Mahadi, the son of the Caliph Almansor, was quite fore they would not go farther; so that all the houses as extravagant as his father had been covetous; he squandered with carelessness what had been amassed these soldiers, who quartered themselves in them: in with painful economy. He lived only for his own several houses there were even fifty or sixty of these pleasure, and sacrificed everything to his self-gratifi- wild half-savage men. It was a terrible night for those cation; he cared little for the welfare of the state and who dwelt in this part of the town, filled to overflowing its inhabitants, and left all to the control of his ministers, who, taking advantage of his careless indiffer- But not a single soldier came into the grandmother's ence, sought only the advancement of their own insa- house; and midst the loud noises and wild sounds all tiable selfishness

outstripped his followers, and lost himself in a wilder- it grew light, they saw the cause. The storm had tired after his long chase, and he had half made up his the road side and the house, that to approach it was mind that he must pass the night on the bare ground impossible. "Do you now see, my son," said the old under the blue vault of heaven, when suddenly he ob- grandmother, "that it was possible for God to raise a served in the distance a solitary tent.

Mahadi gathered all his strength to reach the tent before it became quite dark. Its inhabitant, an old angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that Arab, came out directly he beheld him, helped him to fear Him, and delivereth them?" Does it not seem dismount from his horse, treated him, as is usual as if the snow had been gathered together as by angels' among Arabs, with the greatest hospitality, and in- hands to form a defence for that house where one quired, in amazement, how he came into that wilder- dwelt who thus feared God and trusted in Him?

The Caliph did not discover himself, but replied that he belonged to the followers of the Caliph and had lost himself in the chase.

"How do you manage to live in this desert?" asked he of the old Arab.

"What you now see as a desert was not always so," answered he. "The whole of the surrounding country was inhabited by many Arab and Turkoman tribes, who made a good subsistence by traffic and agriculture, his office to instruct. and willingly paid a large tribute to the Caliph.

"And why is it no longer so?" said Mahadi with "It could not end otherwise," returned the Arab,

with candour. "Almansor was a good prince; he reigned himself, and did not give the government of finished his day's work. his faithful subjects into the hands of avaricious and deceitful governors, like our present Caliph, Mahadi. If the latter continue to interest himself thus little in and conceal ourselves behind those bushes, and watch the government, it will not be long ere there are more to see his perplexity when he cannot find them." such deserts as this in his dominions."

Mahadi now, for the first time, heard a truth with which he certainly would not have become acquainted But you are rich, and you may give yourself a much had he discovered himself to the Arab. The free open-heartedness of the old man did not offend him, but it awakened in him a determination to keep a sharper eye upon his deputies, and in future to interest himself more actively in the government.

The laws of Mahomet forbid the use of wine, and the Arab considered some time before he ventured to offer any to his guest. He did so at last, when he saw how sorely exhausted he was, and did not meet with a refusal. With warm hospitality he brought out a pitcher, and rejoiced that he had it in his power he stooped down, and found the dollar. Astonishment to refresh the stranger.

Mahadi took a good draught, and thereupon assured his kind host that he should not have rea on to regret his friendly reception of him; he was, he said, one of the chief servants of the Caliph, and would not forget

The Arab rejoiced that he had the honour to entertain so noble a guest; he sought to gain his favour, and redoubled his attentions.

himself not only refreshed but inspirited. After a ty from some unknown hand would save from perishing. third draught, "I must tell you," said he, quite confidentially, to his host, "that I am the favourite of the tears filled his eyes. Caliph, and manage all his affairs; in return for your hospitality to me, he shall load you with beneficence."

The Arab reverentially kissed the seam of his guest's | trick?' robe, and entreated him to command every thing his

his taste. By degrees Mahadi ceased to require pressing, and became quite merry and talkative. At last he took the old Arab's hand, and said, smiling: "My good friend, in wine is truth; your hospitality obliges me to confess it to you; I am the Caliph Mahadi himself, and as Caliph I confirm all the promises I have already made to you.'

The Arab stared with open eyes at his guest; but, instead of falling reverently upon the ground, he silently took up the wine-cup, and went towards the door.

