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OUR HOME CIRCLE. AUNT NANCY'S MIND.

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And this is the new New Testament, And 'tis come in the sweet 'o the year, When the fields are shining in cloth of gold, And the birds are singing so clear; And over and into the grand old text, Reverent and thoughtful men; Through many a summer and winter past, Have been peering with book and pen,

Till they've straightened the moods and tenses out,

And dropped each obsoleto phrase, And softened the strong, old fashioned words, To our daintier modern ways; Collated the ancient manuscripts, Particle, verb and line, And faithfully done their very best To improve the book divine.

I haven't a doubt they have meant it well, But it is not clear to me That we needed the trouble it was to them, Un either side of the sea. I can not help it, a thought that comes You know I am old and plain-But it seems like touching the ark of God, And the touch to my heart is pain.

For ten years past, and for five times ten At the back of that, my dear, I've made and men 'ed and toiled and saved, With my Bible ever near. Sometimes it was only a verse at morn That lifted me up from care, Like the springing wings of a sweet-voiced lark Cleaving the golden air;

And sometimes of Sunday afternoons I was a chapter rich and and long, That came to my heart in its weary hour With the lilt of a triumph song. I stud ed the precious words, my dear, When a child at m. mother's knee, And I tell you the Bible I've always had Is a good enough book for me.

amay be stubborn and oct of date, But my hair is white as snow, And I love the things I learned to love In the beautiful long ago. I can not be changing at my time ; I would be losing a part of myself, You may lay the new New Testament Away on the upper shelf.

I cling to the one my good man read In our fireside prayers at night ; To the one my little children lisped Ere they laded out of my sight. I shall gather the dear ones close again Where the many mansions be, And till then the Bible I've always had Is a good enough bo k for me.

"I WANT TO BE GOODER."

REV. F. G. PENTECOST.

It was at the close of a preaching service in connection with a series of Gospel meetings in a manufacturing town in New England. The meetings were held in a large hall, and the custom with us was to dismiss the congregation, and ask all those to remain who were interested in the matter of their salvation. Probably one hundred persons remained to be spoken to and conversed with by Christians, who had tarried for that purpose. By half past ten most of the inquirers and Christian workers had left. I had

will forgive all your sins and give you a new heart.' "I dunno what you mean by said And therein he was like Nicodemus. Indeed he was a young Nic-

odemus come to Jesus by night. He knew that he wanted to be "gooder," but he did not know how he was to be made so. In fact, under the preaching and singing of the Gospel, that poor, ignorant boy had been made to feel his sin, his moral shortcoming and spiritual need. I talked with him a little while about and of Jesus, and how he had come into the world to save sinners; and how he had died for us; and that God had raised him up from the dead;

that.

and that he was now in Heaven. old job of sin. And now will you looking down upon him then and loving him; and that the Holy Spirit was now opening his blind eves, to see his sin and need, and so Master ?" prepare him to give himself to

Christ. A good deal of this he did fell upon his knees beside me, and, not seem to understand, especially after I had offered a prayer of how Jesus could be "away up in | thanksgiving and for the Lord to Heaven," and yet know anything keep him and make him steadfast, about him; and particularly he did I asked him to pray, which he did not know how he was to give him- substantially in these words : "Lord self to Christ. Nevertheless, I Jesus, I take you for my Saviour, went on preaching or talking Jesus and I throw up sin. Help me to to him, trusting the present Holy; be gooder than I am and to serve Spirit, who had awakened him and detained him in the inquiry-room, to enable him to "understand these things" which are dark not only to me the hour I had been with my ignorant factory-boys, but are alike little inquirer, and told him how he incomprehensible to the natural man | had thrown up his old job and askwhen grown to years and "wise and prudent" in the knowledge and * * * *

wisdom of the world. Finally, as thousands older and younger have done before him, he asked : "What must I do to be saved?" I at once replied : "Believe on thing he had "thrown up his tobacthe Lord Jesus Christ, and thou

