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# The Mystery

# METROPOLISVILLE

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The Hoosier School-Master," " The of the World," etc., etc.

#### CHAPTER XVIII.

#### A COLLISION.

F this ware a history of Merropolisym -but it isn't, and that is enough You do not want to hear, and I do not want to tell you, how Dave Sawney, like another Samson, overthrew the Philistines: how he sauntered into the room where all the county officers did business together, he and his associates, at noon, when most of the officers were gone to dinner ; how he seized the records-there were not many at that early day-loaded them into wagon, and made off. You don't want to hear all that. If you do, call on Dave himself. He has told it over and over to everybody who would listen, from that time to this, and he would cheerfully get out of bed at three in the morning to tell it again, with the utmost circum-stantiality, and with such little accretions of fictitious ornament an always gather about a story often and fondly told. Neither do you, gentle reader, who read for your amusement, care to be informed latter put himself in Charlton's way, and of all the schemes devised by Plausah for removing the county officers to their offices, nor of the town lots and other perquisites which accrued to said officers. It is sufficient for the purposes of this story that the county-seat was carted off to Metropolisville, and abode there in basswood tabernacles for a while, and that it proved a great advertisement to the town ; money was more freely invested in Metropolisville, an "Academy" was actually staked out, and the town grew rapidly. Not alone on account of its temporary political importance did it advance, for about this time Plausaby got himself elected a director of the St. Paul and Big Gun River Valley Land Grant Railroad, and the speculators, who scent a railroad station at once, began to buy lots-on long time, to be sure, and yet to buy them. So much did the fortunes of Plausaby, Esq., prosper that he began to invest also-on time and at high rates of interest-in a variety of speculations. It was the fashion of '56 to invest everything you had in first payments, and then Deringer. Charlton, who was not very to sell out at an advance before the second became due. But it is not about Plausaby or Metropolisville that I meant to tell you in this chapter. Nor yet about the wooing of Charlton. For in his case, true love ran smoothly. Too smoothly for the interest of this history. If Miss Minorkey had repelled his suit, if she had steadfastly remained cold, disdainful, exacting, it would have been better, maybe, tor me who have to tell the story, and for you who have to read it. But disdainful she never was, and she did not remain cold. The enthusiasm of her lover was contagious, and she came to write and talk to him with much earnestness. Next to her own comfort and peace of/mind and her own culture, she prized her lover. He was original, piquant, and talented. She was proud of him, and loved him with all her heart. Not as a more earnest person marks of Mr. Westcott about Katy-of might have loved, but as hearty as she which even he had grace to be a little

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color of her lover's habits of thought and feeling; she expressed herself even more warmly than she felt, so that Albert was happy, and this story was doomed to suffer because of his happiness. I might give zest to this dull love-affair by telling softened in the repetition which Albert gave them at home. Even Mrs. Plausaby forgot her attire enough to express her indignation, and as for Miss Marlay, she combined with Albert in a direct bayonet you that Mr. Minorkey opposed the match. Next to a disdainful lady-leve, charge on Katy.

Plausaby had always made it a not to fight a current. Wait till the turns, he used to say, and row with the stream when it flows your way. So now he, too, denounced Westcott, and Katy was fairly borne off her feet for a while by the influences about her. In truth, Katy was not without her own private and personal indignation at Westcore yet so completely under the influence of his admired daughter that he gave a con-Not because he had spoken of her as fool. That hurt her feelings, but did anger her much. He was not in the habit of getting angry on her own ac count. But when she saw three frigh scratches and a black bruise on the loc of Brother Albert, she could not help thinking that Smith had acted badly And then to draw a pistol, too ! To threaten to kill her own dear, dear, bro-ther ! She couldn't ever forgive him, she said. If she had seen the much more serious damage which poor, dear, dear Smith had suffered at the tender bands of Smith had suffered at the tender hands of her dear, dear brother, I deabt not she would have had an equally strong indig-nation against Albert. For Westcott's face was in mourning, and the Privileged I are had be big days. He did not swear "by George"

days. He did not swear "by George" once. He did not he! he! The joyful keys and the cheerful ten ceut coins lay in his pocket with no loving hand to rattle with his step-father, he did not get on them. He did not indulge in doubleshuffles. He sang no high-toned negro-ministrel songs. He smoked steadily and solemnly, and he drank steadily and solemn-His two cheeks were made to tremble. ly. They forgot Smith's bruised nose and swollen eye in fearing his / awful temper. All the swearing he wanted to do and dared not do at Albert, he did at his inoffensive subordinates.

Smith Westcott had the dumps. No sentimental heart-break over Katy, though he did miss her company sadly in a 'town where there were no amusements, not change and his keys for the amusement even a concert-saloon in which a refined young man could pass an evening. If he had been in New York now, he we have minded it. But in a place like Metropolisville, a stupid little frontier village of pious and New Englandish tendencies-in such a place, as Smith pathetically explained to a friend, one can't get along without a sweetheart, you know. TO BE COTNINUED.

In the quiet little hamlet, In the crowded, surging city. And the golden sun shines through them, Shines through the falling leaflets, Shines out upon the highways, Shines everywhere resplendent. And the leaves are gently falling, the pattering of the rain-drops, ike the dancing of the snowflakes !

The word In their many waters, ever ceasing motion, On their grand and solemn motion like the tramping of an army, rch of many giants, welling of some music, yal and lordly anthem !

So sings the old St. Lawrence, The smiling old St. Lawrence,

In this free and happy Canada, In this great and broad Dominion ; Where rolling fertile acres,

With their forests and their meadows, With their pine, and oak, and hemlock ; With their sugar-bearing maples,

Are inviting men of sinew, Men of brain, and men of muscle,

To come and raise their Venice. In the heart of the old forest,

Within sound of the St. Lawrence.

Are glazed and frozen over.

And the highways and the byways Have a mantle white and airy

Resting very lightly on them ; Pressing down the weary eyelids

Of some cold and silent dreamer, Who has been somebody's darling, Now dreaming in God's acre.

Far away a little dwelling,

With its high and antique gables, With its red aspiring chimneys, Glisten in the air of morning,

In the cutting air of morning, Right beside the old St. Lawrence,

That is ever chanting dirges For cold, dead dreamers sleeping

Underneath its babbling waters.

With a sharp and brilliant glory. Let us tell you of our hero. Let us paint a faithful picture Of a man of brain and muscle, Of a man of heart and sinew. Did you ever see the monarch, See the royal and lordly monarch Of the forest, in his beauty ? When the raging storms were twisting, Bending it in all directions, Leaving it more firmly rooted, Leaving it far more reliant ! Just the same it was with EYRION. Tall and stately as a giant : Eyes as dark or even darker Than the eagle's princely plumage, With a wealth of curls to match them, Gathering in graceful clusters O'er a brow high and stately, High and stately as a hero, High and massive as a poet. Thus you have him : have our hero In his beauty and his magic, With a heart as good and noble, And as true as any metal Heated in a mighty furnace, Welded by gigantic hammers. CONTINUED.

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VARIETIES.

wise when he went forth into the untrica work to seek his fortune, and that boy grew up "nott.

No man stumbles upon success. Good luck may open the way to the front, but he will never reach it without brains. "What do you mix your paints with ?" asked a visitor of Opie, the painter. "With brains, sir," was the reply.

Complaining people, people who are in a state of normal dissatisfaction with the universe generally, do not often master the situation. The wrong side of the tapestry of life is never the most beautiful or encouraging one.

Success rides on every hour ; grapple and you may

said. in a dreary, half-drunk style :

"Mornin', Mr. Hedgehog ! By George ! he! he! he! How's the purty little girl? My little girl. Don't you wish she wasn't ? Hard feller, I am. Any gal's a fool to marry me, I s'pose. Katy's a fool. That's just what I want, by George ! he ! he ! I want a purty fool. And she's purty, and she's—the other thing. What you goin' to do about it? He ! he ! me !"

the best thing for a writer and a reader is

a furious father. But I must be truthful

at all hazards, and I am obliged to say

that while Mr. Minorkey would have been delighted to have had for a son-in-law

some man whose investments might have

multiplied Helen's inheritance, he was

sent, tacitly at least, to anything she chose to do. So that Helen became re-

cognized presently as the prospective Mrs.

Charlton. Mrs. Plausaby liked her be-

cause she wore nice dresses, and Katy loved her because she loved Brother

Albert. For that matter, Katy did not

need any reason for loving anybody. Even is stifled the envy she was unwill-

ing to give place to, and declared that Muss Minorkey was smart, and just suited

Albert, and supposed that Albert with all his crotchets and theories, might make a person like Miss Minorkey

happy. It wasn't every woman that could put up with them, you know.

But it was not about the prosperous but aninteresting and the prosperous but with "idees" that I set out to tell in this

chapter. If Charlton got on smoothly with Helen Minorkey, and if he had no

more serious and one-sided outbreaks

Westcott had been drinking all of one

night with some old cronies of the

Elysian Club, and his merry time of the

night was subsiding into a quarrelsome

time in the morning. He was able,

when he was sober, to smother his resent-

ment towards Albert, for there is no

better ambush than an entirely idiotic

giggle. But drink had destroyed his

prudence. And so when Albert stepped

on the piazza of the hotel where Westcott

stood rattling his pocketful of silver

of the bystanders, as was his wont, the

with bis sister's lover.

"I'm going to knock you down," said Albert, "if you say another word about her."

"A'n't she mine ? You can't help it, either. He ! he ! The purty little goose loves Smith Westcott like lots of other purty little-

Before he could finish the sentence Charlton had struck him one savage blow full in the face, and sent him staggering back against the side of the house, but he aved himself from falling by seizing the window-frame, and immediately drew his strong, but who had a quick, lightninglike activity, knocked him down, seized his pistol, and threw it into the street. This time Charlton fell on him in a thoroughly murderous mood, and would perhaps have beaten and choked him to death in the frenzy of his long pent-up passion, for notwithstanding Westcott's struggles Albert had the advantage. He was sober, active, and angry enough to be ruthless. But Westcott's friends. in-terfered. However, that lively gentleman's eyes and nose were sadly disfigured by the pummeling he had received, and Charlton was badly scratched and bruised.

Whatever hesitancy had kept Albert from talking to Katy as he felt about Smith Westcott was all gone now, and he went home to denounce him bitterly. One may be sure that the muddled recould. And she came to take on the ashamed when he was sober-were not REVISED FOR PURE GOLD.

EYRION .-- PART I.

