The Family

THE OLD MAN DREAMS.

Out! for an hour of youthful joy! Give back my twentieth spring! I'd rather laugh, a bright-haired boy, Than reign a grey-haired king !

Off with the spoils of wrinkled age! Away with learning's crown! Tear out life's wisdom-written page And dash its trophies down!

One moment let my life-blood stream From boyhood's font of flame ! Give me one giddy, reeling dream Of life, all love and fame.

My listening angel heard the prayer And, calmly smiling, said "If I but touch thy silvered hair, Thy hasty wish hath sped.

" But is there nothing in thy track To bid thee fondly stay, While swift the seasons hurry back To find the wis'ted-fer day?

Ah! truest soul of wom inkind! Without thee what were life? One bliss I cannot leave behind; I'll take-my-precious-wife l

The angel took a sapphire pen And wrote in rainbow dew "The man would be a boy again And be a husband, too!

Before the change appears?

Remember, all their gifts have fled
With those dissolving years?" "Why, yes, for memory would recall My fond paternal joys; I could not bear to leave them all; I'll take—my—gitls—and boys!"

"And is there nothing yet unsaid

The smiling argel dropped his pen"Why, this will never do;
This man would be a boy again,
And be a father, too!"

And so I laughed-my laughter woke The household with the noise-And wrote my dream when morning broke, To please the grey haired boys.

-Oliver Wendell Holmer.

GIRLS AND BUSINESS.

In a paper written some time ago for essential to success were chiefly: thorough honesty, promptness in fulfil- Mrs. Mullaney? Would you like Mary ling engagements, acquaintance with to work in a factory or shop?" the work to be done, an obliging disposition and a pervading sense of re-

up a business life requires other char- was the reply given, after a little urgacteristics than these. In common ing.
with all who feel a chivalrous desire to shelter youthful girlhood from the rude but I am more sanguine, dear reader,

pendent, noble, and the centre of good struggling woman.

tinuance through life in the parental least, and is wholly contemptible, is home, on an assured income. Circum- the being a sham, attempting to do stances change. We have seen men what one knows nothing about, and living luxuriously in one decade, and doing one's work in a slipshod, careless existing precariously from hand to and mefficient manner. mouth in the next. The daughters of a Assuming that you are, by-and-by, to man who was formerly one of New have a place in the ranks of the breadmenial in the homes of those who girl one day lamented in my hearing will lay by in tiny sums, a trifle at a were once their father's guests. No that there was nothing she liked best. body lives long in this land of swiftly "I hate to draw; I hate to study; the work becomes slack, or you are own way in every thing, her frowns and good care of, and then to have her a bending reed. And as all girls do not to, except to make candy."

to foot up into respectable proportions. They were very dutifully anxious to "Don't you think it's nice to see had it been saved instead of needlessly heed all mamma's reminders that it your pretty blue eyes all red, and your pret marry, and as even those who do may find in the trained facility and the dis ciplined eye and hand which go to the acquisition of a bread-winning art, a dimples. Her father gallantly exceptions of a bread-winning art, a dimples. Her father gallantly exceptions of a bread-winning art, a dimples. great convenience in time of need, it is claimed: as well that girls as well as their brothers should have a business.

so perfectly, that, if needs be, it shall the field, to neither toil nor spin."
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must put on your thick shoes. There He looks at this little heart of yourn,
and the mother observed ironically:

"O, my dear," said mamma, "you solemn—"the good Lord thinks when
the standard of the standard o ever so tender, so wise, so loving, is not papa. What would you say if Bob or I really kind to, and provident for, her girls should speak as sister does?" if she neglect to thus insure them
against the mishaps and possible pitfalls of the uncertain future. Parental love of my sons if they hadn't a desire to should mean parental forecast, espectiake care of themselves." ially for those who else may be cast like Here one puts a finger on the error

one may, if he please, substitute trade, and daughter should be treated in this ly on another, slovenly performance, profession, art, or accomplishment, it being understood that a legitimate being understood that a legitimate bread-winning employment is signified. A generation ago sewing, teaching, and acting as amanuensis or companion, were the usural resources of a "lady" the redemption of a church debt. were the usural resources of a "lady" the redemption of a church debt. obliged to earn her own living. Cling-obliged to earn her own living. Cling-obliged and design to the social rank implied and design the sale of home made confectionery, ing to the social rank implied and design the recember of these one may be ashamed, and push there—wild flowers and vine swings,"—

there—wild flowers and vine swings, and uncert interest in one suctions and wate, and sail bo profession, art, or accomplishment, it regard alike as responsible beings.

men, though there are departments for Pass over the things you "hate;" winter and a lighter one for summer, a which their tastes and general dexterity it's just as well to discern what and hat which claims nothing by reason of which their tastes and general dexienty as went to discern what and and defeness ought to fit them, but where they are, and recognize the which as yet they have hardly touched. A girl who knows any one of twenty design to the unforming at the show or assertiveness, are essential to the fit them, but where they are, and recognize the show or assertiveness, are essential to the fit felt so, too.

