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My Good Angel.

Her eyes are sweet and gentle: Hair, a golden brown: Her cheeks are soft and tender. As any girl's in town.

Her temper is the mildest. Spirits, bithe and gay: She never cares to wander Far from my side away.

She follows close bening me.
O'er mountain, pinin or bog;
She loves me fondly, truly—
"A woman?" No—my dog.
—Truth.

stories must be often re-told to the new generations; and the character and work of Captain Cook entitle him to perpetual honour. To him is due the discovery of many of the islands where his followers have wrought mightly for the salvation or soule.

James Cook was the son of a farm-labourer, in Marton, Yorkshire, England, and was born October 28, 1728. His father was a man of energy, and afterward hecame a bailiff. When James was thirteen when James was thirteen years old, in accordance with the custom of the time, he was hound out to a hyberdasher at Straiths, near Whitby. He did not long remain here; some difficulty arose betwirt him and his master, and, like so many other adventurous lads, he left, and entered himself as an apprentice on board a collier, and soon became an officer.

At the age of twenty-seven, his naval aspirations seven, his havai aspirations led him to join the royal navy, in the service of which he spent his life. Very soon he attracted the notice of his superiors, by his ability; and on the recommendation of the commendation of the commendation of his ship Cook. mander of his ship, Cook was appointed master of the Grambus, and afterwards of two other vessels.

While in command of the Mercury, he was sent to low the fleet in the St. Lawrence, and assisted in the capture of Newfound-land the coast of which he surreyed in the fol-

be a transit of Venus; and in view of Cook's evident skill in astronomical work, he was now chosen to conduct an expedition to the Southern Pacific. to take an observation from that point. He was therefore made a licutement, and proceeded to Tabiti, where a successful observation was made by the scientists of the expedition. This done, he cruised westward through the Southern Pacific to New Zealand, Australia, and Java, where he stopped for repairs, and then returned to England by way of the Cape of Good-Hope, having made the circuit of the globe. He arrived in England, Inne 11, 1771, and was at once made a instaln. His stay was short, nowever, rapinia. or Public discussion had taken up tho

dred men, he left Plymouth July 13, 1772. He passed the Cape of Good Hope, and then cruised through the southern regions until midsummer of 1774, when, having made three voyages to and fro-in the southern regions, he was con-vinced that no continent was there, and returned to England, where he was fur-ther honoured by promotion to be post captain in command of Greenwich Hospital, and was elected to membership in the Royal Society. And now a third enterprise demanded his services. Arctic

quakes are frequent, and sometimes very destructive. During the change of mon-soons terrific hurricanes sweep along the islands, making navigation extremely hazardous. The rainy season begins in May and lasts till December, and is unhealthy for Europeans. The total area of the group is estimated at a hundred and twenty thousand square miles, and for natural wealth is unsurpassed, if it is equalled, by any similar extent of territory on the earth. Mineral deposits O'er mountain plain or bog;
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CAPTAIN COOK.

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he silveyed in the following year, 1753. So well
was this done, that, in 1764,
he was appointed Marine
Surveyor of Newtoundland
and Labrador. While in
this service he made a
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stolen a boat from one of the vessels. Captain Cook was a man of fine personal presence, energy, and discretion; a favourite with his subordinates, and honoured by equals and superiors. was the first man to sail around the world; and in his various voyages he discovered many Islands of importance, some of which bear his name.

THE PHILIPPINES.

There are twelve hundred islands in mestion of a southern continent, and the Philippine group. In reality they continent again appointed to make a are the summits of a group of submarine or exploration in search of it, mountains, many of which are active with two hips, and nearly two hun-voicences. As may be imagined, earththe Philippine group. In reality they are the summits of a group of submarine.

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The Mohammedan inhabitants of the plains are an industrious, highly skilled people. The negroes, or Papuans, of the mountain regions are little known savages. Topacco is cultivated as a Government monopoly by nearly a mil-lion impressed labourers, who are slaves in all but name. Besides these, every pative in the settled districts is compelled to give forty days' Jabour every year on the public roads and bridges.

If some good temperance people would work while they pro, prohibition would spanish officials sent out from Spain not be so long delayed.

strive to acquire fortunes as rapidly as possible, and are quite unscrupulous in the methods they employ for that object. Hence the general disaffection and certainty of a furious uprising, as predicted, on the appearance of a ficet lostile to Spain. There are seven regiments of infantry and one of cavairy entirely composed of natives. The only Spanish troops are two brigades of artillery and a corps of engineers. The navy consists of a few old-fashioned chips and a number of folucias employed as revenue cutters to prevent smuggling. A monopolistic and prohibitory trade policy has greatly returned the development of the Islands. In fact, the commerce is said to be little better now than it was in the sixteenth century, when the trade between China and the Spanish colonies of America was the richest in the world. A bad, greedy, fiscal system, restrictions on foreign shipping, discouragement of all enterprise, not under the patronage of a notoriously corrupt, incapable Government, ecclesiastical control in temporal as well as spiritual affairs, the utter neglect of education, all combine to ronder these islands, prodigiously rich in all that should make a country great and prosperous, the most miserable and der these islands, prodigiously rich in all that should make a country great and prosperous, the most miserable and turbulent region on the face of the globa. In spite of all, however, English and German and American merchants have established lucrative businesses, which, under happier suspices, would become of great importance. The best thing that could happen the islands would be to fall under the power of a nation that would know how to govern them and develop their wonderful resources.—The Witness.