shalt be saved." But this he did not understand. I tried to explain to him the nature of faith in rela-

tion to Jesus Christ; but was unsuccessful, for at length he said : "I don't know what you mean by believing on Jesus Christ.' Apparently dropping the subject,

turned to him abruptly and said "Where do you work?" He looked up, evidently greatly surprised at this sudden turn in the conversation, and told me that he worked in a certain factory, naming it. "What do you do in it?" I asked. "I works in the picking room." "Is it a good job?" "No, sir; 'tain't! It's long hours

and poor pay." "How long do you work?" "Oh! different. Sometimes ten hours and sometimes fourteen, ac-

cording to the way the mill runs.' "And what pay do you get?" "Only 'bout fifty cents a day

"I'd throw it up, higher'n a kite."

"Is that it? Then I'll take Jesus Christ for my Saviour" "But, Johnny," said I, "what will you do with the old job of sin ?"

Still another ray of light came into his face, and, with compressed lips and firm and determined voice, he said, evidently remembering his other answer: "I throw it up." "That's it, my dear boy. That is what it is to become a Christian.

It is to take Jesus for your Saviour. who forgives all your sin, and for your new Master, and God for your | coat there may be to lose the worse | out of sight and shrivels into a melfather in Heaven, and throw off the he looks.-Landon Field.

kneel down here with me, and tell Jesus that you have taken him in The certain, truest, surest thing I know, your heart, to be your Saviour and Whatever, what else may yet befall Of blessing or bane, of weal or woe,

Is the truth that is fatefullest far of all-"Yes, sir." And with that he That the Master will knock at my door some night. And standing without in the silence dim, Will wait till I basten with lamp alight, To open immedietely to Hin. But will I be ready at once to spring In eagerness up, and cross the floor With apturous step, and freely fling In the murk of the midnight wide the door Or will I have work to be put away. Or the taper that burns too low to trim, To keep me from going without delay you right." I said the "Amen." To open immediately to Him. I introduced him to one of the Or shall I, with whitened fear grow dumb, nastors, who had been waiting for The moment I hear the sudden knock, And startled to think He hath surely come.

So falter and fail to find the lock ; And hold thim awaiting me as I stand Irres lute while my senses swim, Instead of the bound with outstretched hand, ed him to look after him. To open immediately to Him?

I was in that city months after-If this is the only thing foretold Of all my future-(), I pray That, momently watchful, I may hold ward, and asked the pastor after 'Johnny," and he told me he was walking uprightly. Amongst other Close hut in my grasp; that when I hear Straightway I may rise without a fear, co."-N. Y. Independent.

SHETLAND PONIES.

ILLUSIRATION OF FAITH The ponies are not an agricultural, but a domestic necessity. In Christ as my Saviour,' said a young Shetland, as in parts of Ireland, girl. 'I hear what is said, but I do every family depends for fuel on not understand how it is; I do not peat, and peat is seldom found near see the way. at hand on the shore where the houses stand, but on the hill behind with her, "that you are a sinner them-there is always a hill in and in danger of being lost?' the rear in Shetland, every island 'I do ; I feel that I am condemconsisting mainly of hill with a ned for my dreadful sins." patch or two of "smooth" land in a 'And what can you do for yourfew snug nooks by the shore-and self in the case ?' as it often is at a distance of several steep and stony miles, each house have tried, and tried, but I got no requires several ponies, the number better.' depending on the distance and char acter of the road. A family living "convenient" to the peat, may re-

'Jesus says to such as you, Believe in me; cast your sins upon me." ' quife only two peat carriers, and 'I would if I could ; but when I another family may require half a

try, it does not seem as if he redozen. The material, after it has been dug and dried in the usual ceived me; I am always afraid he

