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suppose that a man of Lowell's taste would employ so ludicrous an image in a serious description. As decumanus also means fair, huge, vast, presumably because ten is a perfect number, we guessed again that Rupis decumana might be a classical expression for a rock of enormous size, and we felt that although this term would be inadequate it would not be inappropriate to the text. We were getting nearer to the truth, but if it had not been for a piece of good luck, we should have remained after all almost as completely "baffled,". as if we ourselves, had been a decuman. We were turning over some miscellaneous criticisms of Politian's and he kindly told us all about it, teaching us in the first place to apply the term "decuman" to the water rather than to the land.
The Latins set great value upon the number Ten. They seem to have believed that the tenth or decuman ${ }^{\text {'wave rolled a greater volume of water than any other, }}$ that the tenth egg produced the largest chicken, and so on. Hence they applied the term decuman to whatever was pre-eminent ; the gate best fitted to resist the attacks of an enemy was the decuman gate, and the shield most capable of guarding its owner's person was a decuman shiefd ; the learned Beroaldus devotes a chapter of his annotations to correct a passage of Lucilius; that satirist had been quoted as reproving the spendthrift, Gallonius, for supping off a decuman dish, when in reality the censure was for supping upon a decuman sturgeon, which gastronomical Romans of that day considered the most toothsome of the finny tribes, and which constantly could only be purchased for a decuman price.
But our business is with decuman waves, and on this point quite a chorus of the poets supply Politiano with quotations, which we translate for the benefit of our readers.
Thus quaintly and explicitly does Ovid express himself in his Tristia.
"The wave surpassing other waves in strength
Follows the ninth and goes before th' eleventh."
In the Metamorphoses, the same poet says,
With vaster sweep the tenth wave rushes on,"
Silius Italicus tells us,

- Not otherwise swift Boreas from the height

Of Rhodope urges his headlong might,
And doth the drown'd land with the tenth wave smite."
After this fashion does Seneca doom a fleet to destruction :
'This settles down, another with crushed sides
Yields to the flood, and one the tenth wave hides.
In each of the two following quotations, the decuman like Mr, Lowell's is baffled
"How thoroughly, how of, through Pallas' aid,
The tenth wave's lofty swell was harmless made."
The tenth wave's lofty swell was harmless made."
valerius Flaccus.
"And wondrous to relate, e'en the tenth wave
Lifts up the damaged hull it cannot stave."

## lucan.

Of course Professor Lowell and his university friends know all about these things, and crack, every day of their lives, harder nuts than our "philological filberts." Nevertheless we warn the poet, when next he launches a venture on the sea of Public Opinion that, although the plaudits of the learned few may form a pleasant tide on which to quit the harbour, it is the many, who constitute the decuman wave which can waft him to the Fortunate Isles of Fame, strand him amidst the shallows of Neglect, or roughly dash him on the rocks of Scorn.

Sylvester Evergreen.
Rev. C. G. Ames, of Californa, has a wife who is a help-meet indeed, taking her husband's place in his pulpit in case of his sickness or absence. On a recent Sabbath she "got up in the morning, prepared breakfast, washed and dressed lier baby, dressed her little daughter for Sabbath school, put baby to sleep, and sat down and reviewed her sermon before time to take the cars for church, when, consigning baby to the loving care of his grandmother, she went to church, and preached, to the entire satisfaction of a large and criti'qudience."

THE MONOLITH OF MOAB;

or, A newly found chapter of a long lost HISTORY.

$W^{\mathrm{E}}$ notice that for several months past a dis. of some leading English journals concerning the character and history of an inscription on a certain stone pillar discovered about eighteen months ago within the ancient territory of Moab, to the east of the River Jordan, and in the immediate vicinity of the Dead Sea. The announcement by Mons. Ganneau of the discovery of this antique monolith attracted much attention to the exploring expedition which he represented, and created no little excitement amongst savans on the shores of the Levant. Early in 1870, during our sojourn at Port Said, a steamer put into that city, en route from Jaffa to Alexandria, having a large fragment of the monolith on board,-the said fragment being destined for the Imperial museum at Paris. We were permitted to go on board along with a band of "curious folks," and had the pleasure of gazing on a work of art executed nearly twenty-e ight centuries ago. It was about two feet long by one and a half feet wide and nine inches in thickness-a mere fragment of the original column. It contained a portion of several sentences. The character seemed to indicate a Hebrew origin ; but on looking closer they would be found to contain several "extraneous" letters-apparently resembling some members of the old Geltic Alphabet. We ask for an explanation, on noticing this discrepancy, and the gentleman in charge furnished the desired information. He then produced the fac simile of a copy of the complete inscription taken by the discoverer before the superstitious Arabs demolished the column, and proceeded to translate the contents, and
with his assistance we transcribed some of the most important sentences. This gentleman, Mons. Clement, a member of the exploration party, informed us that himself and companions were utterly surprised on examining the monolith to find that "the language on the rock was a dialect of the old Hebrew" or that used in Israel before the captivity.
The inscription when complete consisted of 36 lines comprising about 1,200 letters. The lines, with the exception of the first three, were of equal length and the sentiments were expressed in verse after the He brew manner. The style, orthography and arrangement, are said to bear a very close resemblance to old manuscript copies of the books of Chronicles and Kings. It is worthy of note also that the words were separated by points and the sentences and phrases by vertical lines. The variations in the formation of some of the characters may be ascribed to national innovations or improvements-such innovations for instance as the Yankees are fond of making in the English language. But the Moabites being less ambitious confined themselves to innovations in the alphabet. It seems to us that this Monolith clearly proves that the Israelites and the Moabites spoke the same language. This is the more probable seeing that they sprang from the same stock.

The stone containing the inscription was a polished pillar of basalt hewn, probably, cut of the neighbouring Mountains of Nebo. It was of a dark blue colour, very dense, hard and of enormous size. It was admirably dressed and the characters must have been cut with a steel instrument of more than ordinary temper. Although the column has been subject to "the wear and tear" of nearly thirty centuries, yet the letters are as deep, as clear and precise as if they had been the work of yesterday. How the sculptors of ancient Moab managed to cut these beautiful characters on a rock so dense and hard, is a matter of much conjectare.

The local tribes in this wild region possess many characteristics in dress, language, and physical appearance, which would seem to distinguish them from the genuine Arab. This fact has induced some to affirm that though Moab has perished as a nation, still her people live as a race. The local tribes affirm that, according to a certain tradition, it was one King Dibon who erected this remarkable pillar. They add that the inscription indicated where the imonarch's treasure was concealed. It was to prevent the Turks from finding the fabulous wealth that the superstitious Bedouins broke up the column after it had been "unearthed." Its fragments have since found their way into nearly every Museum in Europe.

If the present inhabitants of Moab be the descendants of the ancient Moabites (and there are many reasons for believing so) they have, like many modern nations, forgotten the language of their ancestors. This is evident from their ignorance of the meaning of the inscription on the column.

It would seem that after the death of Ahab, King of Israel, the tributary (see ii Samuel viii chap.) principality ot Moab rebelled under the guidance of Mesha, who had been sheep master to the Hebrew Kings (see ii Kings iii chap.) Jehoram and Jehoshaphat', Kings of Israel and Judah, united their forces and marched to meet Mesha, and his rebellious army The allies were yery successful during the early stages of the war, They defeated the rebel armies, storming city after city, and at last laid siege to Kir-Haraseth, Being hard pressed Mesha endeavoured to cut his way through the lines of the besiegers, but failing to do so, he offered up his eldest son as a burnt sacrifice on the walls of the city; after which an unaccountable panic seized on the allies and they fled every man "to his own land." King Mesha folloyed hard on their footsteps "smiting them hip and thigh " even to the passes of the Jordan. This singular panic and sudden flight of the allies enabled Mesha not only to establish his Independence but also to annex a large section of the territory of the tribe of Reuben. This territory had formerly belonged to the Moabites, but had been taken from them by Sihon, King of the Amorites, from whom
it was wrested by the Israelites prior to the death of Moses (see Numb. 2 Ist chap. ${ }^{2} 3^{-35}$.)
The stone seems to have been erected to commemorate the deeds of the monarch, and on the occasion of the consecration of a temple to Chemosh or Chamos-the Jove or Jehovah of the Moabites. The inscription is a royal proclamation glorifying Mesha and his god. But we let his Majesty of Moab speak for himself. He now addresses young Canada through his translator and interpreter, Sir H. Rawlinson and Mons. Ganneau. He says :-

I am Mesha, King of Moab. * My father zeas king for thirty years; and I succeeded my father. * * * Twenty years I have reigned by the grace of Chemosh.

He has been my sword and my buckler all my life long. * * * I, Mesha, am his servant whom he sheltered from all attack, and to whom he has given repose."
The King then alludes to the sub-division of Israel under Rehoboam, the usurpation of Omri, and relates the evils which characterized the subjugation of Moab by Israel under King David. Allusion is then made to a decisive battle at Kir, and the capture of great spoils, amongst which was something of enormous value, which he " hung up before the face of Chemosh at Cheroth."
It is probable that "Kir" was the common name of Kir-Haraseth, and that the battle alluded to was fought by him against the allies before the walls of that town, from which they afterwards fled (being panicstricken), leaving their spoils behind. Mesha refers to the reconstruction of Baal-meon, Beth-nimra, Ashtaroth, and Kir-Luthim, cities re-conquered by him from the region seized by Israel after defeating Sihon. Mesha then relates the history of another of his campaigns against the King of Israel. He says that :-
"Chemosh speaking in the visions of the night said: ' Get the hence, Mesha, and take dominion over Israel Behold, I have given him into thine hand. His mighty men shall fall before thee, and his fonced cities will be thine. Avenge the children of Moab on Israd.' I went in the night, and fought Israel from the rising of the sun to mid-day, when he fled before the face of Chemosh. * * We slew seven thousaud of his valiant men. * * Ere The sun went dozon we sacrifical to the Elohim (gods) of Moab. * * I carried off the sacred vessels of fchovah, and consecrated them before the face of Chemosh.
Great was the renozon of Mesha. Verily there is no god but Chemosh."
Mesha then mentions his invasion of the ancient territory of Moab, in which the tribe of Reuben had settled (See Numbers xxi., ver. 23-31), and his expulsion of the Hebrew squatters.
"The King of Isracl," says he, "built the city of Fahaz (East of the Fordan), and dwelt there when I made war against him. * * Hefled before Chemosh, and the men of Moab recovered the inheritance of their fathers. * * I smote the cities of Fahaz, Dibon, Beser, Beth-Molech and others, with the edge of the szoord, measuring them with a line, and casting them dowon to the dust. *, * I slew of their inhalitants two and twenty thousand men,"
He then names some cities which he built, fortified, and garrisoned in the re-conquered territory. The inscription would seem to indicate that the Israelites made some efforts to recover their lost territory ; for-
"At the commencement of the year (probably в.c. 880), at the time kings go forth to zaar, the King of Israel came $u p$ wiith his hosts to Horonaim (a city in the disputed territory), and I, Mesha, by order of Chemosh, went out to mect him and set the battle in array. * * Chemosh fought for Mesha, and the men of Moab smote Isracl at

## Horonaim."

After this the land had rest, and Mesha seems to have reigned in peace during the rest of his life. Israel, we suppose, accepted "the situation."
Ahab, King of Israel, died b.c. 897, and Mesha rebelled the same year. The Monolith of column under-discussion must have been erected about twenty years after that event ; for Mesha tells us that at the time of its erection he had reigned that length of time. He may possibly reckon the twenty years he had
reigned, not from the date of his revolt, but from the death of his fathēr. In that case a few years must be added to the age of the Monolith-an age which may be regarded as 2,750 years, nearly twenty-eight centuries. The inscription is the oldest and most interesting known to antiquarians. To the Christian historian it will be peculiarly attractive, giving as it does the summary of an interesting chapter of the lost history of Moab, whilst supplementing, explaining, and corroborating many incidents alluded to in Holy Writ. How singular that this stone. should be brought to light at a time when many cavillers had dared to question even the authenticity of the Sacred Book itself? How strange that King Mesha, after a sleep of nearly three thousand years, should come forth, as it were, from his long-forgotten tomb to tell us the story of other days! In these latter times, even, the stones of the field bear testimony to the truth of Divine revelation, and prove that the God of the Bible is the God of History.