A NEW ORIGINAL POEM.

BY WILL HENRY GANE.

PART THE FIRST. -INTRODUCTION.

The last halo of the setting sun-The last murmur of the busy world ;----The first glimmer of the evening star-The first step of the shadowy host Of white winged angels ! And I shut away the busy world ! Shut away the cares of life ! And in the twilights halcyon shades, take my harp, and strike the cords. The music brings a shadowy crowd That gather round me; and I loose All cares and sorrows and the like, And I sink away in a purple sea, Tinged with viol et and gold, Where little boats, and phantom ships, And cavaliers and ladies fair, Alternately appear and disappear, And I am happy, for I dream !

The air is filled with falling leaflets-Beautiful airy leaflets ; Silver, and gold, and brown, And brown, and gold, and silver, A happy mixture of the whole. Falling on the highways and the meadows, On the river and the brooklet, On the brown, high-ridged furrows, On the mountain, in the valley, Z

And 'tis by the old St. Lawrence, That we build this airy picture. In the cold and chilly winter, In the sweet and balmy spring time, In the blazing, scorching summer, In the golden, hazy autumn, That we build the life of EVRION, In all its beauty and its magic, All its symmetry and manhood. While the snow is softly falling, While the violets are blooming, While the earth is clothed in beauty, While the golden grain is falling Before the ruthless sickle.

#### PART THE SECOND.

Once more by the old-St. Lawrence, Listening to its magic music, As it flows along unheeding-Never caring, never thinking Of the blue eyes gazing upward To the starry belt above her. Never dreaming of the mourning, Of the sobbing, and the weeping, Of the watching and the praying For some fair-haired idol sleeping : For some fair haired idol dreaming Underneath the dashing billows.

Winter-and the snow is falling On the highways and the byways, Like a fleecy mantle falling. Falling on the rushing river, On the chanting old St. Lawrence, Whence they disappear forever.

Let us enter now the cottage, With its high and antique gables, With its red aspiring chimneys, Glistening in the air of morning, Glistening through the falling snow-flakes

a grapple it will never go with you. Work is the weapon of honor, and he who lacks the weapon will never triumph.

All great leaders have been inspired with a great belief. In nine cases out of ten, failure is born of unfaith. Tennyson sings, "Faith and unfaith can never be equal powers." To be a great leader, and so always master of the situation, one must of necessity have been a great thinker in action.

The one serviceable, safe, certain, remunerative, attainable quality in every study and in every pursuit is the quality of attention. Genius, vivacity, quickness of penetration, brilliancy in association of ideas, will not always be commanded but attention after due term of submissive service, always will. Like certain plants which the poorest peasant may grow in the poor soil, it may be cultivated by any one, and it is certain in its own good season to bring forth flower and fruit."

Half the misunderstanding of those who can least afford to misunderstand each other at all arise from two joint reasons-first, from want of frankness on the part of those who think they have no need to explain : next, from want of faith on the part of those who can take nothing for granted without an explanation.

Promptness is a grand leader ! Procrastination limps behind, and is always in difficulty. To-day is master of the situation ; To-morrow is an imposter who brings failure with him.

A New York editor is accused of being drunk because he printed a quotation as follows : " And the cock wept thrice, and Peter went out and crew bitterly.

A political orator, speaking of a certain general whom he admired, said he was always on the field of battle where the bullets were the thickest. "Where was that ?" "In the ammunition wagon."

SOMETHING MORE THAN THE INTRODUCTION.

#### PURE GOLD :- FOR CANADIAN HOMES.

### Tales and Sketches

(FOR PURE GOLD.) BEFORE AND AFTER.

In the mist of the early morning, While over the east still lay Gleams where the crimson dawning

Had ushered in the day. They stood in their brief glory Like the famed in song or story,

In battles bright away.

And when the misty morn had past. And the golden noon a halo cast, From tar away we heard the sound-

The cannon's roar that shook the ground, And some could see from the neighboring

height The smoke and flame of the battle's might;

We saw the smoke and heard the roar From far away and nothing more.

But when the peace of evening fell, And the cannon ceased its deep death knell,

When the dust and smoke had cleared away

In the fading light of the dying day, Shattered and dim and dead they lay,

Here with the fresh wound gaping wide, There with the mangled bleeding side,

Calling for drink with pitiful moan, Or dumb with white lips oozing foam.

Yet, each to some loving heart is dear, Though they lie like the dust of the hillside here.

A mother's lips have pressed that brow, Ploughed with the ghastly death wound now;

A sister clasped that bleeding neck, Or maybe somebody dearer yet ;

Some one whose love will ne'er forget, Though now he lies with his strong face

Darkly settling in death's embrace. From Appletons Journal.

### "BEEN TO THE MINES, SIR?"

I HAD inscribed my name on the register of the Sun Hotel, at Bethlehem, one of those uncomfortable monuments of the simplicity of the last century (the Sun Hotel was built Armo Domini 1758), and Soon radiate a little of its heat into my thoroughly-chilled body, when I was startly occupant of addressing (the clerk had gone to order some supper for me, of which I stood much in need, after my long,' cold ride in the cars). I had thought the gentleman to be soundly sleeping, as he was loudly snoaring in a bass key.

"Been to the mines, sir?" remarked "the sleeper awakened," in an interrogative tone of voice.

I made a hasty survey of my personal appearance, and, seeing nothing of the miner about me, came to the conclusion that the gentleman was talking in his sleep. " Been to the mines, sir ?" he repeated.

"Sir?" I exclaimed, with a peculiar emphasis on the word, which was intended to convey to him that I did not understand the purport of his question. He looked at me and I looked at him.

Those cursed mines almost took away my of the office of the Lehigh Zinc Company, appetite. I felt as perplexed as the I had considerable doubts as to whether countryman when he saw, for the first time, the bright orange and purple-colored aufs de Paques which one sees in the German dropped them on the road without being grocery-stores at Easter-tide, and who exclaimed, as he scratched his head in his cared; for I was utterly reckless from the bewilderment : "What the blazes could a' been the

color of them cocks and heps? Pensylvania," I mentally exclaimed; why the deuce, then, does everybody ask me if I have ' been to the mines ?

Having appeased my hunger, I returned to the apartment which did duty for office and public sitting-room, and, lighting a cigar, ensconsed myself, newspaper in hand, in an arm-chair before the fire.

"Mighty cold, sir," remarked a gentle-

man who sat near me. "Indeed it is," I replied, quickly, feel-ing deeply grateful to him for not having asked me if I had "been to the mines." "Very bad travelling," he rejoined.

"Very bad over these mountain-roads," replied. What on earth possessed me to talk about mountain-roads I don't know; I

had not traversed any since the snow fell. The words were fatal to me. They were SO.

words from his lips : "Been to the mines, sir ?" My heart sank within me. Was Beth-

lehem suffering from an epide on the brain ? If so, I will the first train to-morrow mor nines out by orning, and relinquish the business that has brought me to the place, was my immediately-fo resolution. "I have not, sir !" I the

questioner, in so rude a wa sprang from his seat.

"I beg your pardon, stranger. No fence, I hope," he meekly remonstrated. Stung almost to madness, I neither accepted nor declined his apology, but glared furiously at him, as though I would eat him alive. I believe he thought I was an escaped luatic, for he nervously edged his chair away to a safe distance, and then began to whistle-I suppose by way of keeping his courage up. As my anger cooled down, I began to feel ashamed of myself; and, as a peace-offering, I asked him if he would like to look at the Times, at the same time handing it to him. He had seen it, and, therefore, politely returned it to me. He, however, ventified on some general remark, by way of rejoinder, and we soon got into conversation on the topics of the day, and I had almost forgotten my bete noire, when the landlord seated himself by my side and joined in the conversation. Presently there came a lull-a dangerous lull-in the conversation. In an instant the landlord was

there; and, like some gibbing, mocking fiend, he asked, as he turned to me : "Going over to the mines, sir ?" I shivered with disgust, and then trem-

bled with indignation. After a painful effort I succeeded in controlling myself. "Say landlord," I asked, in despairing

accents, "what time does the sun rise in these parts ?" "About half-past seven, sir," he re-

pled. "Where are these mines ?" I rejoined, doggedly.

I ate my supper in high dudgeon. and, by the time we pulled up at the door had a nose to blow, and whether I had one ear or two ears, or none. I might have aware of it for all I knew-I might say amount of desperation which had accumulated in my system with all the insidiousness which physicians tell us is "There are no coal-mines in this part of characteristic of arsenic. I am not certain almost felt, for the captain's lamp shed no ment that I turned the handle of that office door.

But what did I see? A cheery-looking, smoking his Havana in the most affection-ate manner, while he toasted his feet before situation was embarrassing and distressing ate manner, while he toasted his feet before a right royal good fire.

"How do you do, sir ?" he said, rising from his chair as I entered, and offering first his hand and then a vacant chair. 'Come over to see the mines, eh?'

Somehow or other his allusion to the mines did not seem to jar my nerves in the electric shock fashion which had nearly bright sun, playing on the expanse of snow driven me mad at the hotel; and his above, my eyes refused to accustom thema fresh cigar, sir," "Take produced a general reaction, both mental shapes and forms, platforms where there and physical, which afterward enabled me were no platforms-rungs of ladders which Quick as lightning came the hateful dislocating one of my stiffened joints.

the captain of the mines.

The recuperating effects of the drive,

the mine. It's very wet and dirty, and had been born blind. It was like some you'll ruin your clothes if you go as you are. We keep a regular wardrobe here, of all sorts and sizes, for the use of visitors." yard to a substantial building, which we entered.

"Heavens alive ! Captain, what's this?" I exclaimed, as he closed the door. "Pumping-engine," he replied, "far

the largest in the world." I stood lost in awe and amazement as I contemplated that mammoth engine ; the captain jerking out the following commentary on Mewonderful powers : "Engine, three mousand house power-

pumps seven thousand gallons of water a ten-foot stroke-weighs seven hundred tons-cost three hundred and fifty thousfifty feet long—will be three hundred when shaft is finished—mighty big thing in engines !"

'Mighty big" was no adequately descriptive expression for such gigantic machinery. I doubt if Webster's dictionary furnishes adjectives competent to give an adequate impression of its enormous capacity.