BATTLE OF WATERLOO.

On June 12, 1815, Napoleon left Paris for the seat of war. On the 15th the French army crossed the river Sambre and fell upon the enemy. Then came

Waterlco !- that famous battle, where Waterico i—that famous battle, where Napoleon first met the unconquerable English face to face; where Wellington made his name immortal; that battle glittering in its array, brilliant in its manoeuvres, terrible in its intensity, horrible in its loss of life, that battle remarkable for little blunders that led to great results, and for magnificent attempts that amounted to nothing that battle, so nearly a defeat for England, so nearly a victory for France, that to battle, so nearly a defeat for England, so nearly a victory for France, that to this day men cannot see just how it turned the other way, and historians and military writers are even yet disputing as to the responsibility and discussing the operations.

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It is not for us to describe or discuss it here. Napoleon was beaten, conquered, it may be, as the English say, by Wellington, conquered, it may be, as the Germans claim, by Blucher, conquered, it may be, as declares Victor Hugo, the Frenchman, by the will of heaven.

PRAYER AND WORKS.

The story the other day, about the plous little boy who tried to walk on the water in the bath tub, recalls another of an equally plous girl She was eight years old and lived in the country She had started one day rather late for achool, with another little girl about her own age. On their way they caught a glimpse of a clock dial through an open door. It lacked five minutes of nine.
"Oh. dear" said the pious little girl. "it's five minutes of nine, and we'll be late to echool"

"I'm afraid we will." "Jennie." said the plous little girl impressively, "I'll tell you what we'll do, we'll kneel right down here and

pray that we won't be late."
"H'm;" said the other. "I guess we'd better skin right along and pray as we go."
"They "skun," and got there just in

Were Half the Power.

BY IL W. LONGFEILOW.

Were half the power that fills the world with terror, Were half the wealth bestowed on

camps and courts, Given to redeem the human mind from

error. There were no need of arsenals and

The warrior's name would be a name abhorred !

And every nation that should lift again lis hand against a brother, on its forehead

Would bear forevermore the curse of Cain I

Down the dark future, through long generations.

The echoing sounds grow fainter, and then cease;
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet

vibrations. I hear once more the voice of Christ say, "Peace!"

Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals

The blast of war's great organ shakes

the skies! But beautiful as songe of the immortals, Thy holy melodies of love arise

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SOME THINGS THE BIBLE FORBIDS. TAKING GOD'S NAME IN VAIN.

(Ex. 20. 7; Matt. 5. 33-36.)

Another thing which the Ten Com-mandments, which were given to men amid the thunders and lightnings of Sinai, carefully forbade, is taking God's name in vain. "For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Profane swearing used to be much more common than it is now. In England it was so prevalent among all classes that even fine indies used to swear. Queen Elizabeth did. The judge swore on the bench, the lawyer at the bar. "The nation was clothed with cursing as with a garment."

The teaching of God's Word has largely banished this from respectable society. It is now the mark of coarseness and vulgarity. In Spain and Italy especially profane swearing abounds. They will swear frightfully by all the saints in the calendar, and by every profane and wicked oath. Yet no one believes them wicked oath. a bit more for all their oaths.

I trust that none of the boys and girls in our schools would ever think of saving a bad word or take the name of God in vain in this way. But this command forbids also all irreverence in God's house, all use of frivolous and silly words as "By George" or "By Jove," which many boys think it very clever to use. "Let your communication," says the Saviour, "be, yea, yea, nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN FRANCE.

In 1572 occurred the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, the darkest stain on the history of France. That tragedy made an impression on Europe which to this day has not ceased to be keenly felt. Although at the time the Pope ordered the event to be celebrated with rejoicings and commemorated by art, it was soon felt to have been a disgracs and a disaster to the victors. Party spirit ran high; but the Huguenots rallied, and in 1598 they were granted certain rights and privileges in the Edict of Nantes, issued by Henry IV. This year the descendants of the Huguenots are colebrating the tercentenary of the famous Edict. For years before the Edict and for many years thereafter the Huguenots were quiet enough. Their only offence was their religion. They were the most thrifty and intelligent portion of the population: but they could not conform to the religion of the majority. They could not be induced even by the severest pairs and population to the religion of the majority. pains and penalties to give up the Reformed faith.

Louis Fourteenth was determined to rule in the religions as well as in the civil sphere. He would not tolerate the idea of the people—any section of the people—disobeying him. Still he did not wish to lose his wealthiest, most enterprising and enlightened subjects, and escape from the country was made as difficult for Protestants as the Government could devise and execute. Year by year Louis withdrew the privileges ac-corded by the Edict of Nantes, and at last he revoked that Edict, and made it imperative on every Frenchman to become a Roman Catholic. No Protestant could hold a public office. He could not send his children to school or college. The disadvantage, "pains and penalties," under which they laboured were very under which they laboured were very Many preferred exile to change trying. of religion; and it is said that in spite of the extreme vigilance exercised in preventing their escape, not less than a million Huguenots made their way to Switzerland, Holland, Germany and England. From England many made their way to the New World. Where-ever they went they prospered and proved a blessing to themselves and their adopted countries. France suffered greatly by the folly of driving away so many of her best people. In fact she has sustained irreparable loss through her colossal blunder, and her crime against humanity. Many of the brave soldiers who have fought against her and assisted in tearing away her colonies and her provinces were descendants of Huguenot exiles.