## A FEW FACTS ABOUT PRECIOUS STONES,

THE other day my little daughter was admiring the contents of her grandmother's jewel-casket, and so great was her anxiety to learn the history of the different gems and stones she there beheld, that I determined to put together the following facts for her information ; thinking others might like to read them also, I herewith present them to the readers of Pure GOLD :-
The Amethyst is a precious stone, generally of a violet or purple hue, and of a transparent and shining nature. The hues of different Amethysts are as various as the tints of purple-that is, as are all the mixtures of blue and red. It is also found colourless, and may easily be made so by putting it in the fire. In this state it so much resembles the Diamond that its want of hardness seems the only way of distinguishing it. Amethysts are found in the East and West Indies, and in several parts of Europe ; those from Oriental parts-at least some of the finest speci-mens-being so hard and bright as to equal any of the coloured gems in value.
Beryl--This is a pellucid gem, of a light green colour, found in the East Indies, Brazils, Peru, Siberia, \&c. It is considered by Cleveland as a subspecies of Emerald; it is nearly as hard as Topaz, and can scarcely be melted without adding some other substance. With borax it melts easily, however. It becomes electrical by rubbing. It is found in primitive rocks, with quartz, felspar, garnet, and topaz.
Bloodstone is a species of quartz, of a deep green colour, much used for seals and paper-weights. It is usually variegated with blood-red and yellowish dots, and is more or less translucent. It is generally supposed to be chalcedony, coloured with green earth or chlorite.
Cornclian.-A precious stone, either red, fleshcolour, or white. The finest is that of the East Indies; but there are some beautiful specimens in the rivers of Silesia and Bohemia. Some good ones, also, are found in Great Britain.
The Carbuncle is a beautiful gem of a deep red or scarlet colour-like red-currant jelly, children say. It was known to the ancients as the Anthax. When held up against the sun it loses its deep tinge, and becomes exactly like burning charcoal-whence its name. Some people fancy the Carbuncle was the Gamet of the ancients.
Chalcedony.-A genus of semi-pellucid gems of regular texture ; semi-opaque, crystaline basis-of different coloured cloudy spots such as Bloodstone, Cornelian, Onyx, and Sardonyx.
Chrostasima is a name given to pellucid gems which appear in one simple and permanent colour in all appear
lights.
Chrysoberyl.-A yellowish gem, usually found in round pieces,-- or crystalized into eight-sided prisms It is much used in jewellery, and is next to the Sapphire in hardness.
Chrysolite-A mineral of a greenish hue, often transparent. It is sometimes granular, and at other times appears in small crystals. It is much used for necklaces.
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the United States, as settled in the preliminaries between the British and American Plenipotentiaries.
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ries were signed; and if we could procure the identical map mentioned by Franklin, it would seem to afford conclusive evidence as to the meaning affixed by the Commissioners to the language of the treaty on the subject of
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the Archives are sixty thousand maps and charts-but so well arranged with catalogues and indexes that any one of them may be easily found. After a little research in the American division, with the aid of the keeper, I came upon a map of North America, by D'Anville, dated 1746, in size about eighteen inches square, on which was drawn
a strong red line through the entire boundary of the a strong red ine through the entire boundary of the
United States, answering precisely to Franklin's description. The line is bold and distinct in every part, made tion. The line is bold and distinct in every part, made
with red ink. and apparently drawn with a camel-hair pencil, or a pen with a blunt point. There is no other colouring on any part of the map.
"' Imagine my surprise on discovering that this line runs wholly south of St. John, and between the head waters of that river and those of the Penobscot and Kene-
bec. In short, it is exactly the line now contended for by bec. In short, it is exactly the line now contended for by
Great Britain, except that it concedes more than is claimed. The north line, after departing from the source claimed. The north line, after departing from the source
of the St. Croix, instead of proceeding to Mars Hill, stops far short of that point, and turns off to the west, so as to leave on the British side all the streams which flow into the St. John between the source of the St. Croix and Mars Hill. It is evident that the line from the St. Croix to the Canadian high land is int
"' There is no positive proof that this map is actually the one marked sition, it would be difficult to explain the circumstances of its agreeing so perfectly with its description, and of its
being preserved in the place where it would naturally be being preserved in the place where it would naturally be
deposited by the Count de Vergennes. I also found another map in the Archives, on which the same boundary was traced in a dotted
"' I enclose herewith a map of Maine, on which I have drawn a strong black line, corresponding with the red one above mentioned.

## 'Jared Sparks.'

Not only do this document and the map referred go directly to prove that the original line claimed by the British was the line understood by the Plenipotentiaries of both countries when the treaty of peace, was concluded, but this undeniable fact is corroborated by proof from the archives of an American statesman. Mr. Rives said :-
" A map has been vauntingly paraded here, from Mr. Jefferson's collection, in the zeal of opposition, (without taking time to see what it was,) to confront and invalidate taking time to see what it was, to confront and invalidate
the map found by Mr. Sparks in the Foreign Office at Paris; but the moment it is examined, it is found to con tain, by the most precise and remarkable correspondence in every feature, the map communicated by Mr. Sparks The Senator who produced it could see nothing but the microscopic dotted line running off in a north-easterly
direction ; but the moment other eyes were applied to it there was found, in bold relief, a strong red line, indicating the limits of the United States, according to the treaty of peace, and coinciding, minutely and exactly, with the peace, and coinciding, minutely and exactly, with the red line, Ind not the hardly-visible dotted line, was intended to represent the limits of the United States, according to the trexaty of peace, is conclusively shown by the
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Long Lakeand the Rainy Lake to the Lake of the Woods, Long Lake and the Rainy Lake to the Lake of the Woods,
and from the western extremity of the Lake of the Woods to the River Mississippi ; and along that river to the point where the beundary of the United States, according to the treaty of peace, leaves it, and thence, by its easterly course, to the mouth of the St. Mary's on the Atlantic.' taken by the British Government in the possession of the taken by the British Government in the possession of the
American Cabinet, the readiness of these wily statesmen to assent to a proposition by which they would knowingly overreach honest and unsuspecting John Bull is easily accounted for; and Britain must only blame herself in
being so unprepared to defeat the designing trickery of which, in the present instance, she has been the subject. We cnvy not the feclings of the American people, however,
in the matter: the nations of the world must viev woith in the matter: the nations of the woorld must viezo voith
merited indignation and disgust a Government wohich could stoop to such meanness ; but it secms bo be mercly an
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adopted by public bedies and Shates of the Union- which, approval, in high places, of the Repudiating system
adopted by public bodies and states of the Union-which,
it is to be hoped, woill med with its revoard." * The territory in dispute between the two Powers contained
12,029 square miles, or $7,6077.288$ square acres: of these by the Ash12,029 square miles, or $7,697,280$ square acres: of these by the Ash-
burton Trewty, the United States obtain 7,015 square miles, equal
to $4,489,600$ acres, and England 5.012 square miles, or $3,207,680$ acres. By the line of the King of the Netherlands, the United
States would have had 7,903 square mikes ( $5,061,120$ acress), and
England 4,119 square miles $(2,656,160$ acres $)$.

An old lady gave her idea of a great man; "One who is keerful of his clothes, don't drink spirits, kin read the Bible without spelling the words, and eat a cold dinner on a wash day without grumbling."

## MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

T$\mathrm{HE}^{2}$ following communication from J. G! Hodgins, L.L.D., in reference to the debate in the Anglican Synod, held in this city a few week's ago, we clip from the Church Herald of last week:
My Dear Sir,- With many others, I felt much regret at the re-introduction into the Synod, this year, by the Rev. Canon Beaven and the Rev. Provost Whittaker, of their resolution of last year, on the subject of Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister, the
more so, as the resolution will prove of no more
value.
Whe

When these gentlemen proposed their resolution at a late period of the Synod last year, I ventured to suggest delay and enquiry. The opposition to the reso ution caused its withdrawal, and thus delay was se cured; but my reasonable request to obtain accurat information on the subject was resisted, although it bled the Synod to have taken up the subject if de sired, and to have discussed it intelligently and calmly. I felt that in a large mixed body, like our Synod questions of this a faracer of no lime hediat Synod and involving personal and family matters, should not and involving personal and family matters, should not house should have had an opportunity of fully under standing and discussing them. The subject is, no doubt, familiar to the Clergy; but the mass of the lay representatives have given it but little consideration while most of them know that there is a conflict be while most of them know that there is a conflict be tion.
I had no personal interest in the question; but I knew that the passage of even Dr. Beaven's ineffective resolution would cause unnecessary pain to very many to acknowledge the authority of the Civil and Canon to acknowledge the authority of the Civil and Canon Law of England in Canada, and who prefer to follow the civil law as they find it in this country. I also felt that the resolution was most inopportune. It would
likely be interpreted as aimed directly, and in an unlikely be interpreted as aimed directly, and in an un-
friendly spirit (just then), at a most distinguished Engfriendly spirit (just then), at a most distinguished Eng-
lish minister who is the head of the Wesleyan body in lish minister who is the head of the Wesleyan body in this country, and who, as that very time, was in great event, which had brought with it deep and poignan sorrow, and had cast a dark shadow over a truly happy home. Fortunately no allusion was made, last year, to
the Rev. Mr. Punshon's case, and the matter passed the Rev. Mr. Punshon's case, and the matter passed off, I trust, without attracting notice. This year, however, it was otherwise, as might have been expected;
and a few days ago I received a note from Mr Punand a few days ago I received a note from Mr. Punshon, portions of which I will, with your permission, append to this letter. I trust he will pardon the liberty which I have taken; but as I could not hope to do justice to his views in the matter, I prefer to let that distinguished gentleman utter them in his own lan guage. The marked allusion made by gentlemen in to the od, (who are unaccustomed this subject made the reference to Mr . Punshon by other members the more pointed, especially as the opinions and practice of the equally large body over which he presides, were not referred to at all, although they were known Presbyterian body
It may be urged that, as our Synod does not legislate for those in other communions, it would be unreasonable to ask us to defer to their views and opinions, or o take into account their peculiar circumstances, True; but we may, nevertheless, in our zeal, overlook the obligations of Christian courtesy, forbearance and good feeling, and utter expressions and characterize acts, lawful in themselves, as in this instance, in manner calculated to deeply wound those-equally honourable, highminded and obedient to God's laws with ourselves-who may happen to differ from us,or, as Mr. Punshon forcibly puts it-" we may speak to the hurt of those whom God hath zoundal." This I fell and regretted, was the cause of this discussion,
The experienced mover and seconder of the resoluof their Synod adduced several reasons in support of their motion, which are by no means admitted as valid by high authorities in our own body; but never question by the Synod had any good reason been shown why it was so absolutely necessary just now to pass the resolution at all. I pointed out that the Bishops in the various Dioceses of Canada had
already emphatically spoken on the subject ; and all aiready emphatically spoken on the subject ; and all
felt and admitted that there was no uncertainty in the regulations of the Prayer Book in the matter. Why then compel the laity, to re-enact a law already bponding on the clergy, but not on the laity, especially as it is notorious that we have no court of competent juriss-
diction to enforce obedience to the law, even when diction to enforce obedience to the law, even when it
passed? The Synod on the first day of its meeting
refused to re-enact a By-law which was shown to have passed ten years previously; even when doubts were expressed as to whether it had not been repealed, and yet in this case in sola and the venerable law of the Pray Church in Clf were not considered sufficion to Prayer Book itself were not considered suficient to bind the clergy; but we were pressed to pass a law on he subject ourselves, whe and vincial Synod to do the same! Why, I again ask, wa it so neccessary to do all this just now, especially as it is well known that the House of Commons, and a large and influential minority in the House of Lords are moving every year in a directly opposite direction. Our own law, too, is against it. I think such reasons, and others which were adduced, were sufficient to have caused us to defer action, and to have directed an inquiry to be made into the subject, before passing a resolution, which can do no good. The inquiry suggested by me, I propose to leave chiefly in the hands of the mover and seconder of the resolution, knowing that they would deal fairly with the matter of that inquiry.
The following is a copy of the Rev. Mr. Punshon's tter.

Belive me, my dear Sir,
J. George Hodgins.