While I stood lost in wonder, and watch ing those ponderous twenty-four-ton walking-beams, the captain was busy selecting a suit for me from his clothing-store. He brought down one or two, but they were too small; and I accompanied him up stairs to pick out one for myself. He the ward-robe, a long board, in which some twenty-five or thirty suits were hanging from pegs, a hat over each suit. It looked more like a morgue property-room than any thing else ; one of those dismal chambers where the clothes of the unrecognized unfortunates, whose last resting-place is the Potter's-field, are preserved for possible future identification. I gauged one suit after another with a critical eye, without coming across one that I thought would fit me; but at last the captain's search was crowned with the more immediate neighborhood, and success. "Here you are," he exclaimed, unhooking a suit from its peg ; "I guess this'll do Parishholm. The food of farm servants at you. He had sclected the largest suit he could find, and, dropping my overcoat, I and unbecoming a costume as I ever put on in my life. Buttoning my jacket, I donned a pair of unbleached canvas over-a source of gain. He hoarded his eggs firmly round the waist with a piece of stout though it had done good service to several generations of bricklayers or lime-burners, crowned the whole and completed my costume. I was ready, with a vengeance, for mud and water in unlimited quantities say x, plus infinity. "Like to go down the pumping-shaft ?" asked the captain.

and forming a very steep and dangerous staircase. I got down the first flight, by dint of great care, with tolerable ease. The rungs of the ladder were incrusted with ice, and, in addition to being very dangerous footing, soon froze all the blood out of my fingers; but the light from the opening above was sufficient for me to see where to put my feet. But, after we had decended two or three flights, we were in utter darkness-- darkness that might be althat I would have cared much whether it rays for more than a foot or two around his were desperation or arsenic at the mo- head. The upper atmosphere, too, had no influence over the temperature at that depth below the surface, and the rungs of the ladder, instead of being crustjovial, bluff, and hearty middle-aged man, ed with a frozen surface, were covered

> I felt as though I was going "down among the dead men " into some horrible subterranean vault-perhaps the abcde of the cursed awaiting the final judgment day. Groping blindly in the darkness," I had

ladder. Coming from the glare of the soon selves to the darkness. I saw imaginary hardly out of my mouth before I saw my to perform acrobatic feats worthy of error. I read my doom in my neighbor's Blondin, and to come out of those fatal at a rung, as I thought, and my hand closed the miser," had long been in every child's eyes. It was totally unnecessary for him mines without being carried out on a on nothing, thereby nearly causing me to mouth; but Gibbie heeded it not, or only stretcher, or so much as breaking a limb or lose my hold. I shuddered, made a more answered them with his usual grumph. successful grab, and held on like grim That man was my good Samaritan, and death for a few seconds till I had recovered myself. And all while there was the unearthly noise of the plungers of the pumps the delicate fragrance of my cigar, the and the rush of water overhead, as they warmth of the cheerful, bright fire, and discharged their eight hundred gallons at a chat with my very genial new acquaint- every stroke. I could hear the grinding of ance, thoroughly restored me to myself in the massive pump-rods as they went up dying. The humph he gave on receiving the course of half an hour, and I proposed and down. I could hear what seemed to this intelligence was noted as expressive of that we should start on our tour of explora- be a roaring, seething cataract of water joy.

above me, and which might overwhelm me "Certainly," said the captian; "but in its flood at any moment; but I could we'll have to rig you out before going into see absolutely nothing-no more than if I So saying, he led the way across the my arms were being torn from the shoulder sockets, and that the muscles of my shoulders were giving way under the sudden jarring strain caused by the whole weight of my falling body being instantaneously thrown upon their sustaining power. My foot had slipped, and had I not had a pretty firm hold with both hands nothing would have saved the tax-payers of the county from being put to the totally unnecessary expense of a corner inquest-nuing there for at least two or three seconds, paralyzed, and almost helpless; minute—can pump fifteen or twenty thou-but the natural instinct of self-preserva-tion at last led me to put out my foot in tion at last led me to put out my foot in search of a rung, and I stood safe, but with trembling knees and palpitating heart, and dollars-pumping-rods, hundred and once more on the treacherous ladder. Fortunately, it was the last one, and a few steps brought me to the bottom of the shaft, a depth of one hundred and seventy feet.

CONCLUDED IN NEXT NUMBER.

GIBBIE STE'ENSON THE MISER.

IN THREE CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER II.

RS. STEVENSON was subject to attacks of rheumatism ; and the done right." infirmities of a premature old age were fast setting in upon her. She had exercised a calling for twelve years, which exposed her to inclemencies of weather, and irregularity of sleep and diet ; and these agencies were beginning to kythe upon her constitution. By hard scraping and saving she pay. had amassed upwards of twenty pounds, which in those days was reckoned quite a fortune. She wisely resolved to confine her professional exertions for the future to occupy herself with her cow and the small pendicle she rented. Gibbie was in consequence hired out to a sheep farmer, near that time was of the coarsest description. The only kitchen allowed to dinner, which usually consisted of groat broth, made thick proceeded to array myself in as grotesque with potatoes and vegetables, was occasionally an egg, or a bit of braxy ham. The alls, which came up well over the ribs, then and pieces of meat till they amounted to a a jacket of the same material ; tying them disposable quantity, and had them sent or taken to Douglas and sold. He went out cord, I looked like a diver, minus his helmet. A soft hat, which looked as and gathered stray wool among the hills; and gathered stray wool among the hills; and it was said he sometimes cut, or pulled patches of the fleece from the ewes that he tound asleep or in the fold. He sat lines in the water too, and snares in every direction; and every trout and hare was con-verted, if possible, into money; and if not they were kept till they wasted, for he never gave anything away. The reprimand of "Oh, yes; I want to see every thing," I his master had no other effect than to make replied, little knowing what I was under- him more wary. He was threatened with dismissal, but still he continued. was one bond which knit his master to him, and that was Gibbie's handiness. He ing it to his hat, the captain led the way to could do anything, and refused to do noa small aperture, which looked like the en- thing. He could milk the cows, or wash trance to a dark cellar. He began to the dishes, or make the food, or build a descend, and I followed; our means of dyke or an outhouse, or repair the farming descent being a series of ordinary ladders, utensils. Whatever was behind, Gibbie returned, she asked, in an and feeling all about her,-

and even skill, in some things, made him a valuable servant. Before every term Gibbie gave in his resignation, and managed to get an advance of wages. Not a farthing of his fee was spent. The same farthing of his fee was spent. The same hoddan grey suit was first let down, and then eked, story after story, in the legs and arms, and all the rest was leit as it originally came from the hands of his provident mother. The only change in his dress was a cap of sheep-skin, which he had got from his master for doing a piece of extra hard work. Nothing was too mean for Gibbie to undertake, if it offered the slightest recompence. He would help out the huxterwives with their stalls on a fair-day, or hold a horse, or run an errand, or do anything he was bidden, however menial, it a consideration was given. The gibes of the country lasses, or the taunts of the farm lads, had no more effect upon him, than if they had been addressed to a person with whom he had nothing to do. The whiskey was cheap then, but Gibbie drank none of it except what he got for nothing. A the greatest difficulty in holding on to the scheme was entered into by some shepherds at a Douglas market to get Gibbie intoxi-cated, and then inveigle him into as much expense as they could. Gibbie drank their whiskey and eat their buns, but not a farthing would he spend. They laid hands on him to rifle his pockets, but he fought Sometimes it expressed contempt, sometimes anger, sometimes envy, and sometimes even satisfaction, if not delight .---Those who knew him could readily distinguish the one from the other. He had now been five years in his first place, when an express arrived that his mother was dying. The humph he gave on receiving

> "Come away, Gibbie," said his mother, as he entered, " and come near me ; for I want to speak to you."

"What are you wanting, mither ?" spoke the unfeeling son ; "d'ye think ye're dying ?"

"Yes, Gibbie ; the grips o' death are on me. Lord hae mercy on my soul."

"Where did ye put the siller, mither ?" eturned the miser, without noticing her statement, or her exclamation.

" Oh ! Gibbie, Gibbie, my son, what's siller when death comes-the grave ?"

"Where is't ?" interrupted the heartless lad.

"It's where it's safe-but what is'i now? Though it were twenty times mair, wad death gang by for't ?"

"He's no get the offer," retorted the

"Oh Gibbie, Gibbie! dinna break my heart," exclaimed Mrs. Stevenson. . " Oh, man, think less o' the world, and mair o' your Maker. It's grieved me lang to see you. Wad ye try and pray wi' me, Gibbie? I think it wad do my heart good if I heard ye pray.

"I'll pray nane; where's the siller ?"

- " I'll tell ye if ye pray."
- " Where i'st first ?"
- "The minister has't. O pray now."
- " How muckle's o't ?"
- " But will ye no pray?"
- " Is there thretty pound o't ?" " O pray wi' me, Gibbie, and I'll tell ye,
- my dear.

"There should be thretty-three, if ye've

He was a short, stout, pussy little man, with a red face, and an old-fashioned black satin stock, at least four inches too deep for his apoplectically-shaped throat-it throat it might be called, for it was more like a thick seam, where his head and shoulders had been welded together. The color of his face deepened till it almosf approached a bright purple (I was hal afraid that he was going to have a fit on the spot), as he again repeated his inquiry, with a meaning pause between each word

"I-asked-you-sir-if-you-have-been-to-the-mines ?"

"To what mines do you refer, sir?" I inquired, rather testily.

"Why the mines, of course," he replied. "Ain't you from these parts ?"

"I hail from New York," I told him, as curtly as I could.

"Then why didn't you say so before?" he petulantly exclaimed; and, turning himself round in his chair, he closed his eyes, and straightway proceeded to resume his nap.

"Supper ready, sir?" said the clerk, putting his head in at the door." "This way, sir."

"Been to the mines, sir?" asked the clerk, as we ascended the flight of stairs leading to the dining-room.

"No !" I replied, snappishly.

I took my seat at the table. A blandlooking young man, with washed-out eyes and hair, and an incipient mustache of miscroscopical dimensions, sat opposite lo me. Scarcely had I had time to unfold my dinner-napkin, when he stuttered out :

"B-b-been to-to the mi-mi-ines, sir ?"

I would have killed that young man with a glance if it had been possible to do so. As it was, I fired of "No, sir !" after such a bombshell fashion, that he blushed crimson, and immediately began to study the very intricate pattern of the red-and-white 1000 1 table-cover.

"How far from here is Friedensville ?"

"About four miles." "Then for Heaven's sake, have a sleigh at the door for me at sunrise!" I ex-claimed in my anguish. "I see that I shall have no peace till I have visited these

cursed mines !---What mines are they ?" "Zinc !" replied the landlord, astonished into laconicism by the contemptuous tone in which I spoke of Bethlehem's pride.