"What are you going to do?" asked Mahadi.

"To prevent your drinking more wine," quietly answered the Arab. " At the first draught you were a servant of the Caliph, at the third his favourite, and course, I could not believe. I will therefore take and the gates stand open to receive him; but how does be away the liquor which makes you so communicative." The Arab went out, and did not return. After

and soon fell asleep.

with him as his guide.

perceived that he had actually entertained the Caliph, yet how does he often sink below the character and dignity even hands a large sum to reinstate his tribes in their for- - Sherlock. mer dwelling place, and to restore them to their original prosperity.

THE GUARDED HOUSE.* (From the Magazine for the Young.)

the 5th of January, which was now drawing near.

there was an old pious woman, who was earnestly pray- alive to religion, alive to the thought of heaven .- Plain ing, in the words of an ancient hymn, that God would Sermons. raise up a wall around them, so that the enemy might fear to attack them.

In the same house dwelt her daughter, a widow, and her grandson, a youth of twenty years. He heard the prayer of his grandmother, and could not restrain himself from saying, that he did not understand how she could ask for anything so impossible as that a wall should be built around them which could keep the enemy from their house. The old woman, who was now deaf, caused what her grandson said to be explained to her, but only answered that she had but prayed in general for protection for themselves and town'speople. "However," she added, "do you think that if it were the will of God to build a wall around us it would be impossible to Him?"

And now came the dreaded night of the 5th of January; and about midnight the troops began to enter on all sides. The house we are speaking of lay close to the road, and was larger than the dwellings near it which were only very small cottages. Its inhabitants looked out with anxious fear, as parties of the soldiers entered one after another, and even went to the neigh- for this fruit too, is rooted in the heavens; it is out of the way bouring houses to ask for what they wanted; but all of all injury, and remains beyond mortal reach. If, when evil rode past their dwelling. Throughout the whole day there had been a heavy fall of snow-the first that winter-and towards evening the storm became violent

to a degree seldom known. At length came four parties of Cossacks, who had been hindered from entering the town by another road. This part of the outskirts was at some distance from the town itself, and therearound that where the old woman lived were filled with

around, not even a knock at this door was heard to the One day, as Mahadi was out hunting a gazelle, he wonder of the family within. The next morning, as Night drew on; he was hungry, thirsty, and drifted such a mass of snow, to such a height, between wall around us?"

Does not this story remind us of the words, "The

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.* (From the Magazine for the Young.)

A young man of eighteen or twenty, a student in a iniversity, went one day to take a walk with a professor, who was commonly called the students' friend; such was his kindness to the young men whom it was

While they were now walking together, and the professor was seeking to lead the conversation to grave subjects, they saw a pair of old shoes lying in their path which they supposed must belong to a poor man who was at work in the field close by, and who had nearly

The young student turned to the professor, saying. Let us play the man a trick: we will hide his shoes,

"My dear friend," answered the professor, "we must never amuse ourselves at the expense of the poor. greater pleasure by means of this poor man. Put a dollar into each shoe, and then we will hide ourselves.

the professor behind the bushes close by, through which they could easily watch the labourer, and see whatever wonder or joy he might express.

Advantage which only £200 would be required immediately, the rest in The student did so, and then placed himself with

The poor man had soon finished his work, and came across the field to the path, where he had left his coat and shoes. While he put on the coat, he slipped one foot into one of his shoes; but feeling something hard and wonder were seen upon his countenance; he gazed upon the dollar, turned it round, and looked again and again; then he looked round him on all sides, but could see no one. Now he put the money in his pocket, and proceeded to put on the other shoe; but how great was his amazement when he found the other dollar! His feelings overcame him; he fell upon his knees, looked up to heaven, and uttered aloud a fervent thanksgiving, in which he spoke of his wife sick and helpless Mahadi drank once more of the wine, and found and his children without bread, whom this timely boun-

> The young man stood there deeply affected, and "Now," said the professor, "are you not much better pleased than if you had played your intended

"O dearest sir!" answered the youth, "you have home afforded, and not spare the wine if he found it to taught me a lesson now that I will never forget. I feel

now the truth of the words which I never before under- The above Lands will be sold at moderate prices, and or od, 'It is better to give than to receive.' We should never approach the poor but with the

wish to do them good. . From the German.

