"IF WE KNEW!"

BY MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER.

In a recent number we copied a scrap of poe- love, fidelity and patience. But God try with this insignificant title. It struck us very forcibly as containing a profitable lesson,

and has haunted us daily, ever since. We have been sitting this rich, golden afternoon on our veranda, all alone. Before n stand the grand old hills; on our right lies the beautiful Hudson. The air is laden with rich perfumes from a wilderness of flowers, but no wind disturbs the trees, or makes music in their branches. The bees are so busy with their provident store that their song is very low and gentle. The humming-bird darting in and out of the honeysnekle over our head, though, equally industrious, is more demonstrative in turkey's 'cluck, cluck,' by which she calls her pe-ep,' in reply; the self-conceited old gobbler, with his wings in faint imitation of far-off thunof some imagined enemy; the roll of the carriage, and the swift glad music of the horses' feet on the smooth road below, are almost the only sounds or signs of life we hear. The husband-' house bond'-the most sweetly significant word in the English language, is toiling in the hot and dusty city; the children are all scattered: the grandchildren, mischievous, merry little rogues, are not as they should be, near grandma's chair; and the servants in the kitchen or laundry to-day, move as quietly as the wind in the tree top. It is so still! We could hardly he more alone if we were on the highest peak of 'Castle Hill,' and, as we sit in this wonderful quiet these words, ' If we knew,' are stirring our heart with a strange and solemn

Ah! if in early youth 'we knew!' if we could look along our map of life clear to the end, and see all the breakers and quicksands which, by patience and self-control we could have avoided, how different would be the view we now take of the 'backward-track!' No doubt, it is well in many ways that we cannot read the future; trials and sorrows that no foresight' could have turned aside, would have been doubled by anticipation and fore-knowledge, and yetwe doubt if there are many, who, looking from the 'half-way house.' would not willingly endure the double pain and sorrow, if they might have had the power to forsee the inevitable result of certain courses, and, profitirg by this foreknowledge, have avoided the danger of the sin.

Brother! Sister! Would you be patient or cross to your little playmate ' if you knew ' those little 'baby fingers' would 'never trouble you

Two little boys were at play-one of three years, the other of eighteen months. Both wanted the rocking-chair. Full of health and animal spirits, their dispute ran high, and, at last, the elder struck the little one. Only a few days and the baby hands were folded in 'snowy grace upon the cold and quiet heart, and laid in the grave. A short time after, hearing bitter sobs in the garden, the mother found the lonely brother-himself but just past babyhood -lying under the peach trees, watching with eager eyes some birds flying over his head, and calling between his sobs 'Oh, birdies! little birdies! Fly up! fly higher! and tell Jesus Christ if he will only let Geordie come back to me he may have the rocking-chair all the time, and I never, never will strike him again-never! ne-

Oh! Father! Don't be harsh with your son. He disobeved your commands, and of course he has done wrong; but he is only a little child. It was the overflux of exuberant life. If you could look forward to what soon may be, may be, how leniently would you judge-how gently would you chide; and, by your gentleness se cure the obedience much more effectually.

Ah! Poor, tired mother! You are very weary, and half sick. Your eyes are heavy for want of sleep, and your head throbbing with the noise and shouts, and wild frolics of your little enes. But it is health, and strength, and life. Be patient! If soon, with hot and tearless eyes, you watch by the little crib where fever may conquer that life, but late so joyous and full of activity, can you endure what may be, if you have scattered 'thorns, not roses, for your reaping by and by?

'I have asked you twenty times to mend this coat, and it is not done yet. 'No time!' How long would it have taken? But, well-I can go ragged I suppose. You take little heed to my wishes or advice. You must take your own way or you'll not be satisfied.

Husband! you love your wife; you would be indignant if a looker on should hint that you misjudged, or were overexacting. Why do you say such ugly, bitter things? Your heart, or that silent monitor, your conscience, tells you that she did not mean to disregard your wishes or advice. She was tired or overtaxed with care and frequeut interruptions; or perhaps sickness is creeping upon her. Whatever the reason the offence was but a little thing. Even if she was self-willed or irritable, be patient with her. You know a certain tone of your voice or a love-look from your eye, would have first morose, fault-finding words, perhaps, rich." · leaving on her heart a shadow-leaving on your coldness, mistrust and defiance-or possibly a ask after me and praise me." deeper sin, where, but for them, you could have secured joy and gladness, growing sweeter and get money. For this you must wait until you purer day by day! Deal gently. You, her husband, can make her happy, loving and good; or

you can make her irritable, unloving and evil. ' John ! why do you always wait and wait, and hinder me so? You can come when I call stinately bent on taking your own time regardless of other people's comfort."