"Zinc !" I mused ; "well, I have never been in a zinc-mine." And then, fearful that I should again have that hateful enquiry addressed to me, I gave orders that should be called at six o'clock, and re-

quested to be shown to my room. What a night I passed ! In my dreams

saw imps of darkness sitting cross-legged on the bottom of the bed, and heard them hiss through their red-hot teeth, as they glared at me with their eyes of fire :

"Been down in the mines ?" At one time I was buried alive in a zincmine ; at another I was being boiled in a caldron of seething zinc, and, again, I was converted into zinc, and was being rolled out into sheets of zinc for house-tops. It was awful. Every now and then I awoke with a start, and shivered till the bed shook as I fancied I saw written in letters of sulphurous fire on the walls :

"Beware of the mines !"

Toward morning I at last fell into a sound sleep, and, when I got up in answer to the porter's summons, I felt as flat\_and stale as a bottle of badly-corked sodawater.

After partaking of a hasty breakfast, I jumped into my sleigh, and was soon on my way to what in the night I had come to regard as "the place of the damned"-the Lehigh zinc-mines.

"Jack Frost is ne'er at home ; for, without doubt, When he is anywhere-he's always out."

Jack Frost was out with a vengeance as I drove over the mountain to Friedensville;

taking.

Providing himself with a small oil-lamp, such as are used by coal-miners, and attach-

"Whatever's o't ye'll get it ; but pray wi' me.'

" Did John Park pay the cheese ?"

" No, hinny ; but-

" There'll be nae buts about it ; he maun

" I forgi'ed him't; he's poor, and a sma family.'

"A sma' devil ! he maun pay."

"O Gibbie, Gibbie, will ye gi'e o'er and no break-

"What wad I gi'e o'er for? Is'nt it but right that folk should get their ain ? What business had he eating cheese if he couldna pay for't?"

" I'm to blame," cried the agonized woman, in a passion of tears, "O God ! I'm to blame, for bringing him up the way I did,—I nurtured him for the world, and not for Thee,-I sowed the wind, and I've reaped the whirlwind. O my God ! my God !"

The only reply on the part of her son was a sullen humph, which was instantly followed up by a demand how much money there was.

" There's twenty-five pound ten," replied his mother, at last, with a deep groan that came from the bottom of her heart. The son ran over his fingers as if counting something, and then exclaimed-

"There's eight pound awanting o' what I was making o't. What have ye done wi't ?"

" It's there as it is," said the afflicted and now irritated woman. "It was my ain making, and neabody has ony business what's o't, or what I did wi't."

The effort, and the conflicting emotion within her, brought on a suspension of life; and it was sometime ere she came out of it. As nature rallied, and consciousness returned, she asked, in an anxious voice,

"Where's my son? Are ye there, Gib-e?" she heard his humph; and desired have his hand. He gave it with some the hay'll help," exclaimed a drunken tailor to have his hand. He gave it, with some reluctance.

"Its the last time," said she, " your "Its the last time," said she, " your mother's hand 'll be in yours. thought as ye think, but a death-bed's opened my een. O Gibbie, Gibbie, my son, my son ! Will ye promise to mind death, will ye promise to pray night and morning,and read your Bible, and get claes and gang to the kirk ? will ye promise that, and let me die in peace,-will ye, Gibbie, will ye ?"

He answered the appeal by withdrawing his hand and uttering a dogged humph.

" Ye'll no promise then ?" said the dying woman, clasping her hands. "O God, will ye count the blame mine ; and soften his heart by the hammer and the fire o' thy spirit, that he may see what the world is and grip by the Cross,-wilt thou, God ! wilt thod ?'

Her strength failed, and her heart filled, and she stopped, and sunk into a swoon. A neighbor applied some gruel to her lips and bathed her temples, and she gradually She seemed as if she recovered again. wished to speak once more to her son, but utterance was denied; and in a short time she drew up her feet and went the way of all the earth. Scarcely was the breath out when Gibbie set off to the minister and lifted the money. To save expenses he made a coffin with his own hands, and blackened it with soot. Funeral services were then universal, and dredgies very common : but Gibbie had neither.

"It was a flinging away o' siller," he said, "for nae end; and it folk didna like to come to the burial, they might stay away.

On the day of the interment the chief mourner was in his customary dress, with a stripe of linen blackened with ink about his sheep-skin cap. Some of the neighbors gathered out for decency sake, and a few joined the procession in the town; but never had such a funeral been seen in the parish.

It wanted two months of the term, but Gibbie made it out, and went during the night and did what was neccessary about the pendicle. He then took possession of it, and hired himself out for all kinds of work. His reputation was established as a good worker, and he got plenty to do. In the spring and harvest seasons it was no uncommon sight to see the miser sowing or reaping his ground in the night-time. He would often work during successive nights at home, to keep his day's wages entire .--Nothing that would sell, he eat or drank? and it was a mystery to many how he lived at all.

He was now a fully formed man of fiveand twenty, with muscles like ropes in his face and all over his body. The expression of his countenance was proverbially repulsive, with a hungry craving look in it. The neck stretched forward whether he walked or sat, and the eyes were continually seeking about in the socket, and now and then made a dead stand for a moment, and then quivered and glistened, and began their usual motion again.

I remember the first time I saw a hyena in his cage, that Gibbie's eyes occurred to me vividly. He was never known to shave but gave a sort of pruning occasionally to his beard and whiskers with a pair of scissors. His hair and skin were nearly of the same color; and it was said that his head at a little distance resembled a lump of dried pipe-clay. He was of that ambigu-ous look also, that strangers could not tell whether he was old or comparatively young When he stood erect, he was fully six feet but the stoop in his shoulders gave him the appearance of a man of five feet nine.

bie ?" she heard his humph; and desired be bleezing down by in five minutes, and ing song. trom the town.

But a better spirit was manifested by others, who ran for ropes and flung them in to Gibbie; but some were too short and others missed their aim. Every one declared, however, that the infatuated man seemed more anxious to save his hay than himself.

"We'll maybe wile her into the holm," cried the miser, shivering with the cold; "for God's sake, help to get her into the holm.

By a strenuous effort on Gibbie's parts and a favorable turn of the stream. into the holm, on the north side of the village, the rick went rolling about and its proprie-tor with it. He was soon in shallow water and came, pushing the hay before him, to the dry ground.

"Ye've had a narrow escape man," said James Paterson, the elder, " and I hope it'll do ye good."

"I'm cauld, ye now at ony rate," replied Gibbie, "but if I had been a minute langer, she was lost."

"It's neither your hay nor your body, man, I'm speaking about," interposed James; "it's your soul-your immortal soul, man; ye live like a brute !'

The miser gave a surly humph, and continued to push at the rick till it was fairly out of water. An incredibly small portion had been lost, for it was firmly thatched, and roped above, and the portion taken away by the current was wholly from beneath.

"It's safe enough, now," said a number of voices; "the water's going back-let it stand till morn."

" Let it stand till morn !" echoed Gib bie, with a look of utter astonishment; "the present is only ours-it's a work o' neces-Will ony o' ye tak' up a backfu' and I'll gi'e ye-I'll be obleeged to ye ?"

"Put your hand out at your peril man!" cried elder Paterson, in a tone of indignation and authority; "will ye break the Lord's day afore our very een? Gang down on your knees, man, and thank your maker for what he's done.

" There's a time for a' things," responded Gibbie, in a surly, resolute tone; " and the time just now is to save and not to destroy.

While he spoke he began to untie the thatch ropes, amidst the grumbling and rebukes of many around him. He made no further snswer to their remonstrances, but set off with a burden which might have served any two men in the parish. On the dismissal of the church in the afternoon, the feeling rose so nigh that several stones were flung at him, and one of them hit him smartly on the cheek. His bent shoulders stood erect in a moment, his teeth sawed in his mouth, and the veins in his forehead became fearfully distinct. The crowd fell back, for they knew the strength and resoluteness of the man. No one had the hardihood to repeat the offence. James Paterson, however, began a new system of attack by reading aloud the law of Moses respecting the Sabbath ; and the fate of the man who gathered sticks on that day, and many other appropriate passages in the prophets and the apostles. Gibbie humphed to them all, and wrought on.

"What can we expect from a sow but a grumph," said James at last, and angrily closed the book ; " and wherefore should blown out, and you creep round the 'oot I cast pearls before swine ! But I'll tell ye what, man, this day'll rise up against ye in judgment-the very hay 'll be a witness, and the water that's away to the sea'll come back to the judgment seat."

Shaking with emotion, the old elder left and a number followed him : and

nailed his antagonist with some potent argument, down came the biped instrument with a thud on the forestick, which made the sparks fly in all directions like routed memies. Women (forgive the good old English word) may show off their figures and graceful steps in the mazes of the giddy dance ; but the good old fireplace was an excellent training school for those of "thirty years ago." How nice the foot and ancle were set of near it, say, cooking a dinner ! (Of course, that is now-a-days the work of *ladies*.) What ingenuity was necessary to take from the pendant chain, or swinging crane, the boiling potatoes, laughing all over, or the bubbling soup, with savory smell. or the singing and sput-What dextertering mush or porridge ! ity was needed in handling the rotund spider" or the long stemmed fryingpan, with its striated sections of pork lying in military order, or when venwhich some juvenile Nimrod ison, had shot in the woods, as the fruits of such future exploits, and which of such future exploits, and which filled " but and ben" with its inviting perfume-almost wrote aroma ! now deftly was the knife wielded to turn the browned morsels, and not even a slight of hand actor could turn such a complete somersault of pancakes, by edging them skilfully upon the rim of the pan ; and then by a throw -a torward jerk and a backward catchpresto ! the feat is done. It looked so easily accomplished, I challenged a trialresult; a flabby, sticky pancake, seeking a north-west passage in an angle of the chimney, and by sheer gravitation burying itself in the hot ashes, a sad warning to confident amateurs. The stove has economic advantages, but cheerfulness and health are not ingredients in the sum total. No one, unless running over with music feels full of song over a stove. We may have exuberance from a reservoir of joy filled elsewhere. Go from its sable sides, in an autumn morning, and sniff the fresh air, and listen to the song of universal nature, and you feel intuitively like joining the chorus. Go from a hot and sickening room where no firelight is seen, and where the air is surcharged with thrice-heated air, into the cheering presence of a roaring fire, and no thermometer could rise quicker than do your spirits under its genial influence. These veteran houses never were cursed with modern bedrooms. They might be small, but that was compensated for by their breezy character. A stray snowflake might court destruction by sailing through a chink, or the spray from the rain-drop might dash upon the unturned faces of sleepers, but no pent up " dust and disease" could loiter along with " malice aforethought " in such an atmosphere. In well settled parts of Canada what a contrast ! Septimus Jinks, Esq. is wealthy, and rejoices in a fine mansion. It is full of bedrooms of the seven feet by eight feet style. The bed is in one corner, the wash-stand soccupies another, and a solitary chair is perched in another of the angles, with a dressingtable in the residue nook. The light is of the bed, lest the half-opened door slyly edges itself between vou outstretched arms