But Hetty was subdued, and as the two pounds are the somewhat unconventional thing, a thing all weathers, and whose hours of going again from the back of the room, won, and then watched are the somewhat unconventional thing, a thing all weathers, and whose hours of going again from the back of the room, won, and then watched are the somewhat unconventional thing, a thing all weathers, and whose hours of going again from the back of the room, won, and then watched are the somewhat unconventional thing, a thing all weathers, and whose hours of going again from the back of the room, won, and then watched are the pounds of the room of twenty design and the pounds of the room of the room of twenty design are the pounds of the room of the room of the room of twenty design are the room of the partments of work, and knows it well, supposed to be unfeminine, if it be to and returning from her work are dicmay be sure of earning her salary and what you want to learn and practise, tated by the clock and her engagement feeling the pleasure of standing on her hold steadily on your way; do not be with her employers.—Mrs. M. E. Sang own feet, perhaps of helping an over-discouraged, but find out everything ster, in Harper's Young People. own feet, perhaps of helping an overburdened father, or educating little there is about it, and be ready when brothers and sisters. The faculties occasion arises to put your knowledge needed here will be put to good use in to good use. the several departments of house-keeping when the time may come.

course, her mother?

First, common-sense would suggest ever, set up a false standard. Do not be should do toward increasing the family for women. exchequer. I, somewhat tentatively, aware of the sensitive pride of poverty, brothers I must add a word or two, and having studied the class to which which I should not presume to offer this woman belonged, advised domes- them. They would not need it, and, I tic service. Mary might be, I thought, fancy, would "laugh a laugh of merry under nurse-maid, or a waitress, or, in scorn" if it were pressed upon them time, a cook. A flash of the eye, a Here it is. Don't cry when things go quiver of the lips, warned me that I was a little wrong. The bane of success in her gul should me no higher than her- and show wounded feeling if some one self-be, as she phrased it, a mere who has a perfect right to do so finds drudge? Dressmaking, to which an fault, perhaps with unnecessary frank-

She tossed her head in the negative. and pay for wan o' thim t'achers, it's a no standing-ground in the proper per-It is difficult to see that a girl taking music t'acher I'd like my child to be,"

blasts of the world, I am glad for those of convincing you that music-teaching girls who have not to go from the plea- as a profession is not to be attempted sant retirement of home to the arena by any one who has not both a divine will make her careful not to exceed her of the world's struggles. A happy girl and a human endowment for the same. income in her expenditure, and it will in her father's house, under the wing of The first necessity is that innate love lead her never to incur a pecuniary liked them too. She kept calling for she went on in a slow earnest way: in her father's house, under the wing of a gentle and judicious mother, is ideally placed, and is to be congratulated, if not envied. Hers are so many which seeks expression in melody, and if not envied. Hers are so many which seeks expression in melody, and is to be congratulated, if not envied. Here are so many which seeks expression in melody, and is to be congratulated, immediate circle of her kindred. She face, and Polly tore her sleeve pushing through the bushes in search of them, seeks expression in melody, will beware of the specious arguments through the bushes in search of them, of people who seek to sell goods to her. The first necessity is that innate love lead ner never to meut a pecuniary liked them too. She kept canning to more, and, when Tom scratched his face, and Polly tore her sleeve pushing through the bushes in search of them, self a trouble and a torment with your still through the bushes in search of them, or cross, cra bed, cantankerous ways?