Events three hundred years old can be commemorated and discussed without a shade of bitterness; but there are obvious lessons which ought not to be forgotten. Religious persecution is doubly hurtful. Evils inflicted on the innocent recoil upon the guilty. National sins are the seed of a harvest of national calamities.—Presbyterlan Witness.

TWO CATS AND AN ALLIGATOR

The big cat's name was Daisy, and the little cat, her daughter, was Lamed

They were both of a beautiful tortologshell colour, with snowy breasts and paws. The alligator was very little and very ugly, with nothing remarkable about him except an astonishingly loud voice, all out of proportion to his size,

as Susan one day found out.

The two cats, though alike in colour, were extremely unlike in disposition. Daisy was good-natured and motherly, while Susan was independent and in-

quisitive, with a fine temper of her own.

The alligator had a shallow pan, filled
with water, placed near the kitchen
stove, and there he would float motionless for hours, while Susan would sit by the pan intently studying him, for some Then a velvet paw would gently tap him on the back, the alligator would immediately sink to the bottom, and Miss Susan would get her paw wet, which she didn't like at all. This performance was repeated over

ar I over again, till one day the alligator, instead of dropping under the water as usual, gave a tremendous hiss and jumped right into Susan's face, so startling her that she fell over into the pan, thereby getting such a fright and wetting that she didn't motest him again for some time.

As the days grew warmer the alligator would leave his pan and crawl about over the floor, and one day he happened to crawl under the stove, where Daisy was stretched out enjoying a nap.

Meeting with nothing more alarming than a gentle pure, he gradually drew-nearer and nearer, until, attracted by Dalsy's warm, soft fur, he finally stretched himself directly across her, and there they lay and slept together; and often after that, when Dalsy was lying under the stove, the alligator would

come out of his pan and join her.
Between him and Susan, however, there was always trouble. She never lost an opportunity to slip up behind him unseen if she could, and tap him on the back, while he would hiss like a small steam-engine if he caw her come into the room.

It was very amusing for the whole family to watch their performances, and also a mystery how he could tell the two cats apart at such a distance, but

he never was known to hiss at Daisy.
That was a long time ago, and protty Daisy is now resting under the rose-bed in the garden, while the alligator is stuffed and occupies a place on the cabinet; but Susan is still alive and as inquisitive as ever, and when lately one of the boys brought home a large turtle from abroad and put it in a pail of water, Susan evidently thought that her old enemy had come back once more.

She would sit down and watch him awhile, and then tap him gently and jump back, expecting the customary hiss; but as the turtle took no notice of her whatever, she soon lost all interest in him.—Canadian Presbyterian.

A VALUABLE DOLL.

Marshal Castellane, who was the military governor of Lyons forty years ago, was a large-hearted man, and very fond of children. One evening, as he took his customary walk, he stopped by chance in front of an antiquary's store, where there were some curious old. things displayed in the window. Among some objects of rare value was a little ragged doll, well worn, and evidently of the cheapest kind.

How it got there among the objects of the antiquary was the thing that puzzled the marshal. Just then a little girl, so the story goes, came up in a hurry, carrying a loaf of bread under her arm. Shivering in the cold wind, she drew over her thin shoulders a little faded shawl, while her worn dress clung to her frail limbs.

The little one opened the door, and, without entering, said to the shopkeeper: "Mr. Antoine, did anybody make an offer for my doll?"

"Five cents was all that I was offered

"Five cents was all that I was called for it," replied a hoarse voice.
"That's not enough," said the little one. She closed the door, and, with a continued her journey. The marsigh, continued her journey. The mar-shal followed her, but she did not notice him. She entered a poor, tumble-down house, and mounted the stairs. When she came to the garret landing the child opened a door and disappeared. tellane crept up and listened at the door.

"You were very long, Maria, and the door.
"You were very long, Maria, and the little ones are dreadfully hungry," said the voice of a woman inside.
"The baker refused to give us any more credit, and I had to talk to him," replied the little girl, "but, anyway, here is the bread, mamma; let me cut it for the children."

The marshal did not need to hear any

The marshal did not need to hear any more; he understood the case thoroughly. In a hurry he returned to the antiquary, and pointing to the old doll, sked:

"How much for this doll?" "Anything you wish, sir," said the dealer. "Well, let us say one hundred francs."

"You are joking, are you not?"
"Not at all; here's the money." "Oh, my dear sir, if you only knew

the good that you are about to do."
"To whom?" "To a little girl in the neighbourhood, the eldest of a numerous family in desperate straits. The father is at present in the hospital. They are unfortunate people, but very honest, I can assure you. The little girl told me to find a purchaser for that old doll. She fancied, poor thing, that she would get ten cents for it. I never thought I could sell it

sell it. You say one hundred francs?"
"I said one hundred francs. Here it is," and the marshal placed four twentyive franc-pleces on the little the shop.