in the cabin, and its blazing ruddy light of continues to keep in fine houses deadly home. Uncle John never could argue on miasma, and keep out the air, heat, and points of theology unless he had the giant tongs in his hand, wheeling them in the of an old-fashioned log-house, and by the seem to grin with satisfaction at the prosashes, first on one leg and then on another ; law of association, not conjure up in the ashes, first on one leg and then on another; law of association, not conjust up and as it with common consent, and by and as each section made its circle, you imagination the two oxen, Buck and Bright and, as it with common consent, and by one impulse, they " take to their heels," would almost see the arguments laid down also pioneers, in the dense wilderness: one by one, in the furrow ; but when he they were a queer representative couple, and seemed to appreciate each other's good qualities, and are well acquainted with each other's habits. Buck was of a metaphysicial turn of mind. In chewing his cud, with his nose over the gate, he was always in a contemplative nood, and the dreamy eye showed a reverie, if not consecutive, at least profound. He had not a former days, he had been disarmed of part of the left one, and the other had been impression was a sort of medley : it was twisted in a fantastic way, on the field of evident he fell in a heap, and then gather-Mars, until its point was in closer proximity to an eye always watery, and seemingly in deep grief because of some bereavement. The other eye was bright in comparison, and had a roguish wink and twinkle about it, as if it had in its counterpart-its mind" eye-some practical joke in store. He was no believer in the conduct of an historic namesake, who was said to have starved to death between two bundles of hay of equal size and appearance, because, being guided solely by motives, and these being equally and exactly powerful, he could not move towards either, and heroically died. Buck, under such circumstances, would have showed a creditable spontaneousness of will, and could have made decisions at once. It was only on such occasions he showed unusual activity. About noon, or evening, he seemed to cast a leer up from the watery eye to " old Sol," as if it was a ploughed field, with not a vestige taking the sun, and wondering at the tard-diness of his chariot wheels. When the dinner-horn blew, he was impatient, and shook his ears and huge wooden yoke fitfully and savagely, and at the word of com-mand went at the "double quick" for home dragging his comrade almost at his heels, an equally willing, but less swift capture. A knowing ox was he. Bright was not so phlegmatic and stubborn. Such, when once proused, perform prodigies of valor. He was nervous and irritable ;-always on the qui vive. The least thing tickled his side -from a dragon-fly to a thistle down ; and the least thing seemed to excite his fancy-from a tuft of grass in Bob's hand to a pinch of salt, in prospect, half a mile away. How similar in all these respects are man and beast ! Bright had method in in all he did. He knew how to open the rustic garden-gate, and the exact spot between the bars to introduce his horn. No fence could withstand his attacks. The philosophic Buck would go at the fence with genius but not with tact, and vi et armis attempt its overthrow, and find it as difficult to storm as did the " red coats' at Badajos-sometimes being caught by the crooked horn, and sometimes by a sudden recoil, finding himself, to his amazement, on his haunches, contemplateng the stars, with one from the blow, in his eye. Bright knew better than use "brute force." He would commence systematically, at the first, and send it flying over his back, then away went the stakes in utter discomfiture, and these followed by each rail, in succession, to the ground. He knew the salient angles of the fence, and never advanced upon He had strategy enough in his them. mind to know that the concavity was much easier to drive in than a convexity, and always " went for" the retiring recesses, and impinges unceremoniously on the end coming out on the other side victorious. of your nose. You make a flank move-ment by the side of the bed, but if for him there was no "pent up Utica," if left to his own devices. His comrades soon you are out of Scylla you are stranded learned this, and became a spectator of PRACTICAL DRUGGIST & CHEMIST gh on Charybdis, with abraded shins aults, until a had the various ass about him, some false and some true, but Gibbie proceeded with his labor as it no- or bruised toes, or cracked knuckles. A been made, and in he came for a share of He did not seem to have in his code of ethics the rule that " to the victors belong the spoils." The sly rogue might be four hundred yards away from his comrade, but no sooner did the noise of falling rails reach his ears, than he rushed to the spot as if his motto was, "Deil tak' the hindmost." In the days we "went a gipsying," horses were not as plentiful as now. These bowere not as plentiful as now. These bo vine gentry were oft times "hitched up" to a sleigh to take a jolly load of jolly youths to a singing-school. The sleigh was none of your tricky bob-sleighs, which seem to seek out, in fiendish glee, all the irregularities of the road, and dive nose first into all the valleys, and snappishly ride over the mainature mountains, as if bent on producing a catastrophe. Not so the old-fashioned long sleighs. There is grace in their movements. When they grace in their movements. mount a hillock, they seem, at the top, to hesitate for a moment whether to retreat or advance, and then, with a parabolic curature forward, like a gallant ship over a mountain wave, they plunge bow first into the yielding snow. Their movements are not done by halves ; nor is there a needless bracing of the riders to prepare for plunges leeway and forward, which never come; for with them "coming events cast their shadows before." See that old sleigh, which has almost " braved a thousand years" the battles of snow and storms drawn by oxen friends. loaded with a mer-ry group of juveniles, on the rampage. Clean straw is on the bottom for seats. siller'll do somebody guid !" cried others. "It's a judgment on him," cried a third party. "Let Providence get it's will, and down the yawning mouth of the chimney, clothes imbibe the general contagion."

and female, poor and rich, are making hills and valleys, woods and fields, vocal with melody and song. They peet. The road has a sharp turn in it, and crowding into one track, run the sleigh on a stump, and deposit the merry load in a mixed condition in the snow. After the debris has been collected, and an "omnium gatherum" has taken place, there were beautiful casts of limbs, arms, and bodies in the snow. The imprint of John's gignantic paws yonderthumbs, fingers and wrists. Ned's outline crumbled horn," but in a Waterloo of from occiput to heels-not in bold relief, but in concave beauty, true as life. Joe's ed up his legs, as if giving sup the ghost. Women were there, with expansive hoops, the centresjof great circles, and left no footprints, or any other prints, upon the snows of time (forgive the parody), except a good mother's scoopshovelled bonuet had, in its posterior part, left an indentation like that of a quart bowl in the snow. Abrasions of the cuticle, from noses, shins and elbows, by too close contact with somebody's heels-all forgiven trespassesmade the sum total of casualities; and none were put hors de combat in those blessed days of yore, when "telescoping," explosions, and such like evidences of progress, were for the coming race. Thus I wander on with these retrospects, and find an echo of approval in some reader's breast. He and I passed the spot, only the other day, where the l og house stood ; and of it remaining. The crooked primitive woodside road has been obliterated, and Buck and Bright, by Darwin's law of selection, have given way to the noble horse. The joyous group is scattered " far and wide," from the quiet graveyard to the unknown sepulture of the distant battlefield -from the billowy winding sheet to the monumental tomb-and from the haunts of infamy to the pinnaeles of fame.

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were the tales Many few indeed in his favor. He fought once for a man who was ill-used at a market, and risked his own lite to save a boy from drowning.

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It was said his mother's ghost haunted him ; and it was alleged he had bargained with the devil about his soul. My grandfather believed some of these extravagancies, and entered into these details with deep interest and awe. He had the times and places, and the witnesses' names at his finger ends; and used to make our flesh creep by their recital.

There was one circumstance, however, which illustrated Gibbie's character, of which there was no doubt. A heavy spate came down the water one Sabbath morning in autumn, which flooded and was carrying off a hay rick which belonged to the miser. It was his custom to lie long on that day ; and when he arose about his usual time, he saw his hay moving slowly off. Out he ran, with only his trousers on, and plunged in after it. The water had reached his neck ere he reached the rick. He thrust Puff, puff, mechanically goes the white outside are green Venetian blinds, and all in and twisted his hands about it as far up as he could reach, and made several desperate struggles to pull it towards the bank; but the river got the mastery, and bore them both down before it.

The alarm was soon given, and dozens of persons came running in all directions to see the strange spectacle. A few pitied, but most laughed, at the perilous situation of the miser.

" His "Let him drown," cried some.

thing had happened. Back and back he beautiful dungeon it is. The window-a the plunder, without a struggle. came and went, and by nightfall he com- solitary sentinel of light-is, in the first threat that was offered him.

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PEN PHOTOGRAPHS.

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" NULD LANG SYNE."

I USED to watch, with great interest an "auld Auntie Kate," in an old arm chair, smoking a short clay pipe, black and strong. Its receptacle when not in use, was a worn-out cavity in the wall of the chimney. She would put her right el-bow on the arm of the chair, and seize, daintily, the " nib" of the bowl between the forefinger and thumb. I see her yet, as if they gazed not, into the fiery embers. pyramids, and canopies ; but other scenes,

pleted his task, in spite of every counsel or place, covered with paper blinds adorned with paintings of a high style of art, in the centre. One may be some lonely eastle about to fall to pieces into a placid lake, covered with monstrous fowls, second eousins to those which left the imprint of mammoth feet upon the petrified sands of time, and surrounded by rocks of approved pattern, Another is often a lonely milkmaid and a tender lamb; the former not all fashionable in dress, and seems to be seeking a lover, or a " babbling brook."

> "Who sits her pitcher underneath the spring, Musing on him that used to fill it for her Hears and hears not, and lets it overflow."