Once more the smile came back ed for protecting him against fogs who snubs a younger sister and fine, highly-cultivated farms, and a crowds her out of sight when others | few of the most prominent and a Once more the smile came back ed for protecting nim against logs who shads a younget when others few of the most prominent and a into his face, and with straightfor- and damps of the climate. It is ex- crowds her out of sight when others few of the most prominent and a comfortable are present, does her a sad injustice. together to talk it over ward, honest love in his eye, he ceedingly warm and comfortable, are present, does her a sad injustice. together to talk it over. " I have a great regard for the fits close to the wearer's dapper The child is to be a woman, and is form, and is not bad looking when rapidly becoming one. She needs

family," said one, "and Harvey isa good fellow, but a man who will al new. But when the coat grows old kind and pleasant culture in everylow a plot of Canada thistles, and toward spring, at the season when thing that tends to make her woother noxious plants and weeds, to the new one should appear, it be- manly. A lift on her way helps go to seed on his farm year after comes the shabbiest of the kind that her to that mental growth which year, can be called nothing but a you often see. Its very amplitude nobody can enjoy if held down unbad citizen, who not only harms and the abundance of the material der pressure. Her mind needs to be himself, but his neighbors also." render it the more conspicuous, quickened and strengthened by con-"It is a shame for him to go on when it peels and hangs for a while verse and contact with the minds of so," said another, " after we have ragged and worn out, and then falls others. With this lifting and helpbit by bit till the whole of it dis-ing and quickening she has a chance waged a war of extermination upon these troublesome plants to have him invite them back. He has upwhen losing his coat, and the more direction. Without it she retires done the work of years already." . .. He ought not to be tolerated ancholy existence. The Chinese in town," said a third; "we max bind and gramp the feet of their girl children. We call it unreasonable. buy him out." To bandage a child's mind and to

So they set a value upon the farm ; each one told what he would withhold from her the chance to pay toward it, and one was chosen attain that for which God has made to make the offer to Harvey. He her, is as undesirable and as culpacaught at it very readily, as it was ble as anything the Chinese do in a liberal one, and he supposed he could purchase another farm in the vicinity; but to his surprise there was not a farm for sale in the township; the people were all leagued against him. When he found out the truth of the matter he was very indignant, and said he had a right to seed his whole farm to ox-eyed daisies, wild parsnip and butterand eggs, if he chose, and that he would get the better of them yet. and it's very little that he can put He bought a farm in the next town, but the succeeding session of the State Legislature prohibited the sowing of the seeds of noxions never moves into the village that weeds. ' So poor Harvey was not able to

them a neighborly welcome, and of. revenge himself in that way. It fer any little service that he can seemed for a time that he made an render. He is usually on the lookeffort to correct his shiftless habits, out to give strangers a seat in his but he found it a hard matter. All pew at church. He is always ready his life he was hampered by that to watch with a sick neighbor, and early contracted habit of slighting look after his affairs for him; and everything he undertook to do I've sometimes thought he and his Bad luck followed him, of course ; wife keep house-plants in winter and while his brother Henry bejust for the sake of being able to came a wealthy man, a good citizen send little boquets to invalids. "He and an active Christian, poor Harfinds time for a pleasant word for vey lost all his property, and toevery child he meets, and you'll day would be a public charge were always see them climbing into his it not for the kindness of his brothone horse wagon when he has no er, who provides for him and his other load. He really seems to have wife. a genius for helping folks in all

'Thank you, sir,' said James. sorts of common ways, and it does heartily. 'I think I shall get an me good every day just to meet him old broom and sweep out the walk; on the streets."-Christian Observer. then I shall be sure to get every weed. After this I will try and make your lesson-" Do it well." my motto. I shouldn't like to be turned out of town.' And James picked up his rake and hung it up 'Do it well, James.' It was on the bough of an apple tree, while Grandpa Clark's voice. James knew he hastened away after his wheelthat, and he didn't look up from his barrow and broom. work of raking the weeds out of the

Egypt shari ple, and had pectation more of his family hope er must bav prise, then, to receive a into the How the I we are not as on other the mode, and its divi evidenced There must pheit and than the sit ord, er Aary where to fi. the Mount. sacred spo Himself to pointed_as Moses mus of Aaron L ey t. Egyp What a n often given in this work ty years ; did two brus such an in which these 2. When lost no time of the Israe the spokes only becaus be such on 14), but bee troduce his