Wife! It is just such little impatient, waspish words, that tempt your husband to seek quiet, comfort, and appreciation away from your side. No matter if he speaks 'just as impatient' to you ' fifty times a day,' show him a better way. Why retort or shrink from 'the little shadows' which you can by gentleness dispel? You have even more power in your gentlenes s, of God." than your husband has in his strength. Yield a little. It is not hard, and you reap a glorious reward. Is not your husband's love and confidence worth keeping by a little patience and forbearance? But if not for present joy, to ward off further misery at least, 'set a guard over the doors of your mouth, that you sin not with your lips,' and so tread life's pathway with him to whom you have vowed a wife's fealty that if called to sit in the desolation of widowhood, there shall not be added to that sorrow the anguish of self-upbraiding, for little services mpatiently rendered, or love requited by cold-

When we have passed through all the labors just on the decline, recall the friends of our Sunday School Visitor.

youth, and the sweeter family ties, how the eart aches with the memory of

"The hasty word or actions, Strewn along our backward track," and vainly yearns for one more opportunity for the better performance of our whole duty in all

Pity us all, Who vainly the faults of youth recall; For of all sad words of tongue or pen, The sadde t are these : " It might have been " The Mother at Home.

THE LOVE OF GAMING.

" Charley Rogers plays marbles for keeps, other, and he certainly cannot care anything about them, he has so many things of his own, and all the money he wants to buy them."

his wonderful activity. The patient old mother take possession of his heart. You remember numerous broad about her, and their 'pe-ep, Was it a hundred pounds of hay the man said he ate every day, beside a bushel of grain, with as he spreads his train and brushes the ground a great tub of water? He is an enormous feeder, and yet you saw how eagerly he groped der, or his arrogant 'gobble, gobble,' in defiance about with his trunk after the crumbs of cake and the little peanuts the boys threw down in the straw for him. With the same trunk he apple cores."

Just so it is with these little gains to the avaicious person. When you begin to heap up hings just for the sake of owning them, you begin to feed a fire that nothing but the grace of God can put out. The more you feed it the case, Eruptions, Dropsy, Cancers, and very many fiercer it burns. The more you get the more other diseases are caused by derangement of the of God can put out. The more you feed it the vou want.

There is hardly any bad habit that grows upon one faster than the love of gaming. If ou play for marbles, you will very soon learn to play for other things, and then for money .-The gambler usually loses his interest in every thing else but his game. He will use his utmost art to draw any one into his snare who has money, and when it is all won away he will coolly push him away to make room for another victim. He cares nothing for the poor mother and children left penniless, that his gains may be greater. He cares nothing if the distracted man he has robbed goes away to a suicide's

death. But God marks all these things, and just his share of the guilt is surely charged to his account. He often punishes, even in this life such evil workers. It is a rare thing, indeed for a gambler to die rich. They are often reduced to great want and distress in their last days, dying alone and friendless, frequently by their own hands. Shun the first steps, Walter, and you will be safe from this sin. Never touch cards, even to build card houses with, or to play little tricks or games. I hope you may never become familiar with even their names or appearance.—Presbyterian.

ON THE TRACK.

The other day I heard a mother ask her little son to do something. "In a minute," he said. She spoke again, but it was one, two, three our five minutes before he minded her.

It makes me think of the switch-tender's boy What if he had waited a minute before minding

his father? A switch-tender in Prussia was just going to move the rail, in order to put a coming train of swer all inquiries of this character. cars on a side track, when he caught sight of his little son playing on the track. The engine was in sight, and he had not a moment to spare. He might jump and save his child, but he would be ever pleased to bear testimony to your extranot do that and turn the switch in time, and if it were not done, the coming train would mee another train, and a terrific smash would take place. The safety of hundreds of lives depended upon his fidelity. What could he do? What did he do? "Lie down! lie down!" he called, with a loud, quick voice to the child; and seizing the switch, the train passed safely on its

proper track. Did the heavy train run over the little boy Was he killed? Was he crushed to pieces? No: for he did just as his father told him, and did it instantly. He fell flat between the rails, and the cars went high over his head; and when the anxious father sprang to the spot, there he was his quick obedience, you see, that saved his life. He did not stop a minute. Even oment's hesitation would have been too late

TWO KINDS OF RICHES.

A little boy sat by his mother. He looked ong in the fire and was silent. Then, as the leep thought began to pass away, his eye grew bright, aud he spoke: " Mother, I wish to be

"Why do you wish to be rich, my son?" And the child said, "Because every one oraises the rich. The stranger at our table vesterday asked who was the richest man in our village. At school there is a boy who does not ove to learn. He takes no pains to say his lessons. Sometimes he says evil words. But the children do not blame him, for they say he NY.

is a wealthy boy." The mother saw her child was in danger believing wealth might take the place of goodbrought her to your side in an instant -sorry, ness, or be an excuse for indolence, or cause self-upbraiding-loving and honoring you with them to be held in honor who led unworthy her whole heart. Ah! 'If you knew!' These lives.' So she asked him, "What is it to b

And he answered, "I do not know. Ye heart a stain' which may be the beginning of tell me how I may become rich, that all may The mother replied, " To become rich is

are a man.