Often she appears as one

els of perspective skill, come the cloth ones in memory, as the eyes are dreamily gazing then damask on the one side and lace on the other, or both in duplicate. On the curling smoke over her clean and well-to ornament or keep the blessed light out starched "mutch" in fantastic columns, and the dampness in. The bed is unique so high, so new, so white, so soft, so clean, other days, and other figures, than those so downy, so mountainous, so needle-I conjured up, were in her day dreams. worked, and so musty. It may be the best Nothing but a fireside could be appropri- furnished room in the house, but the doors ate background to the picture, which would of this miniature Bastile are kept constanthave but a Wilkie or a Hogarth, full of ly closed, except on state occasions. Then thought of domestic and street scenes, into bonnets, and gloves, and muffs, and spare ecstacy. The walls were adorned with babies are deposited *pro tem* on this decay-the trophies of the chase, and with well- ed and decaying mountain of feathers. It burnished implements of culinary use. The may have had no other occupant for

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view. Beds here are limited, and the landlady views with a look somewhat akin to distrust, the countenances of those who but for the storm would have been in their

calculation she finds that the arrival of a deal more farseeing than the most of another will make, just one too many for mankind, take a particular delight in enher store of blankets. We remember well quiring into the conduct of professedly the arrival of the odd guest, whose coun- Christian men to obtain, if possible, some tenance bore the impress of the disagreeable. Were we to do him justice we would condemn the religion or morality such hardly term him the "odd guest" as in men profess. To them the Credit Mobilier actual fact he had put in an appearance two exposure, in which men of the moral and hours previously, the intervening time religious standing of vice-president Colfax, having been spent-on account of the Senator Wilson, Dawes, Pomeroy and in tones that could be heard distinctly, as weapons against christianity for years above the hum of those who were now to come. "hugging" the stove. The landlady's ex- That hypocrisy such as is here shown postulations on the lateness of the hour to exist, cannot be too severely condemn-

that a man can't starve, which proposition ity itself should suffer because of the misjudging from her future movements, she deeds of its professors is a problem we did not feel inclined to discuss. His wife cannot comprehend. It may lead men next attracts his attention, why hadn't she to be sceptical of those who boast or make ordered the supper. The poor thing a pretense of their religion, but this is all seeing the eyes of the crowd directed to- it should do. Every truly conscientious wards her, endeavored to turn the drift man regrets that anyone will so far traof his remarks to some more congenial duce himself, and heap contempt and resubject.

the shoemaker that used to live near us on the sixth."

"The shoemaker! Jones, the shoemaker," (with emphasis). "He's not a shoemaker, he's a tailor."

" No, my dear ; he's a shoemaker." " I tell you he's a tailor, don't you suppose I know him ?"

This settled the matter, and the wife closed with the assertion that " perhaps he is a tailor, John, when I come to think." This was an opportunity not to be lost

by the head of the family. With a look of disdain at those around the stove, who had found matter for merriment in the little controversy, and with an emphasis that vied with the noise of the storm outside, he exclaimed, " of course he's a tailor."

His satisfaction would have been intense only for the entrance of the gentleman who had been the cause of the conversation, who had the temerity to state "he was a shoemaker."

The stove became suddenly too hot for those, who would spare a laugh for the sake of the unfortunate female, thrown by cruel fate into such companionship.

Then there was, in full prominence, with his legs embracing the most coveted portion of the stove, that ever-present representative of the extensive and seemingly growing firm of Grumbler & Co. - this time in the person of an American.

Americans are not generally grumblers, but when a man is snow-bound, with but little expectation of immediate extrication from its divine founder; be they never so from the mountains of snow, and the pros. base, the baseness is only their own, and pect of a growing board-bill at hand, it is cannot attaint the cause of truth or the difficult to "make the best of it." This Church of Christ. They stand or fall by themselves, and whoever supposes for a was Jonathan's first visit to the country, moment that their conduct brings the and would be his last. We assured him Church or Christianity into disrepute that Canada was not "snowed up" all the makes a very great mistake. Christianity year round, and referred him to a district does not depend upon the good conduct of its votaries, and the sensitive souls who of his own country which had lost more shrink from censuring these men through inhabitants during the storms of a week fear of injuring the cause, take altogether previous, than Canada had from the same too narrow a view of the subject." cause in a decade. In, the future it will be well for us all. Again Grumbler and Co. had a sterling no doubt, to scan imost closely the conrepresentative in the person of what might duct of one another, and be watchful of be termed "Blawsted Country." Every- those whose political positions may lead body has seen this despicable character. them to adopt religion as a cloak to hide He is of the "Wish-he-hadn't-come-out their intrigues and dishonesty, and in this style." Doing well in the old country you case no harm can arise. But do not let us, know, and possibly, in fact generally is a even though the whole world should relation to a nobleman. This same indi- prove traitors to their professions, relax vidual you will meet year after year, grumour hold of what we are convinced and bling about the country and still remaining resolved is true. Firmness and steadfastin it as if his so doing were a compliment ness to personal convictions of right, are to the community at large. In fifty cases exemplary traits in any one's character. out of a hundred he is too lazy to work,

#### UNJUST CONDEMNATION.

HERE is a class of individuals to be found, we suppose, in every comhomes, and her heart sinks when on a munity, who, in their own opinions, being flaw in their conduct, whereby they may

lack of room in the hotel stables for his others, who have ever been regarded as horses-in manfully tunnelling a road models of virtue and holiness, have been into a farmers barn some distance found as susceptible to the allurements and up the street. He came in a hungry temptations of the world as those who man. As he entered our pen and make it a business to subsist by robbery, ink friend might have observed that the forgery and kindred means; to them this countenance of a certain party in the exposure will prove "joyful news." They room fell. After looking at his wife-for have all along been picking and harping such we conceived the party to be, and at Christianity, but downfalls such as have walking along the whole length of the here taken place will be items of interest snow bank, he calls vigorously for supper, to be remembered by them, and employed

were quickly smothered by the declaration ed, we readily admit, but why Christianproach upon his Christian brethren as to "John, a gentleman here knows Jones, bring their good name with his into question; but then, this is nothing whatever against the men themselves. Are those fighting in the interests of temperance to abandon their calling because a few are inconsistent to their obligation ? This is an opinion no thorough temperance man would entertain for a moment. The society cannot be responsible for the conduct of its members in these particulars. The men who prove traitors to any cause cannot be too severely condemned ; for hypocrisy is, in our eyes, one of the worst of sins. Condemn the men, we say, but do not condemn the cause, or hold the society the keeper of what it cannot control.

There is a very great deal of misconception, we think, on this point, and for the cause of Christianity it seems a pity it cannot be removed. This confounding individuals with the "cause," and throw ing reproach upon the latter, when 'tis the former that merits it, is a custom which it surprises us intelligent men will countenance. So far as Christianity, or any other movement is concerned, where its advocates have proven recreant to its interests, it is just as the N. Y. "Tribune" expresses it in commenting on the conduct of the men referred to above, who were everywhere recognized as examples of Christian Statesmen :

"The Christian Church is not responsible for these men or their acts. Were they never so pure and upright, they could not add lustre to the name it takes

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In this connection we might mention that there is being prepared for our columns, by F. B. Marshall, Esq., a series of articles concerning the nature of the country, the best manner of reaching it, and the outfit required. The information given will be extremely valuable to all intending to emigrate. We understand that Mr. Marshall is forming a party who will set out in the spring for this newly opened Province.

#### Temperance.

#### I. O. G. T.

COMMUNICATIONS for this department to be addressed . J. S. R., Box 308, Toronto, P. O.)

We would remind our readers of the Union Good Templar Soiree, which takes this is a sign of maidenly celibacy. place next Tuesday evening, March 11th, in the Temperance Hall. The object of this entertainment is to bring together the members of our different temples, so that they may become better acquainted with each other, and be enabled to extend to one another the hand of brotherly fellowship. Tea will be served from 7 to 8 o'clock, after which, at intervals, the meeting will be enlivened with appropriate readings and songs. Let every Templar turn out, and make it a good augury of the Banquet that is to come.

We may say to the correspondent from Gormly, who wrote to us last week regarding the instituting of a new temple in his district, that the matter has been placed in the hands of Bro. Nasmith, G. W. T., who will give it his early attention. After the temple is opened, we should like to hear occassionally from the brother who has been pleased to write to us, so that we may know how the work progresses.

A new temple has been

bine the special object of the institution and intersperse temperance addresses, readings, music and songs, so as to form ments than does Manitoba. Every adult an attractive and pleasant night's entertainment for young and old seems to be a step in the right direction, and one that will become popular.

> To make or sell ardent spirits for com. mon use is as wicked as to make and sell poisons for the same purpose. The blood of murdered souls will be required at their hands .- Judge Dagget.

> The time will come when reflecting men will no more think of making and vending ardent spirits, or of erecting and renting grogshops as a means of gain, than they would now think of poisoning a a well from which a neighbor obtains water for his family, or of arming a maniac to destroy his own life .- Chancellor Walcorth.

All who sell liquors in the common way, to any that will buy, are poisoners in west angle of the Lake of the Woods to general. They murder his majesty's subjects by wholesale ; neither does their eye pity or spare. They drive them to hell like sheep. And what is their gain? Is it not the blood of these men? Who, then, would envy their large estates and sumptuous palaces? A curse is in the midst of them. The curse of God is in their gardens, their groves-a fire that burns to the nethermost hell. Blood, blood is there! The foundation, the floors, the walls, the roof, are stained with blood.-John Wesley.

#### THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

(Sons of Temperance and others desirous of Communicating with the Editor of this colum, will please, in future, address their letters, G. M. R., drawer 923. P. O,. Toronto, prepaid.) TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CHRISTINA, Toronto .- We do think that, when a woman begins to say "what a dreadful set of creatures men are, and that she wouldn't be bothered with one for the world,"

ENQUIRER, Chatham .--- You are right. The name of a brother or sister who has been initiated into the Order cannot be erased from the charter.

STRANGER, Toronto .- We have six subordinate Divisions in the city of Toronto. The "Ontario," the "Crystal Fountain," the "Mayflower," the "Cold Stream," the "Eureka," and the "Eastern Star."

A. B. C., Ottawa .- If possible we will reply to your question next week.

MOUNT FOREST Division, No. 297. Mount Forest P. O., Co. of Wellington, reports ten members 'admitted last quarter, the whole number being thirty-three, and four public meetings held. Bro. Dr. Yeomans is D. G. W. P.; Bro. John Rodgers, W. P.; Bro. R. J. Kennedy, R. S.