The joy of the doll's owner can be imagined when she learned that it had sold for a price sufficient to support the little family for weeks.

An Ontario exchange relates this aneodote. "Many years ago," says the Bishop of Manitoba, "I was holding a service near an Indian village camp.

My things were scattered about in a lodge, and when I was going out I asked the chief if it was safe to leave them there while I went to the village to hold a service. 'Yes,' he said, 'perfectly safe. There is not a white man within a hundred miles."

A Short Cruise.

BY JAMES OTIS.

CHAPTER II.

APLOAT.

Thomas Hardy would have assisted in the preparations for getting under way, but that the old man positively refused to accept of his services.

"You're to sit right down there, an' do jest as little Elien tells you, for once in your life, young man," Captain Hiram said with his customary assumption of sternness; "an' if you vex her in any way there'll be no sailin' for you this day, leastways, not on the Island Queen. There's mighty fow boys got sich a sister as you have, Thoma: Hardy, an' it's a pity you don't appreciate her better." ter.

"What do you know bout how I appreciate her?"

"You couldn't come anywhere night doin' justice to the subject, however hard you might try; so it won't do any harm to keep remindin' you of your good fortune."

good fortune. Then Captain Hiram set about making his preparations for the floating of the sloop; and Thomas Hardy remained quietly near his sister's side, lest by some careless word or movement he

might deprive himself of this golden opportunity.
"The Island Queen ain't what you

might call fit for sea, by any manner of means," Captain Hiram said, as he coa-tinued his work; "an' I allow she wouldn't have left the barbour to-day. nor to-morrow either, if it hadn't been that little Ellen wanted to go. But even though she ain't as trim as might be wished, she'll do her duty as she always has, which is more'n can be said

of some folks I know."
"Have we got to wait for that water to come all the way up here?" Thomas Hardy asked after what seemed to him

a very long time of silence.
"It's the only thing to be done, if you want to take a spin in the sloop, lad; an' the longer you' ve the better you'll know that patien' waitin' with a little work thrown in 'ow an' then to kinder help Providence along, is the best way to get what you're wantin'. No good ever comes of tryin' to force matters. It's jest like this 'ere sloop. Set your shoulder under her stem, an' see how much you can make towards pushin' her into the water; but wait a bit, an' the tide'il come creepin' up, creepin' up, till it raises her keel off the sand, an' the job is done without any work, or any frettin' either, if it so be you're disposed to take things as you oughter. I wonder what the folks in Oldhaven will say when they hear that Cap'en will say when they hear that Cap'en. Hiram Stubbs took one of them 'ere Jones bables out for a sail? Why, they'll come to the conclusion that he's way off hir reckonin'. Look out for the youngster, little Ellen, or I'll have to go into the surf after him again. It beats all how he's hankerin for water this day. It's an unnatural desire on the part of any Jones I ever heard about."

Captein Hiram's preparations were made by the time the tide had crept nearly to the sternpost of the Island Queen; and Ellen was on the point of moving farther inland, when the old man suddenly lifted her as if she had been a thistle-down, depositing her in the

cockpit of the stranded vessel.
"Don't be afraid, little one; I'm only puttin' you out of the tide's reach, 'cause we've got quite a spell to wait yet, an' the sloop will float about as soon with us on board as if we hung 'round the shore. Here's the small round the shore. Mere's the small Jones," he added, passing Samuel Abner up much as if the baby had been a property of merchandise. "Look out for him, an' I'll see to your brother—"
"I reckon I can 'tend to myself,"

Master Scabury interrupted as he eluded the old man's grasp, and began clambering unaided up the deck. "I wouldn't be much of a fellow if I couldn't get aboard of a little vessel like this."

The words had hardly been spoken before Thomas Hardy's feet slipped on the smooth planking, and he rolled with many a disagreeable bump completely over the rail onto the sand, striking with such force as called forth a little squeak of pain.

O Thomas Hardy! Thomas Hardy Seabury! Now you have hurt your-

"Of course I have," was the petulant reply. "Don't you s'pose it would burt any fellow to tumble off an old vessel like that?" and Master Seabury, rising slowly, cast a look of reproach at the little sloop.

"There sin't any call for you to find fault with the Island Queen, my lad; 'cause she wasn't in no way to blame. Experience is what's needed in this world, even when it comes to gettin' aboard of a sloop as small as this one; an' when you ain't willin' to learn from them as knows more'n you do, you must expect rough handlin' now an' then. A sallorman don't flounder 'round in that fashion when the deck is on an angle, but he goes over the rail in this shape." and Captain Hiram gave an exhibition of agility as he vaulted up the steep incline.

'Are you hurt, Thomas Hardy?" Ellen cried again.

"Didn't I tell you I was?"

"What can I do for you?" "Stay where you are and leave me one. It seems as if you and Captain Hiram thought I couldn't do anything.

Let him have his own way, little Ellen; an' if he gets a rough knock now an' then it won't do any harm, 'cause I allow he's one of them as will eleer his own course till he's brought up with a round turn sich as will make him will-in' to listen to others."

Then Captain Hiram gave his entire attention to making Ellen and the Jones baby more comfortable, while Thomas Hardy was left to clamber on board in such fashion as best pleased hire.