Toronto, June 30 th, 1871

## REV: MR. PUNSHON'S LETTER.

[COPY.]
Montreal, June 23, 187 I .
My Dear Sir,-Allow me to thank you for your deprecation of personalities in your Synod discussion the other day, and to say, at the same time, that I should like you to know, and, if the opportunity comes in your way, to affirm (privately) on my behalf, thatI. I did so advisedly, from no impulse of passion but from a deliberate, well-considered, prayerful coniction of duty.
II. That I try to love Jesus, and was, and am, convinced, after seeking His will in earnest and continued prayer, that in this matter I was rightly led, and for two happy years I have not had the slightest misgiving of the scriptural lawfulness and hallowed sanction of the course I took.
III. I thought out the whole scriptural argument on the question as long ago as 1856 , when I had no idea that it could ever apply to myself, and became then lawful as they are in many cases socially expedient I need not remind youthat there are as many bright Church of England names to be quoted on the one side as on the other-such as Bickersteth, Champneys, Hook, Whately, Villiers, Dale, J. C. Miller, C. J. affirmed its propriety,) and that the warm opponents of such marriages are to be found generally among the High Church or ascetic schools.
Shall I tell you one or two of the arguments which convinced me? With Dr. McCaul, (brother of the first Hebraists of his time), I believe that all criticism first Hebraists of his time), 1 believe that all criticism
must bow before the plain, straightforward meaning of must bow before the plain, straightforward meaning of
the words in Lev, xviii. 18. The explainers-away suggest two thoughts:

This is a prohibition of bigamy as tbe margin reads "one wife to another." I submit this cannot be, because we know for a fact that bigamy was practised to a much later period by those who were bound by these Levitical laws-and also because in Deut. xxi.
15,--part of the second giving of the law, and therefore her,--bigamy is recognized as existing, and for a cer ain contingency growing out of it, legislated for, and surely that would not be actually legislated for which had been for a short, while before positively forbidden.
Then it is said that in the 16 th verse of Lev, xviii., Then it is said that in the 16th verse of Lev. xviil., marriage with a brother's wife is forbidden, and by
"parity of rcasoning" (a wonderful phrase) the same "parity of reasoning" (a wonderful phrase)
relationship is included on the other hand.
(They do not see the dilemma in which this places them. In the 2 Ist verse of the xx. chap. of Lev., the penalty is denounced against the taking of the brother's wife-i. c. childlessness. If the prohibition applies, the penalty must apply also. Need I do more than to emind you of instances within your own knowledge, enalty has followed. Either then the Scripture is broken, and its threatenings a dead letter, or, the prohibition does not imply.
2, Again, take the Apostle's words in Romans vi. 2 ,
which appear to me significant. "Slie is freed from the azo of her husband - not from her husband-but from all the obligations of the relationship into. which her relationship with him brought her. It appears, and has always appeared to me that the doctrine of this passage is that the relationship of afinity, created by
law, ceases when the law ceases. If death has no effect to abrogate the "law of the husband"-if my wife's sister is still my wife's sister, then logically my wife is still my wife, and so far from restricting my liberty to marry to her own relations, her death-as it does not alter my reiations to her-does not leave me at liberty to marry at all.
I could go on, but I have wearied you. I had no intention of thus enlarging when I began, but I was anxious that you should know and feel that I have actanxious that you should know and feel that I have act no conscientiously, and social order, much less any law of God
I laid my account with the less ander law of God. I laid my account with the wonder of many good the hurt of those whom God hath wounded. I force no man's conscience ; but I claim equal liberty for my no ma.

Yours very truly
(Signed) W. Morley Punshon.
To J. George Hodgins, Esq., L.L.D., Toronto.

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## TORONTTO, JULY 14, 1871.

## "NO LIQUORS KEPT."

Our readers have doubtless noticed, on the last page of "Pure Gold," the advertisement of Messrs Perkins \& Clarke of Hamilton, wholesale grocers and spice merchants; doubtless may have been struck with the bold announcement at the end of the advertisement "no liquors kept." The announcement is suggestive, not only does it indicate that the members of the firm are staunch temperance men, but it also indicates a healthful change in public-sentiment in regard to the liquor traffic. Time was, and that not long ago, when such an announcement by a wholesale grocer, would have been regarded as utterly suicidal. Indeed the opinion is still held by not a few, that to carry on a grocery business successfully without selling intoxicating liquors, is utterly impossible. It cannot be denied that the man who conducts a grocery business on temperance principles, is placed at considerable disadvantage in competing with those who have no scruples as regards the sale of strong drinks, because the immense profits realized on all kinds of intoxicating liquors, enables those who deal in them to undersell the temperance grocer on many other articles. Still we are glad to know that the number of those who are willing to put up with small profits, rather than grow quickly rich by the sale of strong drink, is steadily increasing, while the gratifying success which has crowned the efforts ot many of them, has proved to a demonstration that a safe and remunerative business, can be done without resorting to the sale of these stimulants.
A number of years ago, when our friend Edward Lawson opened a grocery on temperancè principles. he was met everywhere with the cry: "you can't, suc ceed unless you sell liquor." "Well" responded Mr. L. with characteristic decision, " if I can't do business without selling whiskey, I'll go back to my farm and my plough." Nobly did he adhere to his resolution through years of trial and discouragement, not only has he succeded in working up an extensive and profitable business, but as the result of his noble example we have now quite a number of groceries in the city of

Toronto, (some of them first-class) doing a large and lucrative business, without the sale of a drop of liquor, If temperance men would only rally round and support those who refuse to sell strong drink, a vast number of grocers both wholesale and retail, would find it to their interests to follow the example of our friend Perkins, and the time would yet come when the motto would be inscribed on the Commerce of the Dominion "no liquors kept."

## SELLING WHISKEY ON SUNDAY.

The "Collingwood Bulletin" of July 12 th, in an editorial, entitled "Independence of the press" would lead us to infer that old fogyism is still rite in some portions of Canada. The "Bulletin" as every local paper, which has the interest and prosperity of the town at heart should have done, reported in its columns the conduct of a couple of hotel keepers of the place, who contrary to the law of the country, sold liquor on Sunday.
Instead of feeling grateful to the "Bulletin" for the very mild reproof administered, these hotel-keepers conceived, in their fertile imaginations, what they con sidered to be a systematic and mastėrly scheme of retribution.
Not satisfied with withdrawing their own support from the only paper of the town, which was bold enough to speak out in favour of the maintenance of the laws ot the country, and against the desecration of the Sabbath, these high minded individuals went from party to party, endeavouring to force a withdrawal of patronage from it. Mr. Brown, a butcher by trade, was to have his temporal affairs wound up by these gentlemen in a most abrupt manner, if he did not remove his advertising patronage from the "Bulletin" Mr. Brown however still lives and metes out to admiring customers. It is sad to think that in Canada, a paper which so ably advocates the interests of the town in which it is, should in its endeavours to enforce the laws of the country, be subjected to such marks of petty spite. It remains with the law abiding and loyal citizens of Collingwood, to ably co-operate with the "Bulletin" in maintaining the stand it has taken. We are glad to see that the 'Bulletin' has not suffered financially, and we hope that a still increasing circulation and a hearty support will show that it has the sympathies of the people on its side, as regards the enforcing of the liquor laws. In the mean time the authorities will see that these men have not a perfect right to sell wiskey on Sunday if they please.

## THE EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT,

$I^{7}$T is a theory accepted and acted on by all sensible men and women, that man was made to enjoy this tending to this is the devoting a reasonable portion of his time to the pursuit of relaxation; for relaxation, either from business or study, is just as essential to a healthy, happy life as is a proper proportion of oxygen. Those who refuse this theory for themselves, or refuse the opporunity of putting it into practice to those they employ, are, we say, guilty of a mischievous error.
Such conduct, however, is practised wholesale in this city, through the late closing system adopted by so many employers. As we promised in our last issue, when briefly stating the case, we intend this week to consider the question of early closing in its social, moral, and physical aspects. We will deal with the last division of the subject first.
Throughout animated nature, open air exercise seems o be a law of its being; nor can full development and perfect health be attained without it. Proper food, cleaniness, pure air and exercise are the great essentials to long life. For the first two of these requisites, young people are themselves responsible ; the enjoyment of the last two depends upon the hearts and brains of those who employ them. "Organized beings must exercise or die," is a law of physical economy. Why, then, should men take it upon themselves to deny to those about them the opportunity of fulfilling this law?
It has been truly said, that " legitimate commerce and general trade are necessary, but are very liable to be overdone." Legitimate trade is certainly overdone, if in its pursuance more than the twelve hours of the day are passed.

And it surely cannot be believed by those who become assistants in stores that they will escape labour, because but few kinds of occupation are more irksome than this we are now speaking of. Look at the pallid cheeks and narrow sloping shoulders of our young men, if you want a visible' proof of how long and late hours may, directly and indirectly, injure health and depair digestion.
The exercise obtained in a close shop is by no means the kind of exercise to be desirẹd ; in fact, it tires rather than strengthens. What is wanted is sufficient time in which to take meals, and then a reasonable amount of leisure in the evening-not in the night-for a good bracing walk, which shall fill the lungs with a supply of pure fresh air. and nerve the flaccid muscles for the next day's labours. This ought to be granted.
A few words now on the social aspect of the case. A principle as often denied as it is accepted in the practices and teachings of society, is that man is the creature of circumstances. Now, although it is not our credo that circumstances are the whole of life, or the all of man, and although it is our creed that there is something beside them, above them, in fact their master, and although one might advise a friend never to consent to be governed by circumstances, at the same time there would be a lingering suspicion if he would ever be governed by anything else. Man is a creature of circumstances and influences in this light-they give direction to his course.
Let us apply this:-If these assistants of whom we are speaking leave the stores at an hour when there is no time to take a walk, and when our places of "innocent amuse ment" are closed, or the performances half completed what remains, except for those who are thoroughly domesticated, but to drop into drinking saloons and beer-shops, and so put a finishing stroke to an uuhealthy day's work nd contraction of these habits simply means, The contraction of these habits simply means, the beginning of the end. It will be distinctly understood
that the frequent or regular visiting of indoor places of amusement is by no means advocated ; but amusement of some kind we believe to be absolutely necessary. But not only this; there are meetings whose object is thc conveyance and propagation of sound social doctrines ; and the same absurd reason, which debars the attendance from he temples of Thespis and Apollo, stands equally as a barrier to the attendance of the temple of Minerva.
Another evil, consequent on the hours of freedom occuring only in the latest part of the day, is that young men and women, when seen parading the streets at unseasonable hours-though not in theircase incxcusable-arelooked upon suspiciously, and get the harshly-whispered stigma o rowdyism attached to them.
Some of these young men, too, are married; and we protest against that system of employ which sends home a man to his wife so utterly fagged and wearied by long work that he is unfit, physically and socially, to be a pleasant, sympathising companion for the "little woman" at home. He is too tired to accompany her for a stroll, too tired to read to her, and usually spends the evening-if he spends it at home-dozing on the sofa, or lolling lazily in sends rocking chair, with a pipe in his mouth.
Besides, employers do themselves a great though unin entional injury in continuing these hours of lengthened servitude, for it must in a very great measure destroy that entente cordiale so necessary between employer and employed. If the employed sees that his employer has for an onject only to out" of him an uneasonable an object only to get out or mater anhealthy feeling of discontent and indifference will spring up, and the seeds of grumbling are sown. If the bitter fruit of open rebel lion is not borne, the tares choke the good seed of peaceful, harmonious co-working, and an opportunity is given to those who are younger or lower in the world for sneering at that principle of benevolence and those pure manly feelings, which they have been taught make others think f and act for them as they would think of and act for themselves.
We now pass on to speak of the moral effects of recreation, and naturally of the contrary effects of its prohibition. Here we must start with the belief that "the cheapest pleasures are the best ;" and surrely no pleasures are so cheap or so lasting as those gathered from the great volume of creation-a volume in which every chapter volume of creat has been called "the playfulness of wisdom."

Here is a great library of enjoyment, a great field of pleasure,
Fitted for all seasons, with the gain and gladness they bestow."
But when are our cooped-up ones to find time for he enjoyment of these pleasures? In a chance holiday only, for no time can be snatched from the toiling, moiling store to study Dame Nature's comely face.
The sensible recreation of sound reading, too, is largely shut off; for the inclination to pursue anything that tires
or requires attention is of the very faintest, and works of the lightest character are sought after, and the mind lies in the vacancy of sheer unintellectual amusement. Decidedly there are exceptions, but they only prove the rule.
If temporal happiness were alone considered, a course of conduct which allows of no time for moral culture is highly reprehensible. Contentment springs from the legitimate gratification of all the mental powers and moral attributes; and without the means being afforded for the gratification of these, by the granting of sufficient leisure, they become prostituted, dwindled and warped.
The least employers can do is to throw the responsibility off their own shoulders, and give those they employ he opportunity of developing those talents with which hey have been entrusted. It would not make them less happy, if they not only granted the necessary leisure, but did all they could to open the eyes of those they employ o what is false in theory and repugnant to the best interests of society; so leading them step by step in that correct moral culture which would teach them to study "those things that make for peace."

