## Farm, Garden and Household,

Paper-hangings for walls are known Paper-hangings for walls are known I was out in -----, during the wild to everybody. It is now proposed to times that they had there a number of use hangings made of mstal, and an ac-count of this new invention, which comes to us from Paris, has been read before the Society of Arts. The metal employed is tinfoil in sheets about sixteen feet long, and from thirty to forty inches wide. The sheets are painted and dried at a high temperature, and are then decorated with many different patterns, such as foliage, flowers, geometrical figures, imitation of wood, or landscapes. When decorated, the sheets are varnished, and again dried, and are then ready for sale,

laws.

will tell you.

A new mode of washing linen has been introduced and adopted in Germany. The operation consists in dissolving two pounds of soap in about three gallons of water as hot as the hand can bear, and adding to this one tablespoonful of turpentine and three of iquid ammonia; the mixture must then be well stirred and the linen steeped in it for two or three hours, taking care to cover up the vessel which contains them as nearly hermetically as possible. The clothes are afterward washed out and rinsed in the usual way. The scorp and water may be reheated and used the second time, but in that case half a table-spoonful of turpentine and a tablespoonful of ammonia must be added. The process is said to cause a great economy in time, labor, and fuel.

A writer in the Country Gentleman says : "Steers I handle and yoke up the first winter before they are a year old, and during the following summer, to accustom them to the yoke, and to walk side by side evenly together. second winter I put them to light sled, and put a small rope around the nigh one's head, not to guide them by, but to secure them from running away from me by some sudden fright or some other cause. I then, with a light, short whip, proceed to teach them to draw, to go forward, to stop, to haw and gee. I use few words with them, and few motions of the whip, not trying to teach they are a little older, I teach them to back by choosing a piece of descending plough without a driver till steers are four years old.

An Iowa farmer recommends the following device for measuring land. Take two slats about six feet long, sharpen two slats about high them upon a floor one end of each, lay them upon a floor like a pair of open compasses, so that the points shall be exactly five feet six inches apart; now nail the other two inches apart; now nail the other two inches apart; now nail the other two inches apart and a piece across the the points shall be exactly five feet six adamp, dark, underground apartment, whose only aperture for light and air whose only aperture for light and air ter A, and the measure is finished. To measure land place one point at the starting place and the other also on the ground in a straight line for destination; tand alongside the machine, with one hand ou top of it; take one step forward, tip up the point that is behind, swing it around (from yon) on the other point, and set it in line also. A person in this manner can measure correctly as fast as he can walk---three spaces make a rod---walk straight without stopping, count the spaces, divide these by three, and you have the rods.

Californians lead in the matter of rest I was awakened by a soft, rasping dairy cuteness so far as heard from. A noise close by, commission firm in San Francisco "Intely found that some of their enstomers were exasperated about something, and mean sundry suspicious and greasy looking boulders and bricks were brought in and deposited on their coun-

A DASH FOR LIFE.

the camp of bushrangers; some of whom had carried me to prison but a few hours before.

Picture my position. Had I possessyears ago. There must, I think, have ed a good horse, I should have made a rush for it, while they were petrified with amazement; but my treacherous been five or six hundred of us in and about S-----. We were surrounded on all sides by bushrangers. Outrages of old beast now refused to move forward every possible kind were of daily occuror back. Just then couldn't I have shouted with Richard: "My kingdom rence, and many a brave fellow met his death in attempting, with others, to break up the camps of these daring outfor a horse!" Well, they had me, more's the pity, seeing that nearly all of them Did I come near losing my life, were drunk, and the rest unsteady in their joints. Maybe they made me the butt of a few thick practical jokes, as I particularly recall one time of which they pulled me from the old mule's back, and bound my hands, making the

We had a small, resolute company of men under us, made desperate by re-peated wrongs, and they hardly cared what they did or what risk they ran, in rope fast to a stump, and setting a thick, rough fellow to guard me. I was half palsied by my mistake, I had made no resistance. No doubt that much trying to exterminate those flerce bushrangers, was in favor. Almost every movement of ours was Time passed. Ere long my guard be-

watched ; but Sheldric Day, our captain was as keen as the sharpest of the outgan to snore. I then cautiously worked my hands, and found to my joy, that I laws. So when an old farmer came in with his wagon filled with green stuff and covered with straw, Day watched his chance and succeeded in starting him homeward with a load of rifles unarouse the sentinel. der the straw,

you ask ? Yes, more than once.