A VERY successful entertainment took place last Wednesday evening in the Masonic Hall, Shannonville, under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance. The programme consisted of readings, recitations, &c., interspersed with music, all of which were well rendered by the

different performers, and from the attention

and applause paid by the meeting, were also

well received. These entertainments have

"Snow to the right of him, Snow to the left of him, Snow in front of him,"

and no immediate hope of extrication from the falling or the fallen flakes. He need not necessarily select a first class hotel for the scene of his reflections, on the contrary let him choose at random. We have the very spot in our mind's eve now as our thoughts fly back to recent experiences of a day surrounded by such associations. A delicate ridge of snow stretching along the extent of the parlor with bolder, and more irregular ridges in destroy the forming strata by the unclassic broom are as manytimes unsuccessful, for slowly, yet surely, in a few minutes structures of similar dimensions rise to

and is not worth notice. Then there was the repiner, an off-shoot

of the Grumbler class, and the "Knowing One," and the Metaphysician. Our readers have often seen representatives of all these, the Province of Ontario will shift their the bar-room beyond. Each attempt to but if not, and he desire to obtain a knowand if he can conveniently arrange it with up in some country village.

#### **HO! FOR MANITOBA!**

PPEARANCES indicate that with P. W. C. T. and T. D. A PPEARANCES indicate that with the approaching spring, many from

ment, with a view to facilitate this movethe clerk of the weather, let him be snowed ment, have recently lowered the earrying both instructive and humorous pieces.

Stratford. Name, Golden Rule, No. 271, night of meeting Thursday.

The Rescue Temple of Meaford is still increasing.

The following item of interest which a correspondent has favoured us with, was omitted from last week's issue :

At the weekly meeting of the the Lisgar Temple, No. 98, held at their lodgeroom, New Edinburgh, on the 3rd inst., the following officers were installed by Bro. Dr. W. R. Bell, P. D. G., W. C. T., and T. D. of the Temple, Sister Mrs. Bell, W. C. T ; Bro. D. Mathieson, W. V. T.; Bro. W. Mathieson, W. S.; Sister Mrs. Osgood, W. A. S.; Bro. A. Griesback, W. F. S.; Sister Mrs. Mathieson, W. T.; Bro. J. Grant, W. M.; Sister Miss Henderson, W. D. M.; Sister Miss J. Robinson, W. I. G.; Bro. J. McTaggart, W. O. G.; Bro. W. Lett, W. C.; Bro. John Robertson, W. R. H. S.; Bro. W. Surtees W. L. H. S. Bro. W. R. Bell,

been held at intervals of three or four weeks since the commencement of winter, and the interest taken in them is very great ; indeed, the last meeting was the largest ever held, there being about 400 people present. Another of these readings will begiven in three weeks. TRUE DOVE Division, Purpleville, Co. of

York, now numbers 52 members, and reports one public meeting held during the last quarter. Bro. H. Diceman is D. G. W. P. This Bro. is well known in the Order as an earnest and zealous advocate of our cause. His efforts in organizing divisions have proved successful, and shows that his work is not confinto the Division Room. As President of the South York Convention, his labors have been highly appreciated. Bro. Thomas Moore is W. P., and Bro. J. Jamieson, R. S. With a faithful band of co-workers, the division is doing a good work in our glorious cause.

As an indication of progress of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, at the present time, we give the number of members admitted by a few divisions during the past quarter, viz : Micmac, Halifax-24 ; Olive Branch, Bridgetown-22; Lake, Billtown-13; Albion Mines, Stellarton-16; Atheneum, Halifax-31; Rechab, South Rawdon-14; Ray of

The above Temple held the first of a fortnightly series of readings in their new stakes to this new and fertile portion of hall, on the evening of the 5th inst. Hon. ledge of these characters, let him travel, our Dominion. The Dominion Govern- Malcolm Cameron in the chair. The readings were well selected combining

fee from twenty-five to fifteen dollars, and The music and singing were deservedly | Hope, Port Medway-11; Pleasant Valley,

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South Branch Stewiscke-12; Springside, Eastville, Upper Stewiscke-26; Crystal, Middle Stewiscke-13; Cornwallis, Canard-14; Princess Louise, Loeway Mines-18; Lady of the Lake, Lochabar-40; Flower of the Glen, Antigonish County-41; St. Andrews, Antigonish-12; a total of 307 in fifteen divisions, which we consider very good. Other Divisions admitted new members varying from one to ten each. In addition the G. W. P. has re-organized two old Divisions ; and one in Bermuda has resumed work. Three new Divisions have been instituted since the Annual Session-one in Antigonish, and two in Hants Counties.

HALDIMAND CENTRAL Division, No. 393 Centreton P. O., Co. of Northumberland, has a membership of 38. It admitted four new members last quarter, and held one public meeting. Bro. E. Massey is D. G. W. P. Bro. C. Jones, W. P., and Bro. J. McMahon, R. S.

FROM the Orillia Expositer of last week we learn that the first monthly open meeting of the Orillia Division of the Sons of Tempernce held on Friday evening previous was a great success.

There were nearly two hundred people present. Mr. P. Murray, W. P., occupied the chair. After the opening ode, Rev. H. Parrish led in prayer. A song, "The Truth will Prevail," was well rendered by several members of the Order. Rev. John Gray gave a capital Temperance address, pointing out the evils of intemperance upon the individual, the community, and the nation, the danger of moderation, and urging that all, especially professing christians, should become total abstainers, both for their own safety and for the good influence their example would have upon others. Next came a song and chorus, "The Little Brown Church," in which the solo was sung by Miss Sanderson. Rev. H. Parrish stated that he was not much acquainted with the Temperance movement in this country, but as the evil effects of the traffic are seen in Britain as well as here, he was not unacquainted with the merits of the question of drinking vs. total abstinence. He forcibly urged that we strike at the root of the evil by prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors. This he said would be a test question at the next Parliamentary election in England. Both he and the previous speaker advocated the education of the young in principles of total abstinence, because if the custom of moderate drinking could be stopped, the army of drunkards would soon become extinct, and Britons throughout the world a sober people. Rev. Mr. Parrish went further than many other tectotallers, including in his pledge intoxicating liquors, tobacco and snuff. Miss Newton sang "Ring, Ring the Bell," which was loudly applauded. Mr. McFedris gave a witty speech, replete with good sound argument. He announced that the Good Templars are about to follow their example, and will hold similar public meetings, which will make them fortnightly instead of monthly. The hour for closing being past, the Rev. J. Gray pronounced the benediction. The members of the Order remained, and nine new members were admitted, which, with eleven the previous week, and six prior to that, made an addition of 26 this quarter. About 25 members of the Rugby Division paid a fraternal visit to their co-workers in Orillia, and remained during the private meeting. Those who took part, and all concerned, have good reason to feel gratified with the scccess which has attended 7th, writing on the subject of " why I don't their effort to furnish innocent and profitable amusement.

I shall remember her hint with reference to the "potatoes," if I am not too tired next washing day. It would be very nice indeed to have potatoes enough washed for the whole week, but ours do take such a deal of seraping that I'm thinking it would require all the afternoon, and then I should get no time for my "washing day nap." I wonder if Mrs. Potts ever indulges in such a thing-probably not, unless after taking down stoves, in the deacon's absence.

Then as to the "chickens." I'm sure we'll all act upon her suggestion to "take them off the roast," instead of "running them down," but don't you think it looks a little cruel to break in upon their slumbers so unceremoniously? Perhaps chickens mind such things : however, I think I'll leave that job for the deacon.

By the way, we have never owned a live chicken yet, but I look forward to such posses, sion with a good degree of assurance.

Last fall George set four stakes in the ground, and when I enquired the reason, he said that some time in the future this enclosure would be the scene of our first experiment in the poultry line. Afterwards he secured a quantity of feed, and still more recently engaged a few dozen eggs of some rare species, but whether he will add to his stock a hen, or resort to the Yankee method of hatching eggs, I have not yet been inform- and ed.

This reminds me of an adventure I had last fall. Although it did not occur to me at the time, that either the hen or I was deserving of newspaper notoriety. An old speckled shanghai, judging us to be more lenient than her owner, made frequent visits to our garden, and grew fat upon our peas and strawberries. Later in the season she did not scruple to ravage our tomatoes, appropriating our finest "English Trophies" to her own use-This at last gave rise to rather an unchristian feeling toward the intruder, and I resolved to give chase. This was my first and last at. tempt to run down a hen. She would neithergo out through the hole by which she had entered, nor any other, despite my gentle hints conveyed to her by the soft part of the broom. Then I opened a large gate, through which a load of hay could pass, but she rushed frantically past, back to the tomatoes again, crouching down and hiding her head in the vines. I could have caught her, but knowing her propensities I dreaded the encounter. So I ran for a basket and carefully placed it over her, hoping thus to secure her until some one came with sufficient courage to carry her home. Oh, such a scene as ensued ! such fluttering of feathers, and something that wasn't feathers. With more alacrity than grace I fled the scene, vanquished by a hen.

Mrs. P. P. remarks that she " never knew a woman to handle warm bread just as her mother used to." Now, I will allow her to speak for the women on "her 'side the line," which sheprobably does from experience ; but let me assure her that over here we know no. no other way. We don't put our bread on an 'old black table," for the reason that we have no such articles in our kitchens, and we don't know anything about the linimenty, turpentiney taste that she speaks of. Hope she will soon give us the story "about the time when she worked out."

K. M. G. E., in PURE GOLD, of February PROVINCE marry," lectures us finely upon our weakness. es and follies. Now this is all very clever and nice, and I feel to congratulate him on his FALKLAND Division, No. 228, Falkland P. first literary venture, but when he next takes

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might have been cross all day, but was ami- able instead) so far recover herself as to take down and carry out stoves. Now this	Allow me to add that I think it is such a pity that he can't make up his mind to marry somebody. Probably the interesting compan- ion referred to might consent to forego her	consideration	By Laws, &c. Executed with neatness and despatch.	And American and English COTTAGE PIANOS and PRINCE ORGANS
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Father, the way is dark, Wildly the billows roar, And my frail storm-toss'd barque May never gain the shore. The waves are in thy hand, And though fierce tempests lower, They own their sovereign Lord's command, My child, fear not their power.

Fear not-I lead the way, The path, now dark, shall shine Brightly, with many a ray Of glorious light divine. Lean on my strong right arm-My power to bless thee prove ; To shield thee from all earthly harm, To guard thee by my love.

Father, the path is rough, And weary are my feet ; Wilt thou not say enough, Be now thy joy replete. "Ah ! no, not yet, faint one, Wouldst thou to glory rise Ere half thy life's short race is run, Or thou hast won the prize ?"

Labor still bravely on, Trust in thy risen Lord ; So shalt thou gain a crown, Thy patient toil's reward. Labor, and watch, and pray, Be bold, and firm. and strong, Look for the promised coming day, The night will pass ere long.