## PASSING EVENTS.

T
HE izth of Julx was celebrated by the Orange men of Canada in grand style. In thiscity, the procession was d conducting themselves with great propriety. We noticed that and conducting themselves with great propriety. We noticed not so large as some others, presented a good front, and compared well with the other lodges. We must compliment the fraternity on the
sobriety and good conduct of its members. There was considerable rinking ahd as a result some drunkeness; but we observed with leasure that comparatively few Orangemen showed signs of having indulged too freely. Though we enjoyed a cómparative absence fron "rows" in Toronto, and the Dominion generally, the citizens of New York did not escape the troubles which they anticipated, and of which we spokein our last. In view of the looked for disturbance, Governor Hoffman issued a proclamation giving permission to the Orangemen to walk peaceably and quietly, guaranteeing the full protection of the law, while they continued to act properly, and warning all who attempted to break up any procession, or the like, except under his directions, that "all powers at his command,
civil and military," would be "used to preserve peace, and put civil and military," would be "used to preserve peace, and put
down, at all hazards, every attempt at disturbance," It was fondly down, at all hazards, every attempt at disturbance," It was fondly hoped that the Governor's action upon the matter would have the desired effect. It was not so, however, and during the day attack were made upon the Orangemen. The aid of the police and military as called in. The mobs. So volent that the uthorities had to resort to the force of arms. Several are reported exact becn The bction of the Governor, was, we believe, cor exact number. The action of the Governor, was, we believe, cor
sect ; but it is a question if it would not have been better for the ect; but it is a question if it would not have been better for the
Orangemen to have dispensed with their procession for the nonce Orangemen to have dispensed follow out of it is hardly as it appears especiaily as the good likely to flow out of it is haraly
to us, equal to the evil upon such occasions as these.

## Later accounts. give the number of rioters arrested as 200

The Rev. John Hall, D. D., of New York city lectured here on Monday evening last, in Cooke's Church, on the
subject of "Mischievous Mistakes." The Church was well filled subject of "Mischievous Mistakes." The Church was well filled, and the lecturer fully sustained his well-earned reputar.

A gang of Bushrangers that has been disturbin: whe peace of certain of the
broken up a few days ago.

A celebrated " character," in one of our Canadian ities, has, according to the statement of a contemporary, been ar rested for the "three hundred and ninety first time," fordrunkenessand
disorderly conduct. We do not vouch for the correctness of the fig disorderly conduct. We do not vouch for the correctness of the fig
ures; but mention the case to ask the question,--are not inebriate ures; but mention the case to ask the ques
asylums better than prisons for such men?

The trial of Mrs. Lidia Sherman, a resident of one of the American cities, who was lately arrested upon the charge of having murdered several children, and (we think) three hustands, is at present in progres
tention in the States.

The returns of the British census have been made. The population of Scotland on the 3rd of April, 187r, is given at $3.358,613$, being an increase since 1861 , of 296,319 persons. There during a large amount of emigration from the United Kingdon during the past ten years. The number of those who have left to
seek homes in the New World, is said to be $1,978,8000$, the larges amount of emigration being from the Emerald isle. The Irish population is given as $5,402,759$, a decrease of 396,208 since 187 1. We have not yet obtained the returns of the population of England.

Cable Dispatches speak unfavorably of the crop prospe
yield.

The second coloured jury, which has even sat in To Tnited States, was empannelled at Cambridge, Guernsey Co.,
Ohio, a few days since. The case that they are to try is one of
and
shooting,
Wright.
A terribe tornado visited Dayton, Ohio, last Monday, unroofing houses, blowing down bridges, and causiug great destruction of property generally. The loss is estimated at $\$ \$ 00,000$.

The French Government, having subdued the Communists, are now puzzled to know what to do with them. Large been yet to be tried, to emigrate to America. Propositions have come from Colorado, Arizona, and Lower California, to have the Communists settle these colonies.
M. Theirs is said to have expressed his sympathy with the Pope, but he urges him to remain-in Rome, France being in a position to render him no aid. How much of the professed of France, with the Pope, on the part of any of the political parties mine, the various relied upon as genuine, mine, the various parties being probably desirous
capital out of the present state of affairs in Rome.

Negotiations are being made in order to the reduction of the postage rates. between the United States and Great Britain. The Postmaster General is said to be opposed to this proposed reduction, contending that the time has not yet come for it, and that it will cause loss to the revenue.

Some $\$ 34,000$ are estimated to have been realized his year out_of the Strawberry crop, by farmers around Smyrna,

$W^{\text {b }}$E have received through the kindness of a friend, a copy of the English Good TempLar the organ of the Grand Lodge of England, from which we cull the following encouraging and interesting items :-
"On the 2oth, of October 1870 the first Gqod Templars Lodge was instituded in Ireland, already in Ulster we have 41 Lodges numbering a membership of about 4,000 , with seven degree temples, we have fairly started on the grand aims of our Noble Order. Already we can see the fruits in many who were accustomed to grovel in the mire of drunkeness, being snatched as brands from the burning, who are now rest

## honor and usefulness.

- We hope soon to have a Grand Lodge established in Ireland, nd are determined to push forward in the glorious work, until we flag of Temperance


## flag of Temperanc

In Scotland, there are between $500 \& 600$ lodges, numbering 50 , oo members.
Within the
Within the past year, about 120 lodges have been opened in England, which now number some 5.000 members
We will give a notice of the personnel and contents of the "Good emplar" next week.
The Union Temperance Excursion, under the auspicss of the 1.0 of G. Templars in Toronto, on the aqth inst., promises to be a very interesting and successfulaffair. The Committee have made arrangements to visit all the places of interest at half price, and to have a "good square meal" provided on the ground at a reasonable rate, we have no doubt
best of the season.

Our favourite exchange is the Newspaper Directory, Published by Rowell \& Co'y., New York. It always brings us something fresh, spicy and good and is ever a welcome visitant to our sanctum,
NEW MUSIC-Among the most beautiful and brilliant; consequent y the most fashionable songs, are "Three Little Words" by J. A. Herieta, author of "Sweet Ethel May. "When you amd Twere young, Maggie," etc., and "The Beautiful Days that are Past,"
Frank Howard, author of "Guess who?" and "Little Rarefoot." rrank Howard, author of "Guess who?" and "Litte Earefoot."
If not obtainable at the music stores, thev may be had by enclosIf not obtainable at the music stores, they may be
ing 35 cents for each and sending it to the Publisher,
"Albert" Temple, of the I. O. Good Templars was organized at Hartville, Coleraine P.O., on Tuesday, ith inst., with 16 members, by M. Nasmith, G. W. Treasurer of the Order, assisted by Bros. Revs. Goodman and Johnston, and Bros. Porter, Robinson, and Sister Porter, of "Victoria" Temple, Clairville. We wish the new Temple success.
The StEeple Claydon Murder.- The woman Cath-
erine Muir, charged with the murder of a little child, named Bruce Dunlop Logan, at Steeple Claydon, on May, 10,
was brought before the magistrates on Tuesday. The was brought before the magistrates on Tuesday. The victim is one of four children whose parents are at present in India. The evidence was to the effect, that on Thurs-
day morning about half-past cight, the deceased was found day morning about half-past eight, the deceased was found
in the nuysery at Camp Farm-house, where he, with his in the nuysery at Camp Farm-house, where he, with his
brother and sister, boarded with the Misses Macdonald, lying in bed with his throat cut in a horrible manner. lying in bed with his throat cut in a horrible manner,
The prisoner was crouched on the floor in the corner of the room in her night dress, her hands and clothes smeared with blood. She was in a stupid, half drunken state, and on being raised a table knife covered with blood, was found under her. On the dressing table was found a bottle containing about a quarter of a pint of brandy, one of the servants having the day before fetched her a whole bottle
full. The prisoner was conveyed to the police-station, and admitted at once that she had perpetrated the murder, saying she knew her lot, and that she would be hung.

## TMale and Shetelter

## (From the Christian Union.)

MY WIFE AND I;

## HARRY HENDERSON'S HISTORY.

By Harriet Beecher Stowe. Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," etc., etc.

## CHAPTER III.-(Continued.)

My shadow-wife grew up by my side under my mother's creative toil. It was for her I studied; and for her I should touch. The thought of providing for her took the sordid element out of my economy and inspirer, charmer. She was to be my companion, not alone in one faculty, but through all the range of my being-there should be nothing wherein I and she could not by appreciative sympathy commune together. As I thought of her she seemed higher than stand on a height and I must climb to her-she must be a princess worthy of many toils and many labors Gadually she became to me a controlling power.
The thought of what she would think, closed for me many a book that I felt she and I could not read together-her fair image barred the way to many a door and avenue, which if a young man enters, h must leave his good angel behind,- and for her sake 1 abjured intimacies that 1 felt she could not approve and it was my ambition to keep the inner thoughts so pure, that it might be a my heart and thoughts so pure, th
worthy resting place for her at last.

## CHAPTER IV

START FOR advises me

THE time came at last when the sacred habit of intimacy with my mother was broken, and I was eave her for college.
It was the more painful to her, as only a year before, my father had died, leaving her more than ever depending on the society of her children.
My father died as he had lived, rejoicing in his work and feeling that if he had a hundred lives to live, he would devote them to the same object for which he had spent that one-the preaching of the Gospel. He left to my mother the homestead and a small farm, which was under the care of one of my brothers, so that the event of his death made no change in our family home center, and I was to go to college and fulfiil the hope of his heart and the desire of my Christian ministry.
My father and mother had always kept sacredly a little fund laid by for the education of their children; it was the result of many small savings and self-denials -but self-denials so checrfully and hopefully encountered that they had almost changed their nature and become preferences. The family fund for this purpose had been used in turn by two of my elder
brothers, who, as soon as they gained an independent foothold in life, appropriated each his first carnings to eplacing this sum for the use of the next.
It was not, however, a fund large enough to dispense with the need of a strict economy, and a supplemental self-helpfulness on our part.
The terms in some of our New England colleges are thoughtfullv arranged so that the students can
teach for three of the winter months, and the resources teach for three of the winter months, and the resources
thus gained help out their college expenses. Thus-at he same time they educate themselves and help to educate others, and they study with the maturity of mind and the appreciation the of value of what they are gaining, resulting from the habit of
selves with the actual needs of life.
The time that the boy goes to college is the time that he feels manhood to begin. He is no longer a boy, but an unfiedged, undeveloped man-a creature, half of the past and half of the future. Yet every one gives him a good word and a congratulatory shake of a time when advice is a splentiful as blackberries in August and often held quite as cheap-but nevertheless a young fellow may as well look at what his elders tell him at this time and see what he can make of it.
As I was "our minister's son," all the village thought it had something to dowith my going. "Hallo, Harry, so you've got into college! Think you'll be as
hear you're going to college. Stick to it now. could a made a suthin ef I'd a had larnin at your age, said old Jerry Smith, who rung the meeting-house bell, sawed wood, and took care of miscellaneous gardens for sundry widows in the vicinity.
But the sayings that struck me as most to the purpose came from my Uncle Jacob.
Uncle Jacob was my mother's brother, and the doctor not only of our village, but of all the neighoourhood for ten miles round. He was a man celebrated for medical knowledge through the State, and known by his articles in medical journals far beyond. He might have easily commanded a wider and more ucrative sphere of practice by going to any of the larger towns and cities, but Uncle Jacob was a philosopher and preferred to live in a small quiet way in a place whose scenery suited him, and where he could act precisely as he felt disposed, and carry out all his little bumors and pet ideas without rubbing against conventionalities.
He had a secret adoration for my mother, whom he regarded as the top and crown of all womanhood, and he also enjoyed the society of my father, using him as a sort of whetstone to sharpen his wits on. Uncle Jacob was a church member in good standing, but in the matter of belief he was somewhat like a high mettled horse in pasture,-he enjoyed once in a while having a free argumentative race with my father all round the theological lot. Away he would go in full career, dodging definitions, doubling and turning with elastic exterity, and sometimes ending by leaping over all the fences. with most astounding assertions, after which he would calm down, and gradually suffer the theological saddle and bridle to be put on him and go on with edifying paces, apparently much refreshed by his metaphysical capers,
Uncle Jacob was reported to have a wonderful skill in the healing craft. He compounded certain pills which were stated to have most wonderful effects He was accustomed to exact that, in order fully to develop their medical properties, they should be taken fter a daily bath, and be followed immediately by a brisk walk of a specific duration in the open air The steady use of these pills had been known to make wonderful changes in the cases of confirmed invalids, fact which Uncle Jacob used to notice with a peculiar twinkle in the corner of his eye. It was somefimes whispered that the composition of them was neither more nor less than simple white sugar with flavor of some harmless essence, but upon this subject my Uncle Jacob was impenetrable. He used to say, with the arementioned wagsish twinkle, that their preparation was his secret
Uncle Jacob had always had a special favor for me hown aftor his own odd and original manner. He hown and H would take cons has wind on a perpetual bout his business, and keep my mis a pcrpetual remper tories. There was, awre, sees all that he sail, That stimulated like a mental tonic and none the less so for a stinging flavor of sares and none the less so for a stinging havor of sarcas nd cynicism that stircd up and provoked one's sel

 to me for this slight touch of his claws. One likes to find power of any kind--and he who shows that he an both scratch and bite effectively, if he holds his talons in sheath, [comes in time to be regarded as a sort of benefactor for his forbearance, and so, though got many a shrewd mental nip and gripe from my ncle Jacob; I gave on the whole more heed to his pinion than that of anybody else that I knew.
From the time that I had been detected with my self-invented manuscript, up to the time of my going to college, the expression of my thoughts by writing had always been a passson with me, and from year to year my mind had been busy with its own creations which it was a solace and amusement for me to record Of.course there was ever so much crabbed manu-
script, and no less confused, immature thought. I rote poems, essays, stories, tragedies and comedies I demonstrated the immortality of the soul. I sustain ed the future immortality of the souls of animals. I wrote sonnets and odes, in whole or in part, on almos verything that could be mentioned in creation.
My mother advised me to make. Uncle Jacob my laid under his eye.

