

## NIL DESPERANDUM—NO NEVER!

Every cloud has a silvered lining ; and He who wove it knows when to turn it out. So, after every night, however long or dark, there shall yet come a golden morning. Your noblest powers are never developed in prosperity. Any bark may glide in smooth water with a favoring gale ; but that is a brave, skilful oarsman, who rows up stream against the current, with adverse winds, and no cheering voice to wish him "God speed." Keep your head above the wave ; let neither sullen despair nor weak vascillation drag you under. Heed not the poisoned arrow of sneaking treachery that whizzes past you from the shore. Judas sold himself when he sold his Master ; and for him there dawned no resurrection morning ! 'Tis glorious to battle on with a brave heart, while cowering pusillanimity turns trembling back. Dream not of the word "surrender !" When one frail human reed after another breaks, or bends beneath you, lean on the "Rock of Ages !"

The Great Architect passes you through the furnace but to purify. The fire may scorch, but it never shall consume you. He will yet label you "fine gold." The narrow path may be thorny to your tender feet ; but the "promised land" lies beyond ! The clusters of Hope may be seen with the eye of faith ; your hand shall yet grasp them ; your eyes revel from the mountain top, over the green pastures and still waters of peace. You shall yet unbuckle your dusty armour, while soft zephyrs shall fan your victor temples. *Nil desperandum.*

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## WONDERS OF CHEMISTRY.

Aquafortis and the air we breathe are made of the same materials. Linen and sugar, and the spirits of wine, are so much alike in their chemical composition, that an old shirt can be converted into its own weight in sugar, and the sugar into spirits of wine. Wine is made of two substances, one of which is the cause of almost all combinations in burning, and the other will burn with more rapidity than anything in nature. The famous Peruvian bark, so much used to strengthen the stomach, and the poisonous principle of opium, are found to consist of the same materials.