Father, thy will be done, My heart doth rest in Thee, Through the Eternal Son, Who fought the fight for me. I shall the victory gain-Shall conquer every sin ; And ne'er of earthly loss complain, If I may Jesus win.

Then on the other side, Beyond the pearly gate, Safe from the swelling tide, Where sainted loved ones wait, I'll higher raise the song, Of rapture glad and free, Honor and praise and power belong To Him who died for me-

MILLIE.

Balsam Lake, Feb., 1873.

#### THE BACK ACHE

DERHAPS the reader has had the inremittent, or the dumb ague, or the congestive chills, or the terrible typhoid. If so he knows that backache means. But that kind is soon over. And if the patient be left to hygienic medication and and the Vis Medicratiz Natura it does not return after many days. But there are aching backs which are constant as friendship, or recurrent as rent-bills, or period-ical like politicians. The obsessed indiv-idal cannot dismiss them as beggars, nor bribe them as lobbyists, nor entertain them as guests. He cannot endure their presence, nor can he let them go. He cannot dose them away without hurting himself the worst.

Aching backs, as well as weak backs. are very common and very distressing ailments of American women. So far as we can learn from newspapers, comic almanacs and medical journals, they have been increasing steadily in force and frequency since the days of our great-grand mothers. Time was (so the old folks say) when ach-

If we go into private families, even into practise will not only tend to straighten suggested that possibly the inadvertence the palaces of the opulent, we find the seats made more for show than for use Girls suffer much more by using such seats than boys, for the reason that boys are taught to run, jump and exercise themselves all over and all through, while girls are expected to keep still and be pretty.

It is certainly one of the strange prob-lems of the nineteenth century that no parent, teacher, or mechanic will give any attention to anatomy or physiology in the construction of seat for the human body. Must our chairs, and sofas, and settees, and divans, and tete-a-tetes and pews forever be dictated by fashion, and never conformed to nature ? Must our tortured bodies forever be compelled to shape themselves to the seats, instead of the seats being adapted to our bodies? Go through all the great chair-factories of the country, and you will not find a sin-gle article that is not put together in gross violation of the rules of health or comfort. If some Cooper, or Peabod., or Stewart, or Vanderbilt, or Astor, would invest a little million of dollars in establishing an immense chair-factory "on strictly hygienic principles," he would do more to improve human health, promote longevity and remedy the backache, than any medical college in the land.

But, as we cannot manufacture hygionic chairs ourselves, nor at once edu-cate the people out of their backaching and backbreaking ways, we must play the role of physician, instruct the weak ones how to make their backs strong, and the crooked ones how to make their backs straight.

The principle of hygienic medication as applicable to this subject, contemplates bringing all the muscles of the body, whose motions have the small of the back as their central point, into equal and harmonious action. These muscles include all those of the upper and lower extremities, most of the muscles of respiration and the majority of those of the abdomen.

We have often noticed, in the berry sea son, a young girl, and sometimes an elderly woman, walking the streets with a basket of whortleberries on her head and a basket of red-raspberries on one arm and a basket of " black caps" on the other arm. She was a travelling fruit store. her step was quick and elastic, and her clear, shrill ber-r-e-e-" could be heard two or three squares distant, ringing and thrilling above the din of carts and the incessant rumbling of carriages and cars. Was there no danger of the basket falling from her head ? No. Blondin might as well have been expected to tumble into the Niagara. Stepping over the gutters, or turning the head to look for customers did not hazard the position of that bas-

ket in the least. Any deviation from the perpendicular, however infinitesimal, was corrected instantly and almost unconsciously, so sensitive and pliable were the muscles, both of motion and locomotion. The secret of Blondin's wonderful feats, and of of all other tight-ropists and acrobats, consists simply in the equal and bal-anced play of all the muscles of violation.

Such market girls know nothing of backache. In weak and crooked backs but few muscles can co-operate. Some have become flabby and relaxed; others rigid and contracted, so that in any given effort, whether in sitting erect, walking, standing, riding, dancing, or laboring, but few muscles act together, and these few are continually overstrained and fatigued.

To strengthen feeble muscles and straighten crooked backs an immense amount of machinery has been invented, his personage from one place to another all of which, if properly used, is more or less beneficial. We have the light gymn-astics, and the heavy gymnastics, the cain an impossibly brief space of time. listhenics, and the movements, and lift- lyhocks blooming out of doors with snow ers and vibrators, and those who have time on the ground, and we recently saw a money, inclination, and opportunity, may patronize the Health Institutions and the specialists with advantage. causes are induced by tight-lacing, the "Grecian bend," the kangaroo stoop,,' ment; which can be practiced with But the animus of this article is to sugin a moment whenever and wherever a debilitiated back or a distorted vertebral column can be found.

the back, and relieve it of its aching propensity, but it will expand the chest, improve the digestion, invigorate every part of the body and give ease, grace, and free-dom to all voluntary motions.

But perhaps the patient may be out of the reach of dumb-bells. No matter. Our prescription is equal to all emergencies. Let the patient take a pail in one hand, a flat-iron in the other, and place some large book on her head. Webster's Unabridged, or the Bible, (no allusion to its contents) for the purpose. In curative virtues no machinery in the world can excel these domestic appliances. After exercising for a few days the flat-iron may be doubed, a stone or a brick in a pail, and an-other book placed on the head, and so on till cured. If the big book is too heavy to commence with, take a smaller one, say the Hydropathic Encyclopoedia, or the New Testament Use something PER-SEVERE and live to thank the perscription and THE SCIENCE OF HEALTH, and to re commend it both to manking in general, and your friends in particular.

# LITERARY BLUNDERS. WE forget who it was-or perhaps

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remarked that " Homer sometimes

nods," and thereby furnished a stock-quo-

tation for the perpetual use of people without ideas of their own. But who

ever the witty one was, there can be no doubt that he chuckled inwardly or re joiced aloud over his discovery. People

joiced aloud over his discovery. People always do rejoice exceedingly when they

find a flaw in any literary work, and their rejoicing is in direct ratio to the celebrity

of the writer in whose work the weakness

is discovered. The reason for all this is found doubtless in the underlying princip-

les of all human nature ; and we could

explain it beautifully, if we would, in an

abstract essay, but, upon reflection, we

prefer to leave the point, for the present,

The fact is an interesting one in itself,

and it would be no no more than an act

of humanity on the part of our great writ-ers if they would take pains to make dis-

coverable blunders here and there, so that all readers might have the pleasure

of finding them and pointing them out to

friends. At present, however, authors

are selfish, just as other people are, and

refuse to sacrifice themselves to their

readers in this way when they can help

it. But they slip occasionally, and we

lesser people enjoy the lapse from accur-acy more than we do any possible perfec-

Some of the blunders of authors are re-

ally matters of astonishment, and their

discussion is natural and proper enough.

Dr. Johnson wrote an ingeniously elab-orate definition of the word "net-work," and some delver after defects discover-ed that the definition, labored and stilted as it was, was really no definition at all

of net-work or of anything else. Dick-

ens published " Bleak house" serially and

when he had fully committed himself to

he theory of spontaneous combustion, by

printing the chapter descriptive of Mr.

Crook's death, and all the critics cried

aloud in a breath that spontaneous com-

bustion was a scientific impossibility. He stoutly held his ground, however, and proved to the satisfaction of everybody,

except his censors, and he was not entire-

ly without authority for the incident or

Thackeray, in "The Virginians," made

sad work of American geography, sending

character was drawn. But this is, to say the least of it, extremely improbable, particularly as such a slip of the pen, was a very natural thing in itself, needing no explanation at all. My Campaign at Niagara. Humorously Illustr

of the author was only feigned, and that he used the real name in this one place so

that there might be no question as to the identity of the original from which the



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Toronto, 24th February, 1873 RICHARD LAWRENCE

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JACOB SPENCE,

ing backs were the exception ; now they are the rule. What if they become universal ?

The principle causes are sedentary habits and improper dress. Erroneous pos-itions in sitting, riding, working, etc., are

The condition superinduced by these causes, and on which the backache immediately depends is enfeebled vital organs, diminished respiration and unaerated blood.

The small of the back is the weak or strong point of any person. It is the centre of yoluntary motion. Nearly three hundred muscles are directly or indirectly connected with the motions of which the small of the back is the pivotal centre. Hence, while those who are strong, and whose muscular systems are well balanced, know nothing of spinal weakness or vertebral distortion, invalids are forever complaining of this part of the body. One very prominent cause of weak

backs and crooked spines is, the unhygienic and unanatomical scats and benches of our school-houses, churches and halls ; light at first, and heavier ones used afternor are the seats and benches provided on wards. The weight on the head should steamboats, railroad cars, or at station or also be light to commence with, and inferry-houses any better. It is impossible creased as the muscles become stronger. for any person to occupy these seats long without being forced out of shape. And when school children are confined to them ued until she can step quickly over rough for several hours a day for months and and uneven surfaces, and go up and down dition of the book in which the real name years, their backs will inevitably be more or less weakened, with corresponding de-of the weight on the head. Be sure and of the fictitious one under which the porformity of body, for life.

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The patient has only to imitate the berry girl. She may have her own way, and exercise her own ingenuity in carrying out the principle. If she tries earnestly she can hardly fail. One metbod, however, we will explain, which we will guarantee never to fail, and which (as we have no patent) she shall be quite welcome to the former and not in the latter, but also employ, until she can contrive a better.

Let her take a weight of some kind in each hand, and put another on the top of her head. Thus pangymnasticonicated let her exercise in walking for a few minutes (always short of fatigue) several times a day. For the hands a pair of dumb-bells will answer. They should be

newspaper article in which some equally abnormal state of affairs in the vegetable End of the World."

Charles Reade is the father of one of the strangest of these solecisms, and one of which we have seen no mention anywhere. In "Very Hard Cash," a book which deals with the doctors more than with anything else, Mr. Reade speaks of Dr. Sangrado as one of Cervantes's characters, a mistake for which it seems impossible to account, except upon Mr. Richard Grant White's convenient theory about such things. Mr. Reade is of course thoroughly familiar with both " Gil Blas' and "Don Quixote," and he certainly knows not only that Sangrado figures in that the quack is essential to the completeness of Le Sage's story, while there is no place in " Don Quixote" into which he and his water-cure and blood-letting theories could possibly be squeezed. There would be nothing strange in Charles Reade's making a mistake with regard to any minor personage in fiction, but here he confounds two classics, and gets a very prominent character belonging to one into the other.

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