The first necessity is that innate love lead ner never to meut a pecuniary liked them too. She kept canning to more, and, when Tom scratched his more, and, when Tom scratched his more, and, when Tom scratched his would not do. He walked towards that through the bushes in search of them, self a trouble and a torment with your still not do. He walked towards that the provided it. He still not do. He walked towards that the provided it. Alas! he still not do. He walked towards that the provided it. He seeks expression in melody, will beware of the specious arguments of the bushes in search of them, and the provided it. He still not do. He walked towards that the provided it. Alas! he still not do. He walked towards that the provided it. Alas! he still not do. He walked towards that the provided it. Alas! he still not do. He walked towards that the provided it. Alas! he still not do. He walked towards that the provided it. He walked towards that the pr sweet opportunities for doing good, so without having which nobody will ever of people who seek to sell goods to her many privileges to enjoy; so charming be more than a merely mechanical on the instalment plan-a plan which are the years that he between the day performer. The second includes that works to the detriment and misery of her graduation from the school, patient, persevering service, as Jacob many a wage-earning girl. which has been to her a succession of served for Rachel, which makes years No one is so safe a confidente delights, to the day of her wearing the of study to seem in the retrospect as for the young girl as her mother or bridal wreath and veil, that one finds it "a few days" only. Music teaching elder sister, and, failing these, her difficult not to envy the smoothness of was as far as the heavens from the mile of her nector is usually has most in usually has mos er lot.

And if she never marry, her province, poor Mary Mudaney: but on that she judicious friend. It is a great advan "I like choice pansies for." if she possess means and culture, is to show the world how rich and beautiful, fancying poor things, that it was "gen-exertions to belong to one of the beautiful, fancying poor things, that it was "gen-exertions to belong to one of the beautiful, fancying poor things, that it was "gen-exertions to belong to one of the beautiful guilds or sisterhoods—the Girls' how gracicus and full of blessing, the teel and respectable which the others wanted the time between her wish to do everything there I's pendent, noble, and the centre of good struggling woman.

Friendly Societies, or King's Daughters take a turn. Then to the croquet- time between her wish to do everything there I's pendent, noble, and the centre of good struggling woman.

Which afford a young woman plea- ground, where things went on smoothly that's kind by you, tellin' her children. And the centre of good struggling woman.

But observation and experience con- honest is respectable, be it ever so circle of friends who will assist her if vince us that few girls can be certain lowly, ever so unobtrusive. The only illness comes or loss of employment she grew sober, then suiky, and finally of this safe, easy, and comfortable conthing which is not respectable in the uses up her savings.

York's merchant princes are, in one in- winners, the best thing you can do is be very little at the end of the year; stance, occupying positions little above to think what persuit you like best. A but if you are resolved upon it, you

gained and swiftly lost fortunes without I hate to sew. As for teaching, even laid aside by illness. Few of us do not seeing that riches take wings and fly if I did not dislike books and school spend on small superfluities—a ribbon away with such frequency and ease, with all my heart, I am not fond of there, a sweetmeat there, a car fare that to depend upon their continued children. There is not one thing that possession is to lean upon a swaying, I could do to support myself, if I had

"Don't trouble yourself, pet. While went that girls as went as their browners, where should have a business.

Don't trouble yoursen, per. While even if you do not directly see its use in all the children looked forward for days, to be lambs and doves? Don't you be lambs and doves? Don't you the line you choose. A girl learns type-and for which great preparations were know the words you speak are like so to see that they learn some one thing want my darling to be like the lilies of

helpless crift-wood on the shores of at the root. The principle is at fault nebulous mass of di solving views. which allows a father to be indulgent Fortunately the present range of with the indolence or false pride of a bounds of possibility that there are Amvocations from which to select a girl's daughter, while he would scorn the erican girls ashamed of work. Ineffici- be. business life is very wide. For business, same characteristics in a son. Son ency, the leaning of one's weight unfair-

support nersen or render a uni return and other toothsome compounds nave pusiness uses. Black, gray, and brown, for what she was paid, would join the met with ready sale and most gratifying homely serviceable hues which challing the commotion she was making. She slipped a cushion under the poor lenge no attention, a fabric which will From the back of it she could look out little rumpled head; and when dinner a little school, or sit far into the night, journey go to Anne and Jessie for shed dust and not shrink and crumple of the window and see what was going to the single properties.