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been engaged all the evening with a most obstinate unbeliever, anxious for his salvation, but full of difficul- suppose Mr. So and so," naming the of ponies in blankets called "caswhich are not our thoughts.

rowful that I had been able to win him to go to school a half-day. I Kingdom. Hence his physique and no soul to Christ that night, I turn- will give him a dollar a day, and general character, his hereditary ined to my coat and hat to go to my he shall eat at my table and live in stincts and intelligence, his small lodgings. As I walked toward the my house with my boys; and, inplatform where my wrappings were, deed, I will be a kind father to him I noticed seated alone on one of the | and take good care of him.'

benches what seemed to be a little [The little fellow listened intently boy. As I passed him, I thought to this imaginary proposition, with during many generations must be to myself: Why is that boy sitting an amused smile of incredulity upon there alone, and at this late hour? | his face; but when I had finished So I went back to him, and sat and asked him, "Johnny, if such down by his side. On this closer an offer was made to you, would ren of the neighborhood, who roll inspection I found him a lad of per- you accept it?" with a smile that about underneath him or upon his haps fifteen years. He was very spread all over his face, and even back-must be gentle; and the dirty, face and hands grimmed with up out of the grime and dirt, and pony living on the scathold, on air factory-grease; hair uncombed; far quicker than I can record it, he sometimes, rather than on herbage, mouth defiled with tobacco, which answered :

made its appearance in juicy coloring about the lips and amber drops quick !"

lingering in the corner of his mouth. Meanwhile he was clewing his do with the old job?" "quid" vigorously. He was small of his age, being one of the stunted factory children often seen in New England towns, having been put in for the new boss. But, say, Mister, faces. He has no more kick in him enough to leave his mother's side. Atter this survey of him, I put my his face, as the momentary vision the complete suppression of these arms kind y about his shoulders of a better job, which I had conjur- vicious propensities that some of his and said .

"Weil, my boy, what are you ation. waiting here for?

The reply was the laconic "I dunno.

". What made you come in at all?" "I just wanted to see what was heart for the boy, I said to him: going on and to hear the singing."

"Well, why do you stay longer, now that nearly everybody has

gone ?" good."

"Do you want to be a Christian?"

is to be a Christian."

what I'd like to be.'

"Well, my boy, that is what Je-what I mean by believing on Jesus ger. In winter the Shetland pony as right that they should be heard, ed with weeds. The people in the of those young men that she could sus will do for you if you will take Christ and accepting him. Will wears a coat of felted hair, and es- and among kindly-hearted people town began to look upon the farm not rest until she had given her lithim for your Saviour. He will not you take him for your Saviour and pecially suited for the season. His their speech is always welcome if as a seed bed which was doing great the Bible, which she valued so highonly make you "gooder," but he new Master?

"Well," said I, "now, Johnny, manner is carried home on the back

ties and excuses, which were not manager of a large mill in another sies." It is obvious that the back reasons for not accepting Christ. I part of the town, "should come to which has to perform this kind of had finally to leave him for that you, and say: 'Johnny, I want a service should be broad and strong. night. He was so utterly wedded | boy to work for me in my mill, and [The Shetland pony is a striking exto his "own ideas" that there was I will tell you what I want him to ample of development; for generano opportunity left in his mind to do. I want him to work four hours tions past he has been bred and hear or consider God's thoughts, a day in the mill with two of my reared and trained with a uniformiown boys, that I am bringing up to ty which could not have been secur-Somewhat disappointed and sor- know the business. Then I want ed in any other part of the United anxious for his safety. Mr. ---size, and his purity and fixity of type. A pony belonging to the breed which has had to pick its zig-

zag way down a steep declivity sure-footed. By the same rule a pony whose grooms and playmates include a dozen juveniles-the childmust be hardy.