Not until after two attempts did he succeed; and then it was to seat himself in a sulky fashion as far from his companions as possible, where he assumed the position and bearing of a muchabused boy.

With a firm hold of Samuel Abner's dress, lest he should propel himself over the side, Ellen watched the incoming tide as, with many a gurgle and ripple of delight, it ran in and out among the hollows-formed by the keel of the sloop, each moment growing stronger and stronger, until the yellow cands were hidden from view, and the Island Queen, yielding to the influence of her liquid cradic, swayed gently to and fro, gradu-

ally assuming an upright position.

Thomas Hardy lost his expression of ill-temper when it was possible to move about comfortably, and would have be-run a thorough exploration of the sloop, much to Ellen's fear, but for Captain Hiram's emphatic command to "remain quiet an' behave himselt."

"You're terribly 'Iraid I'll hurt your vessel," Master Seabury said pstulantly; but at the same time obeying the command lest he should be sent ashere before the voyage was begun.

"I don't allow you'd do the Island Queen much harm beyond scrapin' the paint; but them monkey-shines fret your sister, an' that's somethin' I sha'n't allow while I'm round. Then, your agin, there's more'n even chances you'll go overboard at the rate you're cavorting round; an' while I don't reckon there'd be any great danger in it, you'd get a duckin' that would obleege you to go to Maria Littlefield's for dry clothes, which would put an end to this cruise as 'ar as you're concerned. As I look at it, it's to your advantage to behave; for I give you fair warnin' that little Ellen ain't to be cheated out of her voyage,

no matter what happens to you."
"Thomas doesn't mean to be rude,
sir. It is only his way."

sir. It is only his way.
"An' I reckon we've all of us got a "An' I reckon we've all of us got a right to our way; but we musn't grumble when we find that that way leads us into trouble. If it so be Thomas Hardy's willin' to take the chances of goin' back to Maria Littlefield's while we cruise 'round outside, I sha'n't say anything to whatever he does, pervidin' it don't fret you, little Ellen; but when it comes to that, I put my foot right down. The Island Queen is leavin' the sand now, an' I reckon is leavin' the sand now, an' I reckon we'll set the jib to slew her nose 'round. Now then, Thomas Hardy, lay hold of this rope if you want to be useful, an' in five minutes more we'll have deep water under the keel."

Master Seabury willingly acted upon this suggestion; and a low cry of delight burst from Ellen's lips as the sloop gradually swung away from the land, rising and falling upon the gentle swell as if courtesying to her partner, the wind.

The mainsail was run up after little Ellen and the Jones baby had taken possession of the tiny curdy which served as cabin, lest the slatting of the boom might work them some injury, and the cruise was begun.

"Now you can come out here an' sit the old man said when the down." Island Queen was headed directly away from Oldhaven, leaving a track of milky white behind her: "an' Thomas Hardy shall take a lesson in steerin', if it so pleases him."

It did so please Master Seabury; and never was a boy prouder than he, when, profiting by Captain Hiram's brief lesson, he was able to hold the sloop steadily on her course.

There came to him, a sense of triumph

at thus being able to direct her movements, and he fondly believed he was already an experienced sailor.

Samuel Abnor danced and crowed in very gice as the sloop rose and fell on the waves; and little Ellen had quite as much as she could do to prevent him from going over the rail, until Captain Hiram "belayed" him to the cuddy door by a rope fastened around his walst.

"Now you can let him cavort to his "Now you can let him cavort to his heart's content, for I allow he won't break loose from his moorin's. Keep her steady as she goes, lad, an' don't let her yaw so much. There! Bring her up gently. Pushin' the tiller hard down when you want to swing her 'round a single point is a good bit like losin' your temper, you're bound to go too far in the opposite direction. A steady hand an' a gentle one is what a boat hand an' a gontle one is what a boat needs, an' it's the same as we all oughter have over ourselves."

"Seems to me I'm keepin' her

"Seems to me I'm keepin' her straight enough."

"So you are, lad, if you're satisfied with a zig-zag course like that," and the old man pointed to a creamy track behind, "But anything that's worth doin' at all is worth doin' well, an' you nover ought to be satisfied till you've done the best."

"I didn't come out here to be preached

"Why, Thomas Hardy! you say such a rude thing, when Cap-tain Hiram is doing so much to give us a good time?"

I don't care! He talks jest as if I

Thomas Hardy, and here you are steer-

ing one. Ain't I doin' Well, s'posen I am? it. '-ht? S'posen I wasn't; how'd you know anything about it?"

"Captain Hiram says that milky track behind us ought to be straight, and I am sure it is crooked enough

Well, Captain Hiram says a good many things there's no need of, straight enough for me. Perh want it crooked." Perhaps I

"Don't talk like that, Thomas Hardy, when the captain has been so good as to sail his vessel out here simply for our

pleasure." Oh, that's all in your oye, Nell. He never would have come here just for us. Most likely he wants to go to Dollar Island on some business, and makes us think he's doing it to give us

a good time."
Ellen motioned toward the cabin to intimate that their host might overhear the rude remark; but Thomas Hardy was not disturbed by such a possibility.

"I'll show him before we get home how much I know about boats. Ho nin't the only man in this world that can do things."