If you are fond of housekeeping and its many duties, seek in every way to In choosing a business, what consid- acquire that profession in its multiform erations should, in the main, influence details. If you have a knack at the a girl, and her best adviser, who is, of use of a hammer and nails, do not be discouraged because you preser these to thimble and scissors. You will pro that personal preference and natural bably find, after a while, a use for that fitness be consulted. Do not, how- form of tool which is "handiest" to you. I read not long ago of a woman have with the fatuity of a certain hard- who had achieved success as a carpenworking laundress, who not long ago ter, and upholstery in some of its finer consulted me as to what her daughter branches is a very attractive business

But, girls, to the advice given your wounding the mother at her tenderest a girl's work is often found in her quick point. Was it for this she had toiled sensibility, her readiness to take offence and slaved, worked tate and early, that at a word of criticism, or to be hurt apprenticeship might be served, was ness and directness. The soft cheek next proposed, but, though less objec- suddenly hangs out the storm signal of press in an entering wedge. A girl "Sure, an' if I could hire a pianny, must remember that sentimentality has formance of her tasks, and must expect her work to be gauged, precisely as a boy's work would be, by its real value.

The girl who has found out her work and entered upon it should ask no favour in right of her sex, but she

Savings! Do I hear some one whose weekly salary hardly suffices for food. room rent, and clothing-and such there are among business girls—exclaim, Where are savings to come from? They are to come from stern and systematic economy. Perhaps they will to foot up into respectable proportions

for your special endowment, remember their patience. that no mental discipline comes amiss writing and stenography. She is employed by a literary man, who requires of her, beyond and above the manual a pair of thin slippers.

dexterity, the ability to spell, to under"O, my dear," said mamma, "you solemn—"the good Lord thinks when from dictation as well as automatically, position than one whose geography, grammar, and history are a hazy and

It hardly seems to me within the sluggish and inert interest in one's duty

support herself or render a full return and other toothsome compounds have business uses. Black, gray, and brown ranks of the governess, or would open a little school, or sit far into the night, eking out her earnings by sewing, which brought in a scanty wage.

To-day there are twenty doors wide open for one that stood jealously ajar thirty or forty years ago. Women have found few professions in which they may not compete on equal terms with a little rumpled head; and when dinner of the window and see what was going came, Hetty found a dainty pudding, just big enough for her, baked on purpose. And during the long afternoon plainly and neatly made, are suitable for work and wear. She is dressed most there are departments for the windows. She is dressed most to the occasion on which she wears it. Thick, substantial boots, a water-proof cloak, an umbrella, a thick jacket for winter and a lighter one for summer, a with the part of the window and see what was going of the window and see what was going on. The children got into the big wagon, plainly and neatly made, are suitable for work and wear. She is dressed most to the occasion on which she wears it. Thick, substantial boots, a water-proof cloak, an umbrella, a thick jacket for winter and a lighter one for summer, a with the time, should be seen the could look out little rumpled head; and when dinner of the window and see what was going on. The children got into the big wagon, plainly and neatly made, are suitable on. The children got into the big wagon, and sat looking up at her windows. Then her aunt came out and called lorothy Ann told funny old stories, and the tastefully whose costume is appropriate to the occasion on which she wears it. Thick, substantial boots, a water-proof cloak, an umbrella, a thick jacket for winter and a lighter one for summer, a look of it the window and see what was going on. The children got into the big wagon, and sat looking up at her windows. Then her aunt came winter and a lighter one for summer, a Tom.

DOROTHY ANN'S SERMON.

the little ones at the farm, when it was perhaps they were doing an errand first understood that Cousin Hetty, who But there was a little misgiving at her lived in the city, was coming to make a long visit. She was not very strong, so mamma said, and they must be very the maid, "Where are they all gone?" the maid, "Why, to the pic-nic, of course! long visit. She was not very strong, so kind and polite, and to see that she aiways had the best of everything.

The little lassie came, and they were delighted with everything about her, from her pretty, fair curls and white face, so different from their own sunbrowned ones, to her dainty dresses and and screamed. French boots. There could be no doubt that her manners were quite equal to her appearance, so Jessie and Tom and Polly resolved to be upon their best behaviour all the time.

will be plenty of raspberries next week, though."

Such a garden as that ! None of your little seven by nine scraps, but a found in a liberal, old-fashioned, coun-

A board walk through the middle of it was bordered by beds of bright ing her own way, if she would only the benefit of the boys in business, the tionable than the other, was still not in a crimson blush, the eyes fill, the girl is coloured flowers, with rows of holly-stop. But here was Dorothy Ann hurt, and shows it in a place where hocks and sun-lowers at the end, looking as if she would not mind if it hurt, and shows it in a place where hocks and sun-lowers at the end. qualities which were insisted upon as high favour. Millirery she scouted, hurt, and shows it in a place where hocks and sun-lowers at the end, essential to success were chiefly: "What had you thought of, yourself, feeling should have had no room to Honeysuckles and morning-glories climbed over the fences, and in a shady who has her way to make in the world, corner grew such pansies as the childwith its many cares and responsibilities, ren believed only mamma knew how to

> Miss Hetty tried the fruit, and said, I don't like currants; they're sour. I like only raspberries."