Poor trash!" he was wont to say, with his usual kindly twinkle. "But there must be poor trash in the beginning. We must all eat our peck of dirt, and leart to write sense by writing nonsense." Then he would pick out here and there a line or expression which he assured me was "not bad." Now and then he conde so was actually hopeful, and that I should make some scended to tell me that for a boy of my age, so and thing one of these days, which was to me more en couragement than much more decided praisefrom any other quarter.
We all notice that he whò is reluctant to praise, whose commendation is scarce and well-earned, is h
for whose good word everybody is fighting; he comes at last to be the judge in the race. After all, the fac which Uncle Jacob could not disguise, that he had certain good opinion of me, in spite of his sharp criticisms and scant praises, made him the one whose dicta on every subject were the most important to me.
I went to him in all the glow of satisfaction and the tremble of self-importance that a boy feels, who is taking the first step into the land of manhood.

Thave the image of him now, as he stood with his back to the fire, and the newspaper in his hand, giving me his last counsels. A little wirey, keen-looking man with a blue, hawk-like eye, a hooked nose, a high fore head, shadowed with grizzled hair, and a cris-cross of deeply lined wrinkles in his face.

So you are going to college, boy? Well, away with you, there's no use advising you: you'll do as all the rest do. In one year you'll know more than your father, your mother, or I, or all your college officers-in fact, than the Lord Himsell. You'll have doubts about the Bible, and think you could have made a better one. You'll think that if the Lord had consulted you, He could have laid the foundations of the earth better, and arranged the course of Nature to more purpose. In short, you'll be a god, knowing good and evil, and run ning all over creation, measuring everybody and every thing in your pint cup. There'll be no living with you. But you'll get over it,--it's only the febrile stage of knowledge. But if you have a good constitution, you'll come through with it."

I humbly suggested to him that I should try to keep armed
"Oh, tut ! tut ! you must go through your fooleries These are the regular diseases, the chicken-pox, measles, and mumps of young manhood: you'll have them all. We only pray that you may have them light, and not break your constitution for all your life through by them. For instance, you'll fall in love with some baby-faced young thing, with pink cheeks and long eyc-lashes, and goodness only knows what abomina tions of sonnets you'll be guilty of. That isn't fatal, however. Only don't get engaged. Take it as the cold, and it'll pass your pores open, and don't ge "And she!" said I, indignantly. "You tak as if it was no matter what became of her -
"What, the baby? Oh, she'll outgrow it, too The fact is, soberly and seriously, Harry, marriage is the thing that makes or mars a man; it's the gate through which he goes up or down, and you sohuldn't pledge yourself to it till you come to your full senses. Look yourser mother boy; see what a woman may be ; see what she was to your father, what she is to me, to you, to every one that knows her. Such a woman, to speal reverently, is a pearl of great price ; a man might well sell all he had to buy her. But it isn't that kind of woman that flirts wilh college boys. Yo: don't pick up such pearls every day,"
Of course I declared that nothing was further from my thoughts than anything of that nature.
"The fact is, Harry, you can't afford fooleries," and noling to Me it whe your way to make and nothing to make it with but your own head and everythin You have in lo everything. You have a healthy, sound body; see that you take care of it. God gives you a body but of it you lose, you lose for good. Many a chap goes into college fresh as you are, and comes out with weak cyes and crooked back, yellow complexion and dys peptic stomach. He has only himself to thank for it. When you get to college they'll want you to smoke, and you'll want to, just for idleness and goodfellowship. Now before you begin, just calculate what it'll cost you. You cant get a good cigar under ten cents, and your smoker wants three a day, at the least. There go thirty cents a day, two dollars and ten cents a week or a hundred and nine dollars and twenty cents a year. Take the next ten years at that rate, and you can invest over a thousand dollars, in tobacco moke. That thousand dollars, invested in a savings bank, would give permanent income of seventy dollars year,-a handy thing as you'll find, just as you are beinning life. Now, I know you think all this is prosy; You are amazingly given to figures of rhetoric, but, after all, you've got to get on in a world where things so by the rules of arthmetic
"Well, uncle," I said, a little nettled, "I pledge ou my word that I won't smoke or drink. I never have done either, and I don't know why I should." " Good for you ! your hand on that, my boy.. You don't need either tobacco or spirits any more than you weed water in your shoes. There's no danger in domg so let's look on that as settled."
"Now, as to the rest. You have a faculty for stringing words together, and a hankering after it, that may make or mar you. Many a fellow comes to naught line of poetry. He gets the notion that he's to be a
poet, or orator, or genius of some sort, and neglects study. Now, Harry, remember that an empty bag can't stand upright ; and that if you are ever to be a writer you must have something to say, and that you've got to dig for knowledge as for hidden treasure. genius for hard work is the best kind of genius. Look at great writers, and see how many had it. What a student Muller was, and Goethe! Great fellows, those !-like trees that grow out in a pasture lot, with branches all around. Composition is the flowering out of a man's mind, When he has made growth, all studies and all learning, all that makes woody fibre, into it. Now study books; observe nature ; practice If you make a good firm mental growth, I hope to see some blossoms and fruits from it one of these days. So go your ways, and God bless you !
The last words were said as Uncle Jacob slipped "You'll need it," he said, "t to furnish a sum of money. hark'e! if you get into any troubles that you ; and want to burden your mother with, come to me."
There was warmth in the grip with which these la words were said, and a sort of misty moisture came over his keen blue eye, -little signs which meant as much from his shrewd and reticent nature meant as or an expression of tenderness might from another.
My mother's last words, after hours of talk over My mother's last words, after hours of talk over the
evening fire, were these: "I want you to be a evening fire, were these: "I want you to be a good
man. A great many have tried to be great men, and mailed ; but nobody ever sincerely tried to be a good man, and failed"" man, and failed.
I suppose it is about the happiest era in a young
fellow's life, when he goes to
ellow's life, when he goes to college for the first time.
The future is all a land of blue, distinct mists The future is all a land of blue, distinct mists and shadows, radiant as an Italian landscape. The boundaries between the possible and the not possible are so charmingly vague! There is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow forever waiting for each new comer. Generations have not exhausted it !
De Balzac said, of writing his novels, that the dreaming out of them was altogether the best of it. "To imagine," he said, "is to smoke enchanted cigarettes to bring out one's imaginations into words-that is work!
The same may be said of the romance of one's life, The dream-life is beautiful, but the rendering into reality quite another thing.
I believe every boy who has a good tather and mother, goes to college meaning, in a general way, to mother, goes to college meaning, in a general way, to
be a good fellow. He will not disappoint them.-No! be a good fellow. He will not disappoint them.-No!
a thousand times, no! In the main, he will be a good a thousand times, no! In the main, he will be a good
boy,-not that he is going quite to walk aecording to boy,-not that he is going quite to walk aecording to
the counsels of his elders. He is not going to fall over the counsels of his elders. He is not going to fall over
any precipices-not he-but he is going to walk warily and advisedly along the edge of them, and take a dispassionate survey of the prospect, and gather a few passionate survey of the prospect, and gather a few
botanical specimens here and there. It might be danbotanical specimens here and there. It might be dangerous for a less steady head than his; but he understands himself, and with regard to all things he says "We shall see." The world is full of possibilities and open questions. Up sail, and away; let us test them As I scaled the mountains and descended the valleys on my way to college, I thought|over all that my mother and Uncle Jacob had said to me, and had my own opinlon of it.
Of course I was not the person to err in the ways he had suggested. I was not to be the dupe of a boy and girl flirtation. My standard of manhood was too exalt ed, I reflected, and I thought with complacency how little Uncle Jaçob knew of me
To be sure, it is a curious kind of a thought to a young man, that somewhere in this world, unknown to him, and as yet unknowing him, lives the woman that
is to be his earthly fate,-to make or mar his destiny.
We have all read the pretty story about the Princess of China and the young Prince of Tartary, whom a fairy and genius in a freak of caprice showed to each other in an enchanted sleep, and then whisked away again, leaving them to years of vain pursuit and wanderings. Such is the ideal image of somebody, who must exings. somezhere, and is to be found sometime, and when
ext found, is to be ours.
"Uncle Jacob is all right in the main," I said ; "but if I should meet the true woman even in my college days, why, that, indeed, would be quite another thing." (To be Continued.)

A lady made a call upoń a friend who had lately been married. When her husband came to dinner, she said: "I have been to see Mrs. "." "Well," replied the husband, "I suppose she is very happy."
"Happy! Well, I should think she ought to be; she has a camels'-hair shawl, two-thirds border."
C. A. Trench, at Light street, Columbia county, Pa., has built an office entirely of paper. The paper was manufactured in his mill expressly for the house, and is a heavy manilla. The roof and siding, inside and outside, is paper, and the only wood in the structure is the floor, doors and windows. The house is an

## THE POETRY OF WINE.

## And fill them high with generous juice, As generous as thy mind, And pledge me, in one generous toast, The whole of human kind

## To those who love us, second fill,

But not to those whom we love, Lest we love those who love us not ;
A third to thee and me love."

So sang Horace Grant ; and Nellie Hastings poured out the ruby wine, with her own white hands, and with a merry laugh ringing from her red lips, proffered him a glass, and sipped another herself. Another and another bumper the gentleman quaffed, until his toast included alike friends and foes; those who his toast included alike friends and foes; those who loved him, part, and as he held the young girl's hearose to depart, and as he held the young girl's hand in his, he bent over her and pressed his lips, heavy with the fumes of wine, to her brow. She did not shrink from
the polluting touch. Why should she? When the polluting touch. Why, should she? When she held the poisoned chalice in her own hand, and bade her lover drink, would it not have been ungallant for him to refuse? Very/ And Horace Grant had not the moral courage to do an ungentlemany deed. If some poor, battered drunkard, with a black bottle and cracked tumbler, had offered him a glass, do you suppose he would have taken it? Certainly not. But then it is very different when a young lady, in an elegantly furnished parlor, with cut glass decanters before
her, and gilt goblets, asks one to drink her, and gilt goblets, asks one to drink. To decline is mot to be thought of for a moment. What would be a be rudeness in the parlor. The beverage in the decanter and that in the black bottle might be one and the same ; but the cut glass, and rich apartments, and soft tones of the giver, add lustre to the former, and render it respectable ; for is there not a respectability in drunkenness as it is practised by the upper classes of so ciety ?
There was an oyster supper at the hotel that night and Horace Grant was one of the jovial spirits that formed the company. Late in the evening Louis Narth leaned back in his chair, holding a glass of wine between him and the light, which he surveyed with the air of a connoisseur.
"See", he exclaimed, "how bright and beautiful. The rich, red, sparkling wine! Fairer than the blushing maiden, and sweeter than the first kiss of love."
vealed to him the shiny, writhing serpent, which that vealed to him the shiny, writhing serpent, which that
same beautiful wine concealed. same beautiful wine concealed.
"Did you ever have a chance to prove that assertion?" Horace Grant asked in an uncertain tone, blinking strangely at the light.
"I had a better glass of wine, than that this evening," he continued.
"Ha! ha!" laughed several voices; "yon stole march on us. That wasn't fair."
me, anyway," Horace answered lady that gave it to me, anyway," Horace answered, looking round with the silly expression of an intoxicated man.
"Who was she?" some one asked.
"Oh, I'm not going to tell her name.
"Why not?"
"Because it wouldn't be just gentlemany.
"We wont tell," some on said.
But Horace sturdily shook his head, until after much little the maudliny promises on their honours, what secret; told the name of his betrothed in such a com pany as that !
How would the cheeks of Nellie Hastings have burnt with shame and indignation, could she have heard the comments made on her by such a group, at such a
time, and in such a place! And yet it was net time, and in such a place! And yet it was not because
he did not love her that Horace Grant listened to language which at any other time he would have hotl language which at any other time he would have hotly
resented, it was because liquor had weakened his per ceptions so that he could no longer discriminate be ween the low and insulting jests of his comrades, and he respect due to woman
Slower and at longer intervals his sentences were ut-
tered until he sant back in tion. Ane sank back in a state of hopeless intoxicaless seriously affected companid the laughter of his it and entrusted to the care of the was conveyed to from side to side like an animated barrel he succeeded in occupying, by turns, the whole of the vehicle, and arriving at his own door he was half-dragged out by sense enourh dumped on the side-walk, with scarcely would Nellie Hastings have said, could she it. What would Nellie Hastings have said, could she have seen with her own hand, give him the cuid? Did not she, a poison more fatal to hope and which contained a poison more fatal to hope and happiness than the
odor of the Upas is to vitality? What youth and manhood yield to the tempter's spell, when
wives, and mothers, and maidens, and sisters can tolérate its debasing presence? Women, beware ! lest while ye are praying, "Lead us not into temptation," ye pave the path to eternal destruction, and by your own actions invite the feet of your dear ones to walk therein !
"I'm so tired, cousin Claudia," and Nellie Hastings, the spoiled and petted child of fortune, laid her head in her cousin's lap, and closed her eyes in utter weariness.
"Poor thing!" said Claudia Westmore in her dulcet tones. "I'm so sorry for you. You've dressed twice to-day, played three tunes on the piano, and walked up-stairs once. You've accomplished all that within
seven hours-no, past nine ; it is now fou arose at half Pray recline on now four; you must be fatigued! cally, " and I will fan you gently, and bathe your brow with rose-water. That will restore you."
" Don't be nonsensical, Claudia; I haven't done anything to-day, and I know it. That is just where the fault is. If I had something to do, and was made had any; but this senseless my leisure time when I kill one. Get up in the sens, aimless life is enough to kill one. Get up in the morning, any time before noon ; eat my breakfast, dawdle over the piano for awhile, or saunter through the streets, or anything else to put in the time until dinner: Then in the evening when theatres and parties do not take up the time, I read or sew until I go to bed. That is the whole routine of my life, including a few calls and visits. If it isn't animating, I don't know what is,"
"What more do you want?" Claudia asked, as she "O Iroked Nellie's dark locks back from her white brow, "O, I don't know," Nellie sighed; "I suppose I am very ungrateful, when I have everything that wealth can supply, to be dissatisfied ; but I am tired of doing nothing.