Ellen remained silent, understanding that by continuing what was really becoming an argument, Captain Hiram might hear something which would displease him, and Thomas Hardy held the tiller, triumphant and happy in his ignorance.

It was nearly half an hour before the "I don't care! He talks jest as if I owner of the Island Queen had the was a baby! He thinks you're awful lunch arranged to his entire satisfac-

RLIJAH BAISES THE SHUNADIKITE'S SON:

nice; but he oughter see you sometimes !'

"I allow you're fully s much of a baby as young Jones nere." Captain Hiram said with no trace of ill humour; "an' if it so be you're willin' to act as sich, why I won't say a word agin it. He don't know any better, an' for that reason we overlook his cayortine, an' we will yours on the same ground. Now, then, little Ellen, where is it your nleasure to go? What part of this coast

do you want to see?"
"Wherever you choose, Captain
Hiram. It is just as pleasant as can Captain

be anywhere."

"I allow then we'll strike a straight course for Dollar Island. That's much as we're headin', Thomas Hardy. We'll take a fair wind out an' tack back."

"Are you going to land there?" Ellengered.

asked.

"If it so be you please, child. This truise is for your pleasure, an' you're the skipper. I allow a bit of grub wouldn't go bad, so keep your eye on Thomas Hardy while I overhaul the stores in the cuady."

There was a swinging-table in the tiny cabin, and Captain Hiram devoted an unusual amount of labour in arranging upon it the most tempting of his stores in honour of the one particular guest whom he wished to please; while she literally obeyed his commands, hardly eyes fr in the helmsman, raising her

who, becoming impatient because of the studies, said petulantly,—
"Now what's the matter with you, Nell? Anybody'd think you was a reglar sailor by the way you watch me. Don't you s'pose I know what oughter

be done?"
"You never was in a vessel before,

tion, and when he came on deck an exclamation of mingled surprise and annoyance burst from his lips.

"I oughter to be hauled over the coals for a fresh-water sailor! Here I am playin' the part of steward when I should have been lookin' out for my craft!"
"What's the matter. Captain Hiram?"

What's the matter, Captain Hiram? "I've been careless, little Ellen, an' carelessness comes mighty nigh bein a crime sometimes."

"Why, what has happened? Hasn't Thomas Hardy steered as he ought?"
"That's it! If anything goes wrong find fault with me," Master Seabury cried impatiently. "I've kept her head-"So you have, lad, so you have; an' I. wasn't goin' to blame anybody but my-

self. I saw that fog-bank when we left Oldhaven, an' oughter kept it well in mind, but somehow or other thinkin of little Ellen an' mother put everything else out of my head. Now we're in for a smother, an' no mistake."

"What do you mean by a smother, Cantain Hiram.?

Look 'round; child, an' you'll soon find out. Can you see Oldhaven now? "No, sir, that gray cloud is between us and the village."

"An' the gray cloud, child, is fogthat same fog-bank we saw hangin' off the harbour when we started."
"Oh that won't do any harm." Mas-

Oh, that won't do any harm," Master Seabury replied confidently. "A vessel like this ought to cut right through any fog that ever was."

"So she can, lad; but how will you know whether you're sallin into the the foe. Oharbour, or onto the rocks that standel would close it either side?"

"All we've got to do is to go straight The Worker.

back, and we'll be sure to strike it."
"If we did it would be a case of ac-"If we did it would be a case of accident, not wisdom, my boy. But you
can't go straight back, 'cause we've come
out here with the wind, an' must make
many a tack before we get into the harbour. Now, beatin' about in a fog is
what a salforman don't like."

Master Schbury did not appear to be
get grabity alarmed by the prospect be-

very greatly alarmed by the prospect be-fore them; and little Elien, confident of Captain Hiram's ability to take them safely back, allowed the fact to give her no particular unessiness.

The old man, understanding it was necessary they should make harbour at Dollar Island before the fog enveloped Dollar Island before the fog enveloped them completely, took the helm himself, much to Thomas Hardy's displeasure, and, trimming the sheets carefully that not an ounce of the wind's weight might be lost, devoted himself entirely to the management of the Island Queen.

"I've got the best the sloop affords spread on the table in the cuddy, little Ellen, an' you may as well fall to now.

Take the Jones youngster with you, un'
I'll look out for the ship."

Thomas Hardy Aid not wait for a formal invitation. He was as hungry as boys generally are at any time an hour after a meni has been eaten, and very soon was selecting for himself the most toothsome dish, without any regard as to his sister's desires.

"Put your helm hard down, Thomas

Hardy. You're on the wrong tack now." Capinin Hiram cried as he observed the movements of the cable inmates; and Master Seabury looked out in surprise, not understanding the mean-

ing of the warning.
"What's the matter now! I ain't steering."

If you allow that you're no longer n baby, it's time you was showin' your-self a young gentleman; an' stowin' awagrub like that when there's ladles at the table, ain't the proper course by a goo

many points, lad."
"What am I doing?" and Thoma

"What am I doing the and I nome looked thoroughly bewildered.
"It's what you ain't doin' that I findin' fault with," Captain Hiram replied. "Your sister's got some call o your attention, an' I want to see you wait on little Ellen like a boy should There'll be plenty of time for you te

cat after she's 'tended to."
"I guess she's hig enough to look out for herself."