It had been supposed that each one would eat a great many currants and a you?" very few raspberries. But, on hearing favour in right of her sex, but she this, the others offered her all the rasp-should cultivate a just self-respect. This berries they could find, and were rather faced, hard-working woman, older than and—handle it, and—" Look out ! surprised to see that she took them Aunt Emily, and her words always had Turn your back upon it and look an-without seeming to think whether they weight in the family. After a pause other way, and also walk off from it. very quietlý ate all they had without so much as a "Thank you." Then she declared the berries were not half ripe and not fit to eat.

> pansies unless she is with us," ven-ured always a givin' up to you, and you just want to see or have near him at all-Jessie as Hetty began gathering them for all the world like a buzzin' wasp, or that was the stone of the peach.

They went to the swing, where Hetty dren all rasped up with your tantrums, hedge, grumbled when the others wanted to and to keep your aunt in a fret all the "There 1" exclaimed Fred. "Stay Anything that is honourable and sant companionship, and give her a as long as Hetty was on the winning to do the same likewise, and you a goin' side, but if the play went against her on like all possessed?" threw down her mallet and refused to bewildered at words the like of which finish the game.

> and Polly began to wonder if it was so the next thing for her to do was to feel very delightful a thing after all to have very angry. a cousin from the city visit them; and before the first week was gone every. cried. "Mamma won't let you." But body on the place decided that it was Dorothy Ann noticed her anger as little Fred's home an uneasy conscience.

liking, but unless she could have her girl to buy pretty things for and to take complaints were ready at a moment's snappin', and a snarlin', and a scowlin', notice. She had never been taught to and a makin' people wherever she goes take any thought for others, and her wish she was a thousand miles away? little cousins found it very hard to en. Don't you think she's proud of havin' dure all her whims and ill-humours. such a child? was their place to give up to their guest, lorentau an Grumpieu up, so you mouth that was of some stolen property.

but she herself could not help seeing iron it out, and your mouth that was of some stolen property.

"Why, what is this?" asked grandpa,
"A little page tree, a was their place to give up to their guest, forehead all crumpled up, so you might

made. When all were ready to go it many snakes and toads a droppin' out was discovered that Hetty was wearing of your mouth? And what do you he might have with the tree, "how did

those slippers, and was not irclined to -what does He think, do you s'pose, why, Fred, what is the matter?" said change it, or them, but was still quite when He sees it all blotted and stained grandpa. determined to go to the pic-nic. So up with all sorts of hateful thoughts?" Fred she said, "Then I believe I won't go."

must not stay at home. It's lovely out that the next thing for her to do was to but the confession of the theft. Grandthere—wild flowers and vine swings,"— feel very much ashamed. With a little pa Perkins looked grave, but he said in "And a creek where we catch fish, sob or two she got off the floor and a kindly tone, "Well, Fred, I am glad

Hetty came to the window and said

dering what they would do next in the ever guess how it came about, for she way of urging her.

away. What could it mean? They surely would never, never think of such a thing as going without her. They THERE was a great rejoicing among must be going to turn back for her-But there was a little misgiving at her heart, as she slowly walked down to the kitchen and asked Dorothy Ann,

> Seems to me I'd have gone, too, if I'd been you.' "Gone without me!" Hetty stood in blank amazement for a few moments, then flung herself down on the floor

At the first howl Dorothy Ann quietly took a chair, folded her arms, and sat looking at Hetty as if she were some very interesting curiosity. And Hetty screamed louder, and kicked until her "Will you come out in the garden?" bronzed slippers were as badly off as if said Jessie. "There are lots of currants and a few raspberries ripe. There pic-nics. And the louder she screamed, and the harder she kicked, the straighter Dorothy Ann looked at her.

It was very perplexing for Hetty. She had never kicked and screamed full acre of every thing which could be before without everybody being frightened for fear she would injure herself, and coaxing and petting her, and offering her everything she wanted, includlasted all day, and not a soul anywhere near to do any coaxing. Hetty did not know what to do next.