Then the boy looked sorrowful and sad. " Is there not some other way of being rich that I may begin now?"

you, just as well as to keep me waiting, if you the only nor the true wealth. Fires may burn only choose to do so but you are always so ob- it, floods may drown it, moth and rust waste it, and the robber make it his prey. Men are wearied with the toil of getting, it, but they leave it behind at last. They die and carry nothing away. The soul of the rich prince goeth forth like that of the wayside beggar, without a garment. There is another kind of riches, which is not kept in the purse, but in the heart. Those who possess them are not always praised by men, but they have the praise

> Then the boy said, "May I begin to gathe this kind of riches now, or must I wait till I grow up to be a man?"

The mother laid her hand upon his head and said, "To-day, if ye will hear his voice; for he hath promised that those who seek early shall

And the child said. "Teach me how I may

become rich before God." Then she looked tenderly on him and said, and if satisfied with the evidence presented, put 'Kneel down every night and morning, and sak that in your heart you may love the dear that in your heart you may love the dear lected from my "Work on Remarkable Curas." I ask that in your heart you may love the dear la Saviour, and strive all the days of your life to be good and to do good to all. So, though you offered, weigh them and act according to your may be poor in this world, you shall be rich in judgment: and trials of earlier life, and in full maturity, or faith and an heir of the kingdom of heaven."—

Rev. Washington Meduris, Sydney, Chio; Rev. just on the decline, recall the friends of our Sunday School Visitor.

A C Shepardson, Three Rivers, Mich; Rev. 1saac

WHY WILL YE DOUBT?

as has beretofore been taught by eminent mede cal men. The bile is mostly made up of the waste Esq., Poughkeepsie, NY; WB Betts, Eq. Con that," said his mother, "if he allows avariee to take possession of his heart. You remember the elephant we saw at the menagerie, Walter. Was it a hundred pounds of hay the man said he ate every day, beside a bushel of grain, with The blood, to every organ in the system.

The blood, poisoned with the daily accumulated excess of bile, returns from the liver to the heart, and the nerves of the heart are affected.

Just so with the Lungs. The bile-poison d blood goes from the upper and right cavity of the heart to the lower cavity, and thence directly to the lungs, circulating all through those most delicate organs. The lung tissues are poisoned and Irritated and they invite the serofulous humors of the lungs of the public I will say at once for the public I will say at on Consumption; which is local scrofula, so defined and proved by Luquol and all the most scientific

authors.

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SYMPTOMS OF LIVER COMPLAINT AND SOME OF THOSE DISASES PRODUCED BY LIVER COM-

heart; in many cases a dry. teasing cough, with sore throat; unsteaday appetite, sour stomach, with a rising of the food and a choking sensation in the throat; sickness and vomiting, distress, heavings or a bloomed or a bloomed of the food and stoken store and vomiting the throat; sickness and vomiting, distress, heavings or a bloomed or the food and vomiting the food and state fully the facts as they appeared the food and a choking sensation in the throat; sickness and vomiting, distress, heavings or a bloomed or the food and the food and the grave was heaviness, or a bloated or full feeling about the stomach and sides, which is often attended with vidence will not withhold the neble means for the stomach and sides, which is often attended with pains and tenderness; aggravating pains in the sides, back or breast, and about the shoulders; colic pain and soreness through the bowels, with heat; constipation of the bowels, alternating with heat; constipation of the bowels, alternating with heat; coldess of the extremities, rush of blood to the head, with symptoms of appoplexy; numbness of the limbs, especially at night; cold chills, alternating with hot flushes: female weakness and the street of the suffering and erring children.

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THE WILLING WITNESSES.

work entitled "Discoveries," who have expressed in glowing and heartfelt words, their wish to offer estimony in behalt of my system of practice and uniform success in mastering the long carallogue of diseases engendered by faulty mechanispace does not allow of these "nob'e offerings All letters must be addressed thus: to science and philanthropy' being presented here in full; but the despot dent heart and weary bedy ean procute the entire work free of charge by sending me their Post Office ddress.

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truest and purest men and women who have ren-dered our land illustrious by their deeds in the va-rious walks of life. They endorse me unequivosl-ly as a physician, a man of honor and a phi an-thropist. I merely name some of the diseases of which I have been the humble means, through the Their glowing words are in full in the book mentioned. Write to any one of them, and get from their own pens the facts. Any of them will sn-

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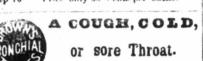
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