"See here, Thomas Hardy, what's tha Jones baby doin'?"
"Eating, of course."

"An' givin' no attention to anybod; else at the inble, eh?"
"Of course he nin't. How can you How can you expect a little duffer like him to de

anything?"
"I can't; an' if you ain't any older nor ain't got any better sense than he has, go ahead on the course you're steerin'; but if you allow to be old enough, an' big enough, to have proper manners, why show it by seein' that your sister has the best that can b found, before you begin to stow your-

"Don't, Thomas Hardy, don't!" Ellen whispered warningly as she saw that her brother was about to make an angry

"Seems as if that old man was trying to pick on me all the time." Master Seabury replied sulkily, as, with a very ill grace, he passed his sister the food before continuing the meat.

"When I get back to port I'll change the name of the Island Queen to the Little Ellen, no matter what it costs for new papers,' Captain Hiram said em-phatically to himself, and then peered ahe d anxiously to ascertain if it would be possible to reach a safe anchorage at Dollar Island before the fog closed down upon them.

(To be continued.)

HE SAW THE POINT.

A gentleman sald to us, "I do not favour prohibition. It would be an injustice to the men in the business, be-sides it would throw thousands out of employment." We replied, "You do not look at the issue from the right side. You take a contractor's viow". Just before the war closed a Government contractor said in a car, "I do hope the war will not close under two years. I will lose the sands of dollars. besides many men will be turned out of employment from the Government works." A lady pa senger, in weeds f mourning, rose to her feet and with a tearful voice said, "Sir, I have a brace boy and a husband electing the sleep of death in a soldiers' cemetery. conly one boy left and he is in front of the foe. O God! I wish the cruel war would close now." He saw the point. Do you? Then stop the rum traffic.—

"Does God Live Here?" BY EVA W. MALONE.

Friendless, at night, the street she trod, A little maid forforn, Hor reckned of her shockes feet, Nor of her garments torn. liut enger, searching, on she sped, With look of deep intent-As one with spirit, all enwrapt, On earnest mission bent.

At last she paused, her weary face
Took on a look of light—
A stately church, with beauty rare,
Burst full upon her sight.
She heard the organ peal—the notes Of glad, triumphant song— hen whispered low. Ah, this the place !" Then

And joined the waiting throng.

Before the surpliced priest she paused, Nor marked his gaze austere; But, undismayed, preferred her plea: "Please, sir, does God live here? They say that he is kind and good, If children to him come; And when I saw this lovely place, I know it was his home."

O men! O brothers ! in our pride, We rear the stately dome: But let us ask, with grief of heart, Is it, in truth, God's home? Do Pride and Passion find no place?
Is Envy, Mailce near? Alas! with shame our heads we bow.
And cry: "Does God live here?"

A NEW BOY AT SCHOOL IN CHINA

Everyone knows the absurd character to occidentals-of Chinese formal conversation, but every fresh account of a first interview with a Chinaman with whom etiquette must be observed is a

wnom etiquette must be observed is a new entertainment. A gentleman who was for a long time at the head of a school in China. Which was patronized by Chinese, has cuntributed to an exchange an account of the usual interview which took place between him and the father of a boy brought to the school.
The Chinese gen-

tleman is escorted to the reception-room, and both he and the teacher shake their own hands and bow profoundly.
Then the teacher

esks : What is your

honourable name?"
"My mean, insignificant name is Wong." Tea and a water-

pipe are sent for, and the teacher this: "Please use The Chinaman sips and puffs for a quarter of an hour tefore he says to the teacher: What

is ·your honourable name?" "My mean, insignificant name

Pott."
"What is your honourable kingdom?"
"The small, petty district from whichI come is the United States of America." This comes hard, but etiquette requires

the teacher to say it.
"How many little stems have you

sprouted ?" This means, "How old are you?" "I have vainly spent thirty years." "Is the honourable and great man of the household living?

He is asking after the teacher's father.
"The old man is well." "How many precious little ones have

two little dogs." These

the teacher's own children. "How many children have you in your illustrious institution?"

"I have a hundred little brothers."
Then the Chinaman comes to business.
"Venerable master," he says, "I have brought my little dot here, and worshipfully entrust him to your charge."

The little fellow, who has been stand-ing in the corner of the room, comen forward at this, kneels befor the teacher. puts his hands on the floor and knocks his head against it. The teacher raises him up and sends him off to school, while arrangements are being made for his sleeping-room, and so forth. At last the Chinese gentleman rises to take his leave.

"I have tormented you exceedingly to-day," he says.
"Oh, no, I have dishonoured you."

As he goes toward the door he keeps saying: "I am gone; I am gone." And etiquette requires the teacher to repeat, as long as he is in hearing: "Go slowly go slowly."—Youth's Companion.

BABIES IN ALASKA.

An Alaskan baby has less chance of living to manhood and womanhood than have the bables of other countries. The Alaskans are bold, warlike, and healthy, and are great hunters, trappers, and fishers. But the ignorant mothers do not know how to take care of their little bables, and so they die by the scores from neglect and mistaken treatment. How do they treat the bables? To beein with they rub their little badles.