"You bet I would ! And mighty | The pony of the Shetland Isles is, in fact, the offspring of circum-"But, Johnny, what would you stance. He is the pet of the family, gentle as the Arab's steed under similar training. He will follow "And then what would you do?" his friends in doors like a dog, and "Why, of course, I'd go to work lick the platters or the children's the mill almost before he was old you are 'chaffing me' now." With than a cat, and no more bite than a so? something of a sorrowful look upon puppy. He is a noble example of

ed up, faded away from his imagin- kind exhibit when they are illtreated, and of the intelligence and I saw the cloud move over the good temper that may be developed smile that a moment before had in horses by kindness. There is no been upon his face, and, with a precedent for his running away nor great throb of pity and love in my for his becoming frightened or tired even when he has carried some laird glad.'

"No, Johnny, I am not chaffing from Lerwick to his house, many you. You are working for a hard Scotch miles across the hills. He master now, and are having long moves down the rugged hill-sides ment lighted up with a new-found hours and poor pay. Everyone with admirable circumspection, Joy.

"I dunno. 'Cause I don't feel who is living in sin is serving the in loaded-pannier fashion, with two devil, and the only pay you will heavy "cassies" of peat, picking his get by and by is death. But, my way step by step, sometimes side-"I'd'no. I dupno what that is." boy, God loves you, and he has sent ways. In crossing boggy spots, "Wny, it is to be saved from your Jesus into the world to tell you so where the water is retained, and a sin and become God's child. Would and to offer to make you his child, green carpet of aquatic grass might delphia Times, for which a mother you not like to be God's child? That put you to work for him, and finally deceive some steeds and bring them | and the elder sister are directly retake you to Heaven. Now, Johnny, headlong to grief in the trap, he sponsible. While it is true that "I'd like to be gooder. That's will you accept this new situation carefully smells the surface, and is children should not be unpleasantly multiplied four-fold; the next, forty told Mrs. that her child had and become God's child? That is thus enabled to circumvent the dan-forward in conversation, it is just fold. Indeed, his crops were swamp- been so troubled by the wickedness

Oh, I do not know how does not. to believe and trust.

OPEN IMMEDIATELY.

The key of a golden faith each day

And open immediately to Him

The kuock, be it dawn or midnight dim,

'But I don't know how to trust

' Do you feel,' said one who spoke

'Oh, 1 cannot do anything. I

MARGARST J. PRESTON.

'Let me illustrate faith to you. The other day a boy climbed a ladder to the roof of a house. It was an unsafe place, and his mother hastened to call him down. The roof was slippery, and his little feet slid in the descent; so he crept to the edge, where his friends stood reached up his arms and said,-Now, Willie, jump, and I will

catch you." Willie looked at the stone pavement below, and drew Mr. O----- tried to perback. suade him, but the child was afraid to trust. "Willie," said his mother, "Mr. O says he will certainly catch you; does he not always tell the truth ?""

""Oh, yes ! he says true,' Willie answered. "Now, obey, Willie," said his mother; do..'t make him wait ? he is all ready.'

'The boy trembled, but there was no other way, and he laped from the roof. His trust in Mr. O was faith; and when he was clasped in a pair of strong arms, he did not doubt that he was there-he was not afraid to rest. Christ tells us to cast ourselves upon him just so, and believe that he receives us.' 'Is that the way,' asked the young girl. "Do you trust Christ

'Yes, just in that way; simple and wholly as Willie threw himself into Mr. O----'s arms. Cannot you do so, believing that he does his part as fully as you trust him !' '1 never saw the way so clearly before. Yes, I can trust him ; I do believe him. I will cast myself up. on him, sins and all. Oh, I am so

And the face that had been shadowed with doubt and discourage-



There is much in the social training of a young girl, says the Phila-

garden path. He raked them care lessly, leaving a weed here and a weed there, and not stopping to remove the long root of knot grass that had caught on the corner of steaming into the depot the crowd the onion-bed. rushed for seats. As a band of re-

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

DO IT WELL.

the way of crippling their girls.

