearing so much in public, he is not so lieve that ye receive," would have tion. The young girl grown to sioned before its birth, and as it face when you are happy," I said. finely inlaid, has on it a portrait

THE ELEPHANT.

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could there have as that when the that " Moses th. was-dead." H leader, lawgiver at the very mome ed most to need blank Joshua wa (in the original later Jews held be so sacred that nounce it. Cri pronunciation of ing to this supertranslated the Greek some time Christ, but they most sacred name it from desecratio Greek reader the the Greek word I -Nun lived and ed from the thous who passed all Egyptian bondag valor and piety, servile name from poet Horace, by talized the Roman gat him. Moses' inal word differ rendered servant, words of Geseniu more honorable free attendant." Moses is deadintimation of the received ? It may one was on Mount died, and no one, sure of his demise it by God. All th ing, according to t 730, from twenty ward. See Nun tions on so vast a out parallel in the the last century people-400,000 under cover of a si contines of Russia deserts.

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if possible, have believed for any the mother of a large lating, set Isaw the blessings so near, just within the reach of faith. Oh, footsteps of godly parents. The why not take it? After the close of the service. I said to her as we walked away in company: " My sister, why did you not

of high social position. believe when you prayed, that you received the blessing for story teaches churches the lesson which you asked?" to seek to serve the Lord humbly, "I had no evidence of it." and to bring the gospel home to

"What evidence did you want?" "I wanted to feel that I receiv-≪ed it."

"Did you truly consecrate yourself to the Lord ?" "I did."

all the material necessary to car-" Has he not said to such I will ry on his work so long as we are receive you?" actuated by the true principles of "Yes; but I want more evidence

the gospel. While the rich and than that. I can't believe with the noble are not overlooked, let out the witness." the poor be especially cared for,

"But we read, 'he that believbecause Jesus in them was especeth hath the witness.' You say, ially interested, and gave it as one "Give me the witness and then I of the evidences of his divine miswill believe.' You ask for more sion that " the poor have the gosevidence than God's promise. I pel preached unto them." will suppose a case. You are poor and in need of help. I say to you, 'Come home with me and SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

1 will give you ten dollars. Would you go ?" "Yes, indeed, I would." literateur, S. C. Hall, recently "Why would you go? published, the early chapters are

"To get the money." "What evidence have you that you would get the money ?"

them in his youth. The tinder-"Your word of promise. I do box and the tallow-candle were not believe you would tell me a household gods; extinguishers for

lie. "My dear sister, here I am a ed pedestrians home at night were spread out before us, encircled by if I would have them close to total stranger to you, and yet on fastened to the house-railings; the woods and orchards, one of the Jesus 1 must be there myself. my simple promise alone you oil lamp in the streets only made most ancient cities in the world, would go with me to my home, the darkness visible, and such Damascus, a well-known town in confidently expecting to receive men as Scott were making public the time of Abraham, and, accord- near to Jesus? the ten dollars I had promised, speeches against gas lighting, ing to Josephus, built by Uz, We must lead if we wish them The Lord says, 'It is his will The King's lieges travelled in grandson of Shem. Yet at the to follow .-- Sunday School Times. even your sanctification.' He mail-coaches, under the protection present day, as we stand and gaze has promised the consecrated soul, of armed guards, and a pace of at the white city with its mina-"I will receive you." He can not four miles an hour was not consid- rets and towers nestling in the lie, yet you are unwilling to be- ered slow. Turnpike gates bar- midst of a bed of green-a pearl most of the children have looked live him without some other evi- ricaded the roads at short dis- set in emeralds, as it has often through one of these beautiful indence than his word. When you tances, and though the highway- been called, with the hills of Ba- struments, and enjoyed seeing the have the same confidence in his men, Mr. Hall says, had gone out, shan, and the waste, solitary des- bits of bright glass at the end of promise that you would in mine, foot pads still flourished, so that ert stretching far away into the the tube shift about in a variety the blessing is yours."

She saw the point clearly; she H mpstead tea garden was fain to ed, ruined city, but a town teem- sold as toys, but now architects felt its truth forcibly. Resting advertise that the road was patroll- ing with population, numbering, and carpet-designers are beginon the promise alone she claimed ed nightlyby his own "eight stout with all its suburbs, probably ning to buy them to get designs the blessing by faith; then the fellows armed with bludgeons" for 180,000 souls, trading still with for their work. But the greatest witness came ; the Spirit testified the exclusive protection of his pa- many foreign lands-Egypt, Tur- use made of them is by the men to her spirit that she had what trons. London had not yet seri- key in Europe, Persia, and India who manufacture round, stained she desired, and her heart was fill ously entered upon its work of -while it is the centre of the glass windows. The kaleidoscope "I have no better way to pray; ed with joy. Consecrated ground swallowing England; the e was a world to the innumerable villages jurnishes more beautiful patterns All that I know to God I say is believing ground. When the turnpike gate at Hyde Park cor- which lie thickly scattered about than the men can arrange them-11.1. surrender is made, the indi. ner, Mulready could sketch a in the mass of orchards which selves.

she desired, but for the lack of that she arose unblest. My heart yearned for her. I would glady, if possible, have believed for her: woman dood is the whe of a trian man, let to the Saviour largely through her instrumentality, and the mother of a large family, sev-mand of boy midshipmen, to steal men for the navy, or even raided hamlets remote from the shore. result has shown that the poor Privateers swarmed the seas on girl was a grander acquisition for the church than the gentleman ing from piracy. Altogether, the close to Jesus too." "Huec Fabula doce.t" This

civilization of the first quarter of the century left much to be desired.