Toward nightfall one man straggled off, whistling in one direction, with his hands in his pockets; another one another way; another, another; and so on. Our rendezvous was Dury's Forks, a lonely track of country, where the roads branched off in many directions.

When we got fairly beyond the limits haunted by spies, we mended our pace, and the men were soon coming in from all directions upon the run, ready to seize their weapons and go whither Captain Day might lead.

Shaping our course in a southwesterly direction, we made what speed the tall, tangled, bothersome prairie-grass would allow, and crept on stealthily. The camp of the bushrangers was at supper; we surprised it, and a fierce hand-to-hand fight ensued. The fellows were finally routed ; but somehow I became separated from the rest, and two or three of the ruffians, discovering my situation, bore down upon me. In spite life or to death. them too many things at once. When of my frantic efforts they captured me, and bore me with them on the retreat. My company probably did not at first the wild grape vines everywhere strung ground for that purpose, with the empty sled or cart for a load. I never try to dark, and so I was left to the mercies of across the way, went L. Once they caught me under the chin, and swept

a gang of cut-throats. With no delicate touch they seized upon me, securely bound my hands, and me off over the horse's back into the brush with the perspiration oozing from every pore. I scrambled out and mounted again. advised me, with the cold lips of a revolver, to keep quiet. They then dash-ed away toward a village some miles dis-It was a good horse, but a dangerous way. Now a dead branch would catch e corner of my mouth, and now something would come in contact with my eyes, making them sparkle again. But I escaped. The very danger which beset my path saved me. I got through that seventeen miles' the ground level. I gathered myself up, and looked my situation in the face. I ride somehow, coming out scratched and bleeding, but alive. Out on the plains, knew these outlaws well. I had nothsome five miles from L-----, I ran upou ing to expect but to be dragged forth the remains of a mule train that had during the night and hanged upon the been bringing us provisions. The first projection which offered sufficient drivers lay around murdered, the carts support for my weight. I was too well lundered and broken, and one boy of nown as first lieutenant of the K-----fourteen, with his scalp clean gone, lay Regulator to hope for mercy. My com-panions would doubtless think that I on the ground, yet alive. I got him up before me---for how could I leave him

ad fallen, and leave me to my fate. there ?--- and carried him into S-----, "But did the boy live, captain ?" Worn out with hard work and care, I fell asleep---though I have often wondered since at it --- from which delightful

the Indians.' "Without his sealp?" "Yes, and thereby escaped much trouble, you understand. Pass the ci-"Rats," I mentally commented, and "Hist," said a voice at the window,

or the grated opening that served for one. "Are you awake ?" gars.

"Awake and more than awake," I ters by persons who stated that they found them in fickins of butter they had bought of the firm, and these persons not unnaturally indulged in remarks where the state in the state of the spectrum in th

WORK ;

or, CHRISTIE'S EXPERIMENT. BY LOUISA M. ALCOTT. of " Little Women," " Old Fashioned Author Girl," Little Men." etc., etc.

CHAPTER L CHRISTIE.

CHINETIL. "A UNT BETSY, there's going to be a new De-claration of Independence." "Bless and save us, what do you mean, child?" And the starthed old lady precipitated a pie into the oven with destructive haste. "I mean that, being of age, I am going to take care of myself, and not be a burden any longer. Check whates me out of the way ; thinks I ought to go, and, sooner or later, will tell me so. I don't in-tend to wait for that, but like the people in fairy tales, travel away into the world and seek my fortune. I know I can find it." Christies emphasized her speech by energetic demon-

know I can find it." Christis emphasized her spacefi by energetic demon-strations in the bread-trough, kneading the dough as if it was her destiny, and she was shaping it to suit herself : while Aunt beisy stood listening, with up-lifted pie fork, and as much astonishment as her plateid face was capable of expressing. As the piri-panaed, with a decided thinny, the old lady ex-claimed :

about 111<sup>-</sup> purred Auni Betkey, as the heavy of the lock and a move of the second of the s "What crazy idee have you got into your head could strain upon the knots, and slip my hands through. This I did. Next I made some slight movements to try my chance, and I found they did not The fire was dying down to a flickering shade, and I knew that it must be within an hour or two of daylight. I crawled past my guard; he did not stir, and keeping well in the shadow, I made for the horses