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BAPTISM.

By baptism the gates of heaven are set open to us, and th way paved for our return to our native country. By baptism we are declared to be such sons of God in whom He will delight, and whom He will appoint to be heirs of His kingdom .-By baptism we receive the promise of the Spirit, whereby we at the fifth or sixth you became the Caliph himself. cry, "Abba, Father." Are not these great privileges? And I know not what to believe; but whoever you may be, is not room here for great expectations? And yet how un I expect by the eighth or ninth draught you will de- suitable to these claims do the circumstances of a Christian's clare yourself our great Prophet himself, which, of life often appear! He is upon the road to heaven, you say. stumble and fall like other men, and sometimes lose his way. and wander long bewildered in night and darkness! or, if he waiting a long time in vain, Mahadi wrapped himself keep the road, how lazily does he travel, as if he were unwilling in the rug which his worthy host had prepared for him, to come to his journey's end, and afraid to see the country which he is going to possess! The Christian only, of all men, The next morning he mounted his horse, and took pretends to supernatural power and strength, and an intimate the Arab, who was yet in great doubt what to believe, acquaintance with the Spirit of God: and yet how hardly does he escape the pollutions of the world, and how often look back
with languishing eves upon the pleasures, riches, and honours of
fashionable manner and on moderate terms. When they came to Bagdad, however, all doubt was with languishing eyes upon the pleasures, riches, and honours of removed from the mind of the honest old man; he this life! and though he boasts of more than human strength, who, on his part, fulfilled all his promises, loaded the of a man! Ye sons of God, for such ye say ye are, how do ye Arab with presents, and, above all, placed in his die like the children of men, and how like is your end to theirs!

TO BE DEAD WITH CHRIST, AND TO LIVE WITH HIM. To be dead with Christ is to bate and turn from sin; and to live with Him is to have our hearts and minds turned towards God and heaven; to be dead to sin is to feel a disgust at it .-We know what is meant by disgust. Take, for instance, the case of a sick man, when food of a certain kind is presented to When the year 1814 began, troops of Swedes, him, and there is no doubt what is meant by disgust. Consi-Cossacks, Germans, and Russians, were within half an der how certain scents, which are too sweet or too strong, or hour's march of the town of Sleswick; and new and fearful reports of the behaviour of the soldiers were always; and you will be at no loss to determine what is dishour's march of the town of Sleswick; and new and certain tastes, affect persons under certain circumstances, or brought from the country every day. There had been gust at sin or deadness to sin. On the other hand, consider a truce, which was to come to an end at midnight on | how pleasant a meal is to the hungry, or some enlivening od ur to the faint; how refreshing the air is to the languid, or the On the on skirts of the town, on the side where the | brook to the weary and thirsty; and you will understand the enemy lay, there was a house standing alone, and in it sort of feeling which is implied in being alive with Christ,

GOOD WORKS.

If thou hast bodily strength, disease, when it invades, will put a stop to joy from that source. If thou hast beauty and bloom, the approach of old age will wither it, and take away that joy. Or, if thou enjoyest a sumptuous table, when even ing comes on, the joy of the banquet is at an end. For every thing belonging to this life is exposed to interruption, and is unable to afford us lasting pleasure; but piety and virtue of the soul, is altogether the reverse of this. If thou hast done an alms, no one is able to take away this good work. Though an army, or kings, or myriads of calumniators and conspiritors, were to beset thee on all sides, they were unable to take away the possession once deposited in heaven. The joy of it is lasting. and still remains; for Christ says, "He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever." And very justly; for in the storehouses of beaven it is laid up, where no thief breaks through, nor robber seizes, nor moth devours. If thou pourest out continued and fervent prayers, no man will be able to spoil thee of the fruit of them; treated, thou hast done a kind action; if thou hast borne with patience to hear thyself evil spoken of; if thou hast returned blessing for reproaches; these are good works that abide continually, and the joy of them no man taketh away .- St. ChryAdvertisements.

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