Well, I'll tell you ; join the Sisters of Charity, and they will give you employment. You will be allowed to wash ten children every morning, and comb their hair, and teach them their prayers."
I never could learn prayers for myself, to say nothing of teaching them to others; besides, I have all compelled to wash, one after another, in the sare water every morning. Now, I couldn't, in the same water every morning. Now, I couldn't tolerate that,
unless I was up in time to get the first dip, and early unless I was up in time to
rising never was my forte."

## "I can vouch for that fact

no chance of you taking the said Claudia. "I see no chance of you taking the veil, so the next best
thing I can advise is for spend the remainder of your days in domestic duties,"
(To be continued.)

## CRAYONS OF CANADIAN CLERGYMEN.

## The Rev. Charles Walker, of St. Catharines.

This is a prominent minister of the Baptist denomination in the Province. We do not know that he received a collegiate training-certainly he does not sport a degree; and he may not appear as dignified as some of his clerical brethren, which will be a drawback with a certain class of minds. Yet we have found few better posted in matters of general information, or in hat is really necessary to a minister
Early lameness seems to have shut him up to schoo and study ; as the result of which, his knowledge of the fundamentals of an English education is evident and thorough. We know of no person better adapted test the attainments of a common school than he He is a native of Scotland-we should think some where near the Highlands, for he can personate both the Highlander and Lowlander to perfection. Other wise, he is not very Scottish in manner or accent. His cligious education was Presbyterian, but his conver and, we think, occurred in he had arrived at manhood, and, we think, occurred in London, England. It took and agony. The anse of mental distress of a total abandonitent he received was the result of a total abandonment of all trust in the value of his
own performances, and the casting of own performances, and the casting of himself on
Christ. If he ever errs in the matter of theological teaching, which we do not say he does, it will beogical in the direction of not say he does, it will be more human works. No salafidianism, than the merit of human works. No practical antinomian is he, however, either personally or ministerially; but he is ever ready to try the value of any effort which promises to advance the interests of religion or morality.
Embracing Baptist views, his abilities would naturally point him out as adapted to their ministry. At some period of his life, he seems to have prosecuted successfully the study of the original Scriptures in both the languages in which they were written. He had the pastoral charge for some time of the congregations of Font-Hill and Welland. Whether he ever had a previous charge, we know not He has been the
tor of the Baptist congregation in St. Catharines six or seven years.

Although inconvenienced with a chronic lameners in one of his legs, so serious as to prevent his walking without a cane, and only so for a short distance, and perform his pastoral duties, he is, nevertheless, man of great and constant activity. There is no more of great and constant activity. There is no more familiar object on the streets of "St. Kitts" than the Rev. Mr. Walker's old sorrel horse
He is a ready scribe and talker, takes a part in all sorts of public meetings, and often acts as secretary. He is a decided friend of Temperance, and identifies himself with the organizations to promote it ; indeed, although somewhat doubtful of the utility of some of the organizations for moral purposes outside of the church, yet he generally acts as though co-operation is the least of two evils-that it is better than not having the work done at all. He is a favorite on the platform. His geniality, approaching to hilarity sometimes, may partly account for his popularity.
Yet he does not always prophecy smooth things ; at times he is rather blunt than otherwise. For discussion, whether oral or written, he is nothing loath, and has been engaged in several public ones. His readi ness for disputation has left the impression on some minds that he is littgious, but no better dispositioned man ever lived. He can differ with a friend without interrupting the friendship. He knows how to laugh over a hard knock. Earlier in his public life, he may have been somewhat prejudiced against those who differ from the views of his denomination ; but those prejudices are wearing away, if not wholly worn out of his mind, which we rather believe. He is very neighbourly with brother ministers of other persuasions. He bears acquaintance well ; and his favour with the He bears acquaintance well; and his favour with the is rising. We wish him still greater success.
We can say but little of his preaching from personal knowledge. He generally deals with a single topic at knowledge. He generally deals with a single topic at
once in the pulpit, although he is not slavishly cononce in the pulpit, although he is not slavishly con-
fined to it. His method may be pronounced extemfined to it. His method may be pronounced extem-
poraneous, with sometimes copious notes to prompt poraneous, with sometimes copious notes to prompt
him-a method, to our notion, pretty difficult of execution.
Mr. W. is very ready and free on the platform, although both there and in the pulpit his action i somewhat modified by the necessity of his resorting to some support.
His apparent impulsiveness and out-spreading tendency may prevent, as it does in other communities his being an acknowledged leader of public thought but, as is the case with all such men, public opinion may be shaped by them more than is seen, or more than will be acknowledged, at least. There are plenty in all communities who have not the originality to conceive, or the courage to avow, an advanced opinion; yet when public opinion has been created by men whose temerity they have blamed, and when they see that action can be no longer delayed, will then lend hemselves to the inevitable, and take the credit of it
Our subject has very decided views on public quesions, nor is he slow to announce them. It would be very hard for him not to define his position in an election contest ; and, though such interference is generally condemied in ministers of the Gospel, yet i seems to be expected from Mr. Walker-he is a poli tician on principle.
Those who have read the above will wish to know omething of the personel of the man. He is perhaps forty-five years of age, medium sized, and dark com plexioned. He has a lively, pleasing countenance and is very cordial in his manners. The heartiness of his shake hands is very refreshing. Though we have his shake hands is very refreshing. Though we have
broken a lance with him, very pleasant memories have broken a lance with him, very pleas
we of the Rev. Charles Walker.

The most unfortunate man in the world is now liv ing in Arkansas. He is condemned to be hanged, but all the carpenters in the neighborhood refuse to build the Sheriff proposed that he should put up the gallows
the He declares, however, that that is asking too much of him, and that he won't do it-that he'll see the rest of the people hanged first !
Heroism is found among the very children ot France A story is told of a boy of thirteen who was found fighting in Paris, and was about to be shot. He did not seem frightened, but, taking a silver watch from
his pocket, said: his pocket, said
"Captain, do let me take this first to a friend across the street ; I borrowed it.
Oh, you scamp !" said the officer. "I understand you want to run off:"
"My word of honor, I will come back agaiu, " said the boy; and the captain seeing it was a child, was only too glad to get rid of him. In ten minutes the boy came back, and took his stand with his face to the wall. "Here I am-fire!"
Does Roman history tell us anything braver? The
captain boxed the little hero's ears, and ordered him never to show his face there again. They could not fire on him.

## The Home ©ivelt.

## JOHN'S WIFE

## A young wife stood with her head on her broom,

And looking around the little room ; "Nothing but toil forever," she said,
"From early morn till the light has fled.
If you were only a merchant now,
We need not live by the sweat of our brow."
Pegging away spoke shoemaker John-
"We ne'er see well what we're standing on."
A lady stood by her husband's chair,
And quietly passed her hand o'er his hair.
"You never have time for me now," she said,
And a tear-drop fell on the low bent head.
"If we were only rich, my dear,
With nothing to do from year to year, But amuse each other-oh, dear me ? What a happy woman I should be." Looking up from his ledger spoke merchant John"We ne'er see well what we're standing on."

## A stately form in velvet dressed-

A diamond gleaming on her breast
"Nothing but toil for fashion," she said,
Till I sometimes wish that I were dead If I mighty cast this wealth aside, And be once more the poor man's bride." From his easy chair, spoke gentleman John"We ne'er see well what we're standing on."

## Joan of all trades.

DOES any one ever consider how many trades veritable professions, go to make up the busi-解 but the knowledge, ability and dexterity required in several most opposite arts, or at least in. several which several most opposite arts, or at least in. several which
have little similarity, before the several necessities of have little similarity, before the several necessities of
the house and its occupants are satisfied? It would appear, indeed, that this is a view of the subject which has, as yet, met with but little attention. In the arrangements made for meeting these necessities all the civilized world in this country seem to have agreed hat one head and one pair of hands are, or ought to be, all-sufficient; every other retained for service being looked upon rather in the light of an appendage to rank and wealth, or a mark of them, than as an indispensable means.
It may fairly be presumed that, notwithstanding what has been written on domestic matters lately-and it has become a fashion to write on them-not one man in five hundred-perhaps five thousand-knows what is really comprehended in the duties undertaken by a maid-of-all-work. He hears " of the greatest plague of life" when she has to be parted with for some ault, real or imaginary; and he hears of "a perfect val, untit her faults are developed, or her perfections become too familiar. He believes she does the "cleaning," and has an impression that she does the cooking, because of that he can scarcely be certain, as he has heard of wonderful receipts given and theories propounded concerning various culinaty which make it appear as if that department fell usually yond this uncertain knowledge, his ideas are altogether vague. - He finds that fires are lighted, and that beds are made, and the water is boiled for breakfast, and the table laid for dinner; but by what particular process these things are done, or what time may be needdin which to do them, are secrets which he has not aken the trouble to unravel.
A servant-of-all-work has, when she rises in the morning, ta light in summer one, in winter two or three, fires; she has to sweep, dust and otherwise ar-
range the common sitting room; to clean the passage and door steps, including the shaking of rugs and mats; to set the breakfast things, to boil water, to re-
ceive from various tradesmen articles which may be ceive from various tradesmen articles which may be sent in, or to give orders for those which are to be sent in-all before the early breakfast which is necessary in order that the master of the house may be at
his place of business in time. Is this all? It certainly ought to be all, " and enough too," any reasonable person will say; but most frequently she has to carry to the chamber of each member of the family hot water for the toilet; she has to clean boots and brush clothes for those who have to be abroad early; she has occa-
sionally to help get the children ready for breakfast or for school; she has to air linen; she has, beside laying the table, to prepare the tea or coffee, to make toast, to cut bread-and-butter, to fry bacon, to boil eggs, sometimes to go and fetch those or any other things which may have been forgotten the day before; she has to- Stop! stop! our breath is taken away How is she to do all this during the short cold hours of a winter's morning before you come down to drink your tea and eat your muffin beside the bright fire, in the brighter stove? And, by the way, we had forgotten to ask how she, during the progress of these various tasks, found time to polish that stove to such a degree tasks, found
of brilliancy.