WHAT ONE CAN DO.

"There is a man," said his neigh-

bor, speaking of a village carpenter,

'who has done more good, I really

believe, in this community, than any

other person who ever lived in it.

He cannot talk very well in prayer

meeting and he doesn't often try.

He isn't worth two thousand dollars,

down on subscription papers for any

other object than for the support of

the ministry, But a new family

he does not find them out, to give

'The sky is clouded,' said Grandpa cruits mounted the platform they Clark, 'and if it rains to-morrow. shouted back to their friends who those scattering weeds will take had accompanied them to the train. root and be as thrifty as ever, the various slang phrases they Whatever you do, my boy, do it could command, interspersed with well. The slighting of any piece of an oath now and then. As the train work, however unimportant, leads moved on, they pushed each other to neglect of more important things into the car, where many ladies and soon everything the "hand were seated, including Mrs. B-- and touches is passed over carelessly. her two boys.

Habitual neglect makes a bad work- Then the oaths came out thick man. Let me tell you a story. You and fast, each one evidently trying are warm and tired; come here and to out-do the other in protanity. cool off in the shade of this tree, Mrs. B .- shuddered for herself and and you will work the better for her boys, for she could not bear to the rest and for the little lesson you have their young minds contaminated with such language. If the will find in my story.'

James dropped his rake and has- train had not been so crowded she tened to accept the invitation of his would have looked for seats elseemployer. The old gentleman scowl- where, but under the circumstances ed as the long handle of the rake she was compelled to remain where fell across the row of early peas, she was.

but he said nothing about it, and as Finally, after the coarse jesting the lad seated himself on a rustic had continued nearly an hour, a seat, and fanned himself with his little girl, who with her mother sat broad brimmed straw hat, Grandpa in front of the party, stepped out timidly from her seat, and going up Clark went on :

'Several years ago a well-to-do to the ringleader of the group, \$ farmer in a prosperous Connecticut young man whose countenance inriver town divided his property, dicated considerable intelligenceconsisting of real estate, stock and she presented him with a small farming tools, equally between his Bible.

two sons, while he and his wife , She was a little, delicate looking went to another county to live with creature, only seven or eight years a married daughter. The boys were 'old; and as she laid the book in his twins, but were utterly unlike in | hands, she raised her eyes appealcharacter. While they worked un- ingly to his, but without saying a der their father's instructions this word went back to her seat. The party could not have been difference was not particularly noticeable; but when each went to more completely hushed if an angel work for himself, it cropped out im- had silenced them. Not, another mediately. While Henry cultivated oath was heard, and scarcely a word a little land in the nicest possible was spoken by any of them during manner. Harvey worked a good the remainder of the journey. deal and slighted it all. Each was The young man whe had received ambitious in his way,-Henry to the book seemed particularly imbecome a good farmer, as the surest pressed. He got out of the car at

way to make farming, in the long the next station and purchased a run, prontable; Harvey, to make paper of candy for his little friend, money, whatever the consequences which he presented to her. He then to the farm. The first year he did stooped down and kissed her, and very well. The next year the weeds said he would always keep the little which had been left around the bor- Bible for her sake.

The little girl's mother afterwards ders of his field to go to seed were thick winter garment is well adapt- put forth properly. The person damage to the whole township of ly herself .- Chris. Ins.

A LITTLE GIRL'S ACT. When the Boston train came

governmen them, bu 3. Havin DIGASION next task seek an a purpose of which the make. d the forme court wor ready acce poses of must not reappeared who and w made any name, so p his connec who ac u man, must is probable of his to court which access to t speak to th greater fre more atter ite could b The requ would ali the wilder val. It w cordance (chap. 3 : lated to d timate int at the san Pharaoh. to grant favorably decisive o had read the reply " Who the questi ing, rebel will not" to every d to teach taught Pl ful visitat they aubr 4. The was most dens and ied by I were imp all this Lord had dantly v bring th They ou been su from ver faith is School M

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