At last, when her throat ached, and her face was red, and her whole self the city for grandpa. Fred Perkins, badly tumbled, she sat upon the floor about closing a visit to his grandand looked at Dorothy Ann. And parents, stood looking at it. Now it then Dorothy Ann spoke:

It was not spoken sneeringly, nor in anger. Dorothy Ann was a pleasant-Don't you think it's nice to come where about an injunction in the best Book folks is all glad to see you, their hearts in the world, "Touch not, taste not, just warm and a runnin' over with kind handle not." "Mamma don't wish us to pick the feelin's to you, and little ones that's burr that everybody is glad to get away said.
"I like choice pansies, too," said from or drop out of their hands? Don't Hetty, with a scowl on her pretty face. you think it's nice to keep them chil-

Hetty stared up at Dorothy Ann she had never heard before, and slowly Long before tea-time Jessie and Tom through her mind came the idea that

> " How dare you talk so to me?" she as she had her screams.

Hetty could be very sweet and pleas-ant while things were exactly to her don't she think it's nice to have a little "Don't you think it's nice to see

will be rough ground and, perhaps, that He gave you to keep full of sweet-damp places to go over to-day." that He gave you to keep full of sweet-ness and loving kindness, and to make Hetty had made up her mind to wear you a comfort instead of a trial to folks

The other children were as woefully Dorothy Ann's face, and now, as she dismayed as she had expected them to seemed to have said her say, and went back to her work as if nothing had hap-"O, Hetty!" exclaimed Jessie, "you pened, it came over her very strongly "And such good things in the bas. tree. There Dorothy Ann found her, time, don't be afraid to tell at once.

party drew near home. And the other members of it felt so, too.

never told of Dorothy Ann's sermon. Aunt Emily got in, and to her great I wish all spoiled children could hear astonishment the wagon was driven such a one-don't you?-Congregationalist.

The Children's Corner.

THE SAILOR.

BEYOND the lawn, below the hill, Runs, rippling by, a merry rill That sings to me the sweetest tunes Through all the summer afternoons, For there I go to sail my boat Till evening shadows round me float

The stream I launch my craft upon Is both my Rhine and Amazon, And so I journey quite at will In Germany or in Brazil; And oh, the scenes that form and shift As down the dancing tide I dust !

Now eastle towers frown over me, Now monkeys leap from tree to tree ; Now crack uprise on either side, Now forest Jungles billow wide; And ever do the cries prevail Of those who set or furl the sail.

But by-and-by, my journeys from, Into the quiet port I come; Then like a hardy sailor-man, I eat of dinner all I can; At I when the night grows dark and deep, I sail across the seas of sleep. —Harper's Young People.

THAT ROSY PEACH.

It did look so nice i so round, rosy

and ripe | It was a peach. Grandma had brought it home from is entirely safe to look at some things, "You're a nice child now, ain't but how is it with things that we long for, but belonging to another? We may stand and say, "I wonder if it would

That is the very thing Fred Perkins

There was one thing Fred did not

"I'll pitch it as far as I can," he

He threw it out of an open window, and it fell at the foot of an evergreen

And then, how Fred wished he had not touched that peach at all 1 He was going to his parents' home that very

day.
"Before you go," advised conscience, frankly tell your grandpa!" And he didn't. "Only a peach!" he said to his plain-

spoken friend, conscience. The stage rattled up to the door, and the stage rattled away. It took off to

The year rolled round, the next year's vacation came along, and Fred went again to see his grandparents. In the meantime he had almost, but not quite, forgotten about that stolen and devoured peach.

"Fred," said his grandpa one day, "come into the garden and see how things have grown since you were here."

He saw the pear trees, apple trees, quince trees. Soon they came to the evergreen hedge fronting the window

Don't you know there's wolves a look- looking down. "A little peach tree, a One day there was a pic-nic, to which ing out of your eyes, when there ought little thing, but still it will make a goodsized tree some day."

"O, my !" exclaimed Fred, not thinking about any possible connection it come there?"

"Don't know!" Haven't had a peach in my house for a year, not since the day grandma brought home a fine ness and loving kindness, and to make one; but I never had a chance to try its goodness, for it went mysteriously-

Fred was strangely coughing and Hetty had never taken her eyes from warmly blushing, while his heart Dorothy Ann's face, and now, as she thumped away as if a peach tree fully grown was inside of his jacket and trying to make its way out.

Then it all came out, not the tree, went out and lay down under an apple you are frank with me now, but another

"Another time," murmured Fred, "I

" And that will be still better, Fred." chance to speak her mind," and having -Rev. E A. Rand, in Phil. Presbyterian.