## Breakfast o

Breakfast over, the breakfast things have to be wash ed and put away, the beds, made, and the bedrooms, like the sitting-room, swept, or at least, dusted; more "orders" given or "taken in;" a second sitting-room on some days to be likewise cleaned and arranged the kitchen fire made up for the one o'clock dinner and the kitchen 'itself made tidy. This is the every day forenoon's work ; the indispensable business; but lest this should not be enough there are various services which caprice or indolence may exact from her besides. If her mistress be a determined person (to speak of a lady in this connexion is not possible), she may be rung up from the washing of the breakfas hings, or down from the making of the beds, to put coal on the parlour fire, or fetch something from another apartment ; and either of these demands most requently entails two journeys up and down stairs while if madame be also fanciful, Joan may have to re-arrange the whole furniture of a room in consequence of having put a few articles out of place during the progress of dusting. Even if her mistress be neithe azy or fanciful, still there comes the "cleaning" day, when rooms have not only to be swept but scrubbed or the morning when the sweeps ring her up before daylight, and leave her the additionial work caused by their operations; or the other morning after there have been "friends to tea and supper" and a treble quantity of glass and china has to be washed up and laid by

But to return to the day's regular work. Now come he preparations for dinner. She has to roast, or boil
 or bake, or stew the meat, to boir potatoes or othe egetables, to boil or bake, perhaps to make a pud ling or a cart; to lay the table, for which purpose she has frequently to clean the knives and forks which have been used at breakfast; and if she can, to "clean
self" in order to wait on those who are to eat it.
Dinner is over. Dear reader, have you ever seen
Dinner is over. Dear reader, have you ever seen a kitchen after that meal, and before it has been cleaned p? Not a kitchen where there are half a dozen assistants besides the well dressed cook, and the buxom, comely-looking housekeeper, who sails in from her own sanctum now and then to watch progress, but such a one as belongs to the sphere of the maid-of-all-work. Verily, it is a chaos sufficient to make a physically sensitive person sit down and cry. And out of this chaos she has to evolve the neat, bright, cheery aspect which all tidy housewives expect it to present before it is time to set the tea-tray, and transfer the bubbling kettle to the parlour fire. Saucepans, dripping-pans, spits, skewers, ladles, and other cooking apparatus have to be cleaned and put-by; the ashes of the dinner fire to be raked down and taken away, and the fire itself replenished; all the debris of the dinner to be disposed of dishes, plates, and glasses to be washed, knives, forks. and spoons cleaned; and before all this is done, or during the progress of doing it, her own dinner to be eaten with whatappetite she may, and such digestion as waits on a dinner eaten in such a manner. If the household be at all what can be called a regular one, and that it be not cleaning day, or there be no company, the afternoons work may be got through with something less worry and bustle than the morning's and tea is a comparatively'a peaceful meal, involving less preparation and less clearing away than breakfast or dinner; but seldom, indeed, can all the arrangements of a middle-class household be carried on so regularly but that quite sufficient of the morning's or forenoon's work must be allowed to lie over, to be finished during this period of comparative leisure, and fill up the chinks of time until the supper-tray proclaims the close of day.

Now is not this, without the slightest exaggeration, the lite of a maid-of-all-work? And we put it to any Christian woman how any one leading such a life is to find time for her religious duties, for increasing her nomy in the disposal of the money she earns, nay, even for that on which her money earning depends,-necessary attention to her health! At what period during the long working-hours, stretching not from morning to night, but often far into the night, can she take or make opportunities for prayer for reading if she be so inclined for making or mending her clothes, for writing to friends at a distance, or seeing those who are near or for thorough personal cleanliness? And bear in mind that what I have written is a description of life
in its best aspect. We have only to look over the advertisement pages of our newspapers to see that some employers require, in addition to all this, that the servant should "not object to children," and should do a litte washing, - dermand tuhbing half af-all work knows full well may mean tubbing half a dozen dirty urchins on Saturday night, or hushing a squaling baby to sleep while "mistress is spending the evening with a friend," and washing the dirtiest portion of
family linen-the children's soaks and pinafores. tamily linen-the children's soaks and pinafores.
Cook, kitchen-maid, house-maid, nurse, waiting-maid, laundress, and what else besides! One species of labour jostling another out of her hands; one art confusing itself with another in her mind; one business
getting into arrear while another is being ill-performed ; one employment to be taken up before the fatigue and anxiety of another has subsided :-
"Work, work, work, till the heavy eyes grow dim, And work, work, work, till the brain begins to swim."

Ladies, ladies, as you choose to be called, when you give women-young women-such a life as this (and the only intermission to such a life is an hour out after the city has put on her lamplight dress), are you, are they, or even the unprincipled and profligate of the other sex, most accountable for the number of domes tic servants who swell the ranks of that wret
We look at this servant's question in a spirit merely of fairness and justice ; we speak not of philanthropy or benevolence, which would but encumber the subject Mistresses might be exhorted to more sympathy, more
tenderness, more moral care, more sisterly feeling tenderness, more moral care, more sisterly feeling towards their female domestics; but although the practice of sweet charity in this relation of life, as in all others, makes the obligations on both sides more sacred as well as more sweet, it does not come within the "the letter of the bond, and employed, and such work means such proportion of time and labor as shall not imperil body and soul or prevent the worker from becoming more skilful in what is necessary to improve one's condition in life, of a servant-of-all-work may be made by a mistress who isutterly unprincipled, or irreclaimably ill-tempered, is fearful to contemplate, but it has to be endured by thousands.| There are houses where, if a member of the family be out at night to any scene of amusement, the tired slave has to sit up through the long hours, out to prevent waste, or the sultry hoursof a summer eve, when the suffocating heat of the stove cannot be cooled down. There are families where, if any one be ill, she has to undertake the duties of sick-nurse in addition to her own employments, and be rated in no mild terms if the gruel be smoked, or the broth greasy, or the invalid's bell not answered on the instantwhere she will be expected to take her turn at night watching, and if she should get ill herself, be sent to her poor home and the comforts of her own wretched resources, because no one will for Christian charity or decency give up a few day's nursing in her turn, or even a few day's rest while nature is recruiting her exhausted energies. There are houses where no scruple of conscience prevents the heads of the family from heaping a double amount of ooking and Sunday on her during the holy Sabbath by having Sunday parties, or from cutting off her afternoon abroad, and making it impossible for her to attend public worship by going out themselves and leaving her the children to mind. There are houses where the washing is, not a little, but a great deal, and where all the beforebreakfast duties enumerated have to be performed after she has already stood two hours at the washtub on a winter's morning, with the thermometer below zero ; or almost worse, where a two hours ironing wil have to be done on a midsummer night after the supper tray has been removed. And there are houses, too, where all this, and far more than this, has to be done, amidst a storm of reproachful words, an unceasing current of disheartening complaints, a studied harshness of manner, or a peevish unthankfulness or acceptance, and too often with every one of these to gether. There are mistresses who will resent as a fraud on themselves the few minutes a servant tries to snatch, perhaps from her own rest, to make or repair garment which should otherwise be paid for out of her poor wages There are mistresses who will not only give a young girl no other time to go abroad ex cept that in which temptation sallies forth to meet her or hardened vice to shock her, but will actually send her abroad at that time on errands which were only delayed till then that they might not lose an hour of her time at any other period of the day. And is this done in Canada, and not in New Orleans? by Canadian matrons, not by Southerr- slave-drivers? by the force of refusal to recommend, not by the weight of the lash ?
How to be altered or remedied? It would be utter
y impossible to lay down a rule or rules to meet every ly impossible to lay down a rule or rules to meet every
case. It is a problem which every mistress of a family must work out for herself. There are some simple ugrections, however, which may make it easy for any uggestions, however, wich may make it easy for ang conscientious woman, so so right conclusion, to do so. In the first place no per lness, should be demanded from a mad of work itness, should be demanded rom a maid-ofall-work, It is an outrage upon humanity that a wom, whe young girl, should lounge in an arm chair while she rings another young girl up a steep flight of stairs, to send her up two other fights in search of a missiog bunch of keys or a forgotten pocket-handkerchief. What the feelings or principles of a man (but a man is otten er kinder to his servant than to the softer sex) can. be who sends her on similar errands one would not choose to describe. In every house where there is but one servant, every man, woman, boy and girl, nay, every child capable of going alone, ought to help themselves Another excellent rule is "Lay on her no responsibil ity, but take all the business of planning, ordering, and recollecting the household arrangements yoursel.. is quite enough for hands to be at work; let her brain be at rest.
For a third rule, remember that " the more orderly regular, and tidy every member of a family is in his or her own personal arrangements, the less will be the servants labour." If books, writing-desks, work-boxes, cc., are all laid by in their several places by those who have used them, much less time will put the room in order than would otherwise be required. Lastly, let all people whose means not do admit of keeping more than one servant make up their minds to bear cheerfully a state of things which would not, and indeed should not, be tolerated in the larger establishments belonging to their wealthier acquaintance. If a servant to act as house-maid, kitchen-maid, and parlour-maid, ir she is expected to help in cooking, cleaning, \&c., capacities, and her imer not to be perfect in all wese accordingly. Her employers must learn to sacrifice their tastes and wishes to their position and means, instead of sacrificing her to their desires of living There is, no doubt, great ignorance and incapacity mong the class of domestics known as " reneral ser vants," more than there ought to be ! and it is well that there should be training schools for their improve Still there is little doubt that some portion fheir ignorance may be laid to the blame of their of their employel ; inds that if we appres succeed in getting sceptical mill - true in en succecd in getting fall Trades may in their turn demand training schools for their mistresses, - The Englishaooman's Domestic Magasinc.

THERE IS ROOM AT THE TOP.
hey say the professions are crowded,
By seekers for fame and for bread That the members are pushing each other, As close as their footsteps can tread But be not discouraged, my brother Nor suffer exertion to stop, Though thousands are pressing around you, There is plenty of room at the top.

Be true to thy love and thy countryThe dastard wins never a prize But the carnest are ever the victors, And he who on justice relies. Who wins the good guerdon by labor, And find, as the hills' sink below him, That there is room enough left at the top.

Oh ! let not the evil disturb you, There's good if you but search it out ; Make pure thine own conscience, my brother, Nor mind what the rest are about. And whether your work may have fallen In sanctum, or office, or shop, Remember the low grounds are crowded, But there always is room at the top.
ng Vice President Colfax thinks the next presiden tial issue before the people will be "The protection of American fican citizen, wherever he lives, with him and the chief " protection against outrage" is required against the rum traffic, legalized now, under whose "outrages" there is now no "protection" to man o woman, child or beast! May the God of the opprèss ed, hasten that "issue."-Prohibition Herald.

Henpeck" is the name of a new village in Illinois Which is said

## THE MODERN LUTHER.

## (From Harper's Weekly.)

SNCE the time when Martin Luther, then a monk and a devout believer in papacy, a little more than three centuries and a half ago, posted on the doors of Schlosskirche, at Wittenberg, his noble protest against the sale of indulgences, nothing has occurred in the history of the Romish Church so startling and so significant as the out spoken protest of Dr. Doll inger against the doctrine of papal infallibility. As in Luther's case, excommunication has followed swiftly on the heels of the courageous exercise of the right of private judgement. As the majority of Catholics among his own countrymen, as well as the court of Bavaria, sustain him in his course, the step may lead to the most important results. It is hardly to be ex pected, in the view of Dr. Dollinger's well-knowi views and antecedents, that he will avow himself a Protestant. To do so would be to run counter to a public life of half a century, upon the honesty and sincerity of which no one has ventured to cast a slur It is more probable that he and those learned and zealous men who think and act with him in Bavari and Austria will assume the independent attitude taken by the Catholic clergy of France a century ago, In this position they will undoubtedly be able to do the In this poril and religious liberty greater service than if they should separate themselves wholly from the Church and faith of their countrymen
The man who has been well styled the " modern Luther"was born at Bamberg, in Bavaria, in 1799, Luther"was born at Bamberg, in Bavaria, in 1799,
and became chaplain to the diocese Bamberg almost and became chaplain to the diocese Bamberg almost immediately after receiving priests orders in 1822 . In 1826 he published a work on "The Doctrine of the Eucharist during the First Three Centuries," and was the same year invitod to lecture before the University of Munich on the history of the Church. The substance of his lectures before that institution was published in
his " Manual of the History of the Church," in I828, his "Manual of the History of the Church," in 1825, and in a more extended form in his "I reatise on the History of the Church which appeared in 1838. In 1845 M . Dollinger turned his attention to politios, and represented the University at Munich in the Bavarian Parliament, and in 1851 was a delegate to that of Frankfort, where he voted for the absolute separation of the Church from the state. In 1861 he delivered some lectures advocating the abandonment of the temporal power by the Roman see. These lectures attracted much attention throughout Europe. His recent acts have been already referred to. The University of Oxford, in testimony of his zeal in the cause of religious freedom has lately conferred on him the degree of D.C.L.