> us. WELL DONE! Not what you say, Or wish, or hope, While through the darkness Here you grope; But what you do And what you are In heart, and thought, Aud character-This only makes you great; And this, If clothed in Jesus' righteousness, Will open Heaven s gate. Sell all, and buy This precious gem. Aud wear it as A diadem. A heart that's clean,

A mind that's pure Will prompt to deeds Which suall endure So God will own you as his son, And say To you, when ends life's little day : Well done !" my child, " Well done —Independent.

DAMASCUS.

Standing on a projecting spur of Gebal Salahiya, a branch of anti-Lebanon, and looking down on erless lesson. the use of the link boys who light- the great plain below, we see

the enterprising proprietor of the distance beyond, we see no decay- of forms. They have usually been

He smiled and looked as if he and carved head of the maker, and wished to say something, but could is a very valuable instrument. He hardly speak it. "What is it, my boy?" I asked. ' Did you wish to tell me something?

"Yes. teacher. I was going to enterprises not materially differ- say I always tell when you are "How can you tell?" I asked.

"Oh, by your looks one way, and then by the way you talk to

Just then the rest of the class came in, and we talked no more, but those few words kept speaking | absolute master of his instrument, to me all the day, " I can tell when and at the same time its slave. you are near to Jesus.' He began his musical career a poor I had often scanned each face to boy, and died with a fortune of nearly three quarters of a million. see if the love of Christ lighted up the eye, or if the tear of penitence welled up from the heart. no one is permitted to use it. So long had I been with them. so well had I known them, that I Though age improves a violin, making its tone purer and sweeter, thought I could tell much of the vet age alone does not make it heart by the outward appearance. But John had turned the tables, had been watching me-could tell when I was far from Jesus. have supposed. I knew that my pupils watched The perfection of this instrumy conduct to see if precept and ment depends upon various things; such as the quality of the ma-

example went together. I knew they watched my words when I terial, the shape, its faultless spoke of Jesus, but I knew not curves, the exactness of its prothat they watched my very looks. I had not expected this. I had not thought they felt the difference when I came with the heart warmed by communion with Jesus

Those few words made me think an aid to worship in rendering way. Teachers, our classes are watch- the human voice, and in the hands ing us. Do they see that we are in power to move the soul.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

KALEIDOSCOPES. - Probably THE CHILD'S PRAYER. By Alpine lake, 'neath shady rock, The herd-boy knelt beside his flock, And softly to'd, with pious air, His alphabet as evening prayer.

> Unseen, his pastor lingered near. My child, what means the sound I hear " May I not in the worship share, And raise to heaven my evening prayer

"Where'er the hills and valleys blend, The sounds of prayer and praise ascend," " My child, a prayer yours cannot be;

I tell the letters on my kness He makes the words him-of to please " -From the German.

not name, while sitting at the dinner table with his family, had these words said to him by his was offered two thousand dollars son, a lad of eleven years; "Fathfor it by Mr. Hamlin of the firm er. I have been thinking, it I of Mason & Hamlin, When Prof. could but have one single wish of Gibson was fourteen years old he mine, what I would choose." walked from Henniker to Boston.

A WISE CHOICE

A good minister, whom we will

"To give you a better chance," ninety miles, to hear Ole Bull in said the father, "suppose the alhis first concert in this country. lowance be increased to three He went in two days and returned wishes; what would they be? Be in two. He and Ole Bull aftercaroful, Charley !" wards became very warm friends.

He made his choice thoughtful-Probably the greatest of all ly, first of a good character; violinists, past or present, is Nicsecond of good health ; and third, holis Paginini, born in 1784, died at of a good education. Nice in 1840. He became the

His father suggested to him that fame, power, riches, and various other things, are held in general esteem among mankind.

"I have thought of all that," said he; "but if I have a good He, too, had a Cremona, which is conscience, and good health, and now in Genoa, under lock and key; a good education, I shall be able to earn all the money that will be of use to me, and everything else will come along in its right place.' A wise decision, indeed, for a valuable; nor is it improved by lad of that age. Let our young being broken and glued, as some readers think of it, and profit by it.

PAPA'S HAND.

The patter of little feet on my office floor and a glad voice exportions. The chief woods used claiming, 'Papa, I'se come to are pine, sycamore, and red fir. It | 'scort you home !' made known to has been called the "devil's in- me the presence of my little sixstrument," because it was the year old darling, who often came or with a closely studied but pray- It has now redeemed its name as she said. Soon we were going

> So the merry blue eyes were shut tight, and we began. 'Now step up, now down,' and so on till we were safely arrived and the dariing was nestling in my arms, saying, "Wasn't it nice, papa? I never peeped once !'

' But,' said mamma, didn't you feel afraid you'd fall, dear ?' With a look of trusting love

came the answer : 'Oh no, mamma! I had a tight hold on papa's hand, and I knew he would take me safely over the hard places."

Prayer and praise are like the double motion of the lungs-the air that is drawn in by prayer is breathed forth by thanksgiving.

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'Now, papa, let's play I was a poor little blind girl, and you must let me hold your hand tight of a master it surpasses all others and you lead me alone and tell me where to step and how to go.'

moving spirit of the ball-room. at that hour 'to take me home,' somewhat; and is often used as hand in hand on the homeward sacred music. The tones of no other instrument are so much like