How do they treat the bables? To begin with, they rub their little bodies with grease, pack dried grass tightly round them, and then roll them up in a skin or a bianket. In this tight bundle the baby stays, with his limbs held close to his body, unable to do anything, poor little thing, but cry from discomfort. If he cries too loud or too long, his mother puts his head under water to teach him puts his head under water to teach him to keep still!

Once a day the blanket is unrolled and fresh grass is packed around the little fellow. After the first year, if the chilu lives through it, the wrappings are taken off, and the baby is allowed to crawl about, and is fed liberally on whatever the grays are taken of the country whatever the grown-up members of the family have for dinner—seal-fat, dried meat, and dried fruit. With such bad meat, and dried fruit. With such bad food, and such a cold and damp climate, very many of the children die before they are five years old.

When a baby dies, its body is put into a "burlal basket." This is often prettily embroidered, and dyed in bright colours, for the Alaskan mother loves her baby dearly, and makes its tiny coffin

A LAD'S COURAGE.

When John Coleridge Patteson, who became the devoted bishop, was a lad at school, he was one of the cricket cleven. At the suppors, after the matches, the boys became accustomed to indulge in rather coarse mirth; silly jokes were circulated, and the talk sometimes be-

At last, Patteson could stand it no longer. He rose up from his place one night, and said clearly and decidedly, with boyish frankness and determination: "I must leave the cloven if this conversation is to go on; I will not share in it, and I cannot listen to it. If you persist in it, nothing is left me but to go." The influence of this brave stand by one of their best players caused the hurtful talk to cease.

ELIJAH AND ELISHA.

The following account of the call of Elisha will be of interest in connection

with our lesson.

"So Elijah found Elisha, the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth; and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantic upon him.

And he left the oxen, and ran after "And he left the oxen, and the actor blink, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?"

And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arcse, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him."—1 Kings 19. 19-21.

The only truly rich people are those who give up all for Christ.



ELIJAH AND ELISHA.

as beautiful as she knows how. The burial basket is put into a little cance, which the mother pushes out into the stream, and the stream bears it out to sea, where the gods are supposed to re-ceive it. And that is the end of the poor little Alaskan baby.

METHODISM AND TEMPERANCE.

We do not believe that there has been in all history a more remarkable phenomenon than the absolute unity of opinion which exists in our church in regard to the evils of the liquor traffic. We do not know a single one of our preachers that uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Nor are we acquainted as a beverage. Nor are we acquainted with a single one but believes that the triffic in the devil's fluid ought to be suppressed by law. The great body of our laymen, moreover, are in sympathy with their pastors on this subject. What is true of the Methodists is also true of the other evangelical churches in this section. They are all sound to the core Nashville Christian Advocate.

Willingness, which is really love of God, has no colour of its own; only at every call it is ready to will whatever God wills .- Fencion.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE HISTORY OF THE TEN TRIBES.

LESSON VII.—AUGUST 14. THE SHUNAMMITE'S SON. 2 Kings 4. 25-37. Memory verses, 32-35.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. Pealm 55, 22,

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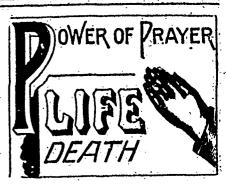
1. The Shunammite's Sorrow, v. 25-28. 2. Gehazi's Experiment, 7. 29-31. 3. Elisha's Miracle, v. 32-37.

Time-Between 895 and 884 B.C. Places.—Shunem, a little town in the very heart of Israel. Mount Carmel, in the neighbourhood of the scene of Elijah's victory over Baal's prophets.

HOME READINGS.

M. Kindness rewarded.—2 Kings 4.8-17. Tu. Sorrow in the home,—2 Kings 4. 18-24.

W. The Shunsmmite's son, -2 Kings 4.



Th. Elisha's care for the Shunammite.

2 Kings 8. 1-6.
F. The widow's son.—Luke 7. 11-17.
S. The ruler's daughter.—Luke 8. 41.
42, 49-56.
Su. Praise for deliverance.—Psalm 116.
1-13.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Shunammite's Sorrow, v. 25-28. What journey did this mother make,

Who saw her while yet a long way off ? What did Elisha say to his servant? What was the mother's answer? What did she do when she met Elisha? What did Gehazi attempt to do? What did Elisha say? What question did the woman sak?

2. Gehari's Experiment, v. 29-31.

What four things was the servant told to do?
What two things was he not to do?

What did the mother say? What did Elisha do? When the servant laid his staff on the

child's face what happened?
What report did Gehazi bear to Elisha?

3. Elisha's Miracle, v. 32-37.
In what state did Elisha find the child?

What was his first act when he came to the house?
What did he then do to the child?

What was the effect on the child? What did the prophet do?
What was the effect of his second visit to the child?

Whom did he then summon. What did he say to the mother? What did the mother do?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson are we taught— 1. The duty of trusting God when in trouble?

2. The duty of praying when in trouble:?

3. The power of God to help us in trouble?

Shop-Walker—"Sh. complains that you didn't show her common civility." Shop-Girl—"I showed her everything in my department, sir."

Johnny was in the preserve closet surreptitionsly helping himself. "It beats all," he said, under his breath, "how much jam a fellow can stand thout feelin crowded."

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