## WEAR AND TEAR.

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T is a relief to receive at last a few words" of explanation and warning from an authoritative source. A has just been written by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, one of the most eminent authorities on Nervous Diseases in the country. The National Hospital for the cure of such diseases established by Government during the war, and placed under his charge, is still maintained, and offers him an opportunity for close and accurate and ofration ang the educated classes of the effects observation the brain. The facts he states are more of overtang mere alarmigh He roes direct to the death-ratesto prove anficipated. He goes direct to the death-rates to prove the sudden increase of nervous maladies, which is hardly fair to his own argument, as it necessarily excludes palsy in children and neuralgia in the milder forms. Taking Chicago as " an illustration, in con"centrated form, of causes which are at work through"out the land," he reprorts from 1852 to 1857 (omitting i854, the cholera year) that the deaths from disorders were to the total mortality as in disorders were to the total mortality as 1 in 26 . Ten years later, from 1864 to 1868 , inclusive, the neural deaths were I in 9 . Among those diseases whose increase has been so inordinate are apoplexy, palsy and epilepsy, which are in the vast majority of cases due to direct disease of the nerve-centers. The cause of this appalling lack of endurance in the pervous systems of Americans, he attributes not only to the suicidal strain upon them, but to the fact that the climate of the United States exhausts them sooner than that of other countries, "I believe," he says, "that something in our country makes intellectual work of all kinds harder to do than it is in Europe ; and, since we do it with a terrible energy, the result shows itself very soon. Among the higher intellectual workers, such as astronomers, physicists, and naturalists, I have frequently heard this belief expressed, and by none so positively as those who have lived on both continents." In con firmation of this, he quotes the personal experience o Agassiz and others, digressing from the main point to show that physical labor also is more trying here than
abroad. "Why this is," he adds, "I cannot say ; but it is not more mysterious than the fact that agents which, as sedatives or excitants, affect the great nervecenters, do this very differently in difterent climates. It is possible to drink with safety in England quantifirst of wine which here would be disagreeable in their Cuban, who takes coffee enormously at home, The smokes endlessly, can do here neither the one nor the smokes endiessly, can do here neither the one nor the
othe degree. And so also the amount of climatic influences."

The statistics which his note-books furnish with re gard to the classes of men most likely to suffer from cerebral exhaustion will surprise in some points the ordinary observer. "Next to overtasked men of science, manufacturers and certain classes of railway officials are the most liable to suffer from neural ex brokers, etc. Athen less frequently clergymen in general brokers, etc.; then less frequently clergymen ; still less
often lawyers; and more rarely doctors; while distres often lawyers; and more rarely doctors; while distres sing cases are apt to occur among the over-schooled young of both sexes. The worst instances to be met with are among young men suddenly cast into business positions involving weighty responsibility."
The ages when the man is most apt to manifest these diseases is, he states, "When the mind is maturing and at the turning point of life when the brain has at ained its fullest power." An immature man goes into business with borrowed capital ; the life-long strain follows. Then came "overwork, late hours of work, irregular meals bolted in haste away from home, the want of holidays and pursuits outside of business. When they get to be fifty or thereabouts, and are thinking 'Now we will stop and enjoy ourselves,' the brain suddenly refuses to work, and the mischief is done."
There is no attempt in this treatise to usurp the doctor's place ; the hints are those of prevention rather than cure, and the effect to enable the victim to feel, as it were, the pulse of his brain in order to find when the doctor is necessary. There are but two other untechnical books on this subject, and both of these are out of print. Dr. Mitchell's effort is, therefore, not only timely, but essential.

## A RACY SKETCH.

## Why the minister kicked the deacon.

A good many years ago, when the Methodists were rather unpopular in the Eastern States, a witty divine of that denomination was serving his second year in a country town in New England. It was rather remarkable in those days for the Conference to send the same minister two successive years to the same church, especially in a country town ; but it was done in this instance, and it seemed to be entirely satisfactory to all concerned. The clergyman enjoyed the confidence and love of his own church and parish, and he had, by his piety and fidelity to the cause of Christ, won the respect of all good people who knew him, outside of his own parish. So the other two Churches, Congre-
gationalist and Baptist, had begun to manifest a spirit gationalist and Baptist, had begun to manifest a spirit
of tolerance towards him and his church, quite unusual of tolerance
for them.

But, Thanksgiving time, a regular attendant of the Baptist church died; the Baptist minister was sick, and the Congregationalist minister was out of town. Under these circumstances, it was decided to invite the Methodist minister to conduct the funeral exercises. The invitation was accepted, and at the proper time the good clergyman started for the house of mourning. He had some four miles to travel on foot, and, to save
distance, left the roads, and went across fields and distance, left the roads, and went across fields and
through woods. Near the by-way where he was travelthrough woods. Near the by-way where he was travel-
ing lived an old lady, a member of his church. As he ing lived an old lady, a member of his church. As he
was so near, he thought he would call a moment. The old lady did not get out to church very often, it was so far from her home, and she was lame, too ; she was,
therefore, of course, overjoyed to see her minister, and therefore, of course, overjoyed to see her minister, and what he had intended should be a momentary call was
prolonged into quite a visit, in spite of all his efforts to prolonged

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The old lady was making sausages when he called. At last he told her he must go, but she said he must wait a minute while she put up a mess of sausages for him to carry home with him-enough for his family's dinner. He tried to explain the impropriety of her plan under the circumstances, but she was inexorable; take the sausages he must, and she could fix them so they would be no inconvenience to him, and the mat ter need not come to the knowledge of any one else. The sausages were neatly done up in a white cloth and strongly pinned-two parcels-and put in the pockets of his swallow-tailed coat behind, a parcel in hearted old. Then he hurried away. Innocent, kindshame, mortification, and sorrow of heart this little act would cause her pastor; and he, in his hurry to make up lost time, little dreamed what awaited him in consequence of the old lady's gift !

When he arrived at the house of the diseased, he found a large company waiting. The neighbouring tribute of rom far and near had assembled to pay thei the living can perform for the dead . some offices that with carriages, and their horses we some had come with carrages, and their horses were hitched to sur rounding trees, fences, and posts. They had allowed their dogs to follow them. There was a large gather ing of men and boys about the door-yard, waiting for he minister, who was late; the women had mostly gone inside, and the dogs were exchanging civilities, or incivilities, in true dog style, as they happened to have a liking, or disliking, to each other-trotting about with their tails rolled up in rigid coils, scratching the ground aside at a time, causing the dust and dead grass to fly, and casting approving glances, or uttering low growls of warning, according as they felt towards
wher.

When the minister arrived we was recognized, shook hands with such as he was acquainted with, and was introduced to others. He had hurried to get there in time, got heated up, land warmed up the sausages in
his pocket. They were very savory, and were his pocket. They were very savory, and were emitting a fragrance that soon came in contact with the olfactory nerves of the hungry dogs. The latter left off their atentions to each other and began to snuff for the source of the pleasant odor, whick they highly appreciated and they soon traced it to the minister. They clustered about him in a very friendly manner, but no notice was taken of them ; and when he went into the house they went too.
A prayer was offered at the residence, during which the dogs smelled out the whereabouts of the savory meat exactly, and in the doing of this they greatly annoyed the minisier, and caused his cheeks to burn and heart to ache. After the prayer, the corpse was carried to the church, which was near by, and thither the whole company followed, where the services were to be more pretracted. The dogs went, too, and soon after the minister took his place in. the pulpit they began to skirmish around his coat pockets. If it had been anywhere except in a church, or on any occasion but a funeral, the dogs would have been cudgelled and sent howling away ; but as it was, no one wished to disturb the quiet sanctity of the place by the yelping of dogs. They seemed to comprehend the situation and made the most of it. They went up into the
pulpit-a single one at a time-two and three at time. Sometimes two companies would meet coming from opposite sides of the pulpit, but meet coming behind the minister, whe pulpit, but all centering in kicking out behind at them, by guess ; but the dogs were wary, good at dodging, and none got hit.

Thus the service went on. The mental anguish of the good minister cannot be described ; but there was At last, to his great relief proceed as best he could. At last, to his great relief, he was about to close his part of the service by pronouncing the benediction-had already closed his eyes and was raising his hands tor this purpose-when a worthy deacon of the Baptist Church wished to have the minister read a notice. The Deacon was a man of rather diminutive size, and walked as lightly as a cat. He had approached the pulpit with the notice in his hand, unpreceived by the mimister, and was on the stairs, within reach, when the minister raised his hands. The Deacon, to attract his attention twigged his coat tail. Of course the for him to kick it was a dog, and that it was necessary con not on the lookout, like the minister's foot in his side and tumbled headlong down he stairs.
There was a scream, a rush of the Deacon's family, a general uprising of the whole congregation, and exit of dogs. In the midst of the confusion, the minister waved his hand to restore order. After the people were seated and quiet again reigned, he told the people the story of the sausages in all its particulars, which seemed a satisfactory explanation, and the funeral prosausages in his coat pockets again.

A novelty in domestic arts is the introduction of starch colored to any desired tint. By its use a dress may be done up in different colors, as the owner may wish, thus obviating, at times, the necessity for new articles of clothing. Crimson is made by rubbing three parts of fuchsine, dissolved in water, into twenty parts of glycerine and then adding 150 parts of finely pulverized starch.
Aunt Jane is a most busy, energetic woman always bearing an Atlas of cares upon her shoulders. In on of her overwhelmed moods she exclaimed: "Forever its hurry, hurry, work, work. Never will there be any rest for me !" Uncle Elihu mildly suggested: "She was daily drawing nearer a place of long quite and rest." "Rest, rest ! No, indeed. If I should die to-morrow, the Resurrection would be sure to come next day, so there should be no rest for me. It would be just my luck!"

## OVER THE HILL TO THE POOR-HOUSE.

## bX will m. carleton.

Over the hill to the poor-house I'm trudgin' my weary way-
I, a woman of seventy, and only a trifle gray-
, who am smart an chipper, for all the years I've told,
Over the hill to the poor-house-I can't quite make it clear Over the hill to the poor-house-it seems so horrid queer ! Over the hill to the poor-house-it seems so
Many a step I've taken, a toilin' to and fro,
But this is a sort of journey I never thought to go.
What is the use of heapin on me a pauper s shame? Am I lazy or crazy? am I blind or lame?
True, I'm not so supple, nor yet so awful stout
I am willing and anxious and ready any day To work for a decent livin', an' pay my honest way; If anybody only is willin' to have more roo, IIt be bound
If anybody only is willin to have me round.
Once I was young and han'some-I was, upon my soul-
Once my cheeks were roses, my eyes as black as coal ; And I can't remember, in them days, of hearin' people say,

Taint no use of boastin. or takin' over free
But many a house and home was open then to
Many a han'some offer I had from likely men, And nobody ever hinted that I was a burden then.
And when to John I was married, sure he was good and smart, Eut he and all the neighbours would own I done my part For Ine was ali before me, an I was young an' strong.
And worked the best that I could in tryin' to get along.

And so we worked together ; and life was hard but gay Till we now and then a baby for to cheer us on our way ; $\mathrm{An}^{\prime}$ went to school like others, an' had enough to eat.

So we worked for the childr'n, and raised them every one Worked for 'em summer and winter, just as we ought to've done Only perhaps we humoured 'em, which some good folks condemn,
But every couple's childr' $n$ 's a heap the best to Stran
Strange how much we think of our blessed little ones !And God he made that rule of love ; but died for my sons And God he made that rule of love; but when we're old and gray
've noticed it sometimes somehow fails to work the other way

Strange, another thing: when our boys an' girls was grown, And when exceptin' Charley, they'd left us there alone When John he nearer and nearer come, an' dearer seemed to be,
The Lord of Hosts he came one day an'

Still I was bound to struggle, an' never to cringe or fall-3 Still I worked for Charley, for Charley was now my all ; inll at last was prety good to me, with scarce a word or frown, ill at last he went a courtin and brought a wife from town
She was somewhat dressy, an' hadn't a pleasant smile She was quite conceity, and carried a heap o' style But she was hard and proud, and I couldn't make it

She had an edication, and that was good for her But when she twitted me on mine, 'twas carryin' things too fur ; And I told her once, 'fore company, (an' it almost made her sick,)

They wonly a fow days before, the thing was done-
And a very little cottage for one family will do.
But I never have seen a house that was big enough for two.
And I never could speak to suit her, never could please her eye An it made me independent, and then I didn't try
But I was terribly staggered, an' felt it like a blow. When Charley turned agin me, an' told me I could go.

I went to live with Susan, but Susan's house was small, And she was always a hintin' how snug it was for us all ;
And what with her husband's sisters, and what with her children three Twas easy to discover there wasan't room for me.

An' then I went to Thomas's, the oldest son I've got,
For Thomas's buildings ' $d$ cover the half of an acre lot
But all the childr'n was on me-I could'nt stand their sauce-
And then I went to Rebeeca, my girl that lives out West, And to Isaac, not far from her-some twenty miles at best And tother had the opinion the climate was too cold.
o they have shirked and slighted me, and shifted me aboutBut still Tve borne nigh soured me and worn my old heart out Till Charley went to the poor-master, an' put me on the town.

Over the hill to the poor-house-my childr'n dear, good-by Many a night Ive watched you when only God was nigh I That you shall never suffer the half I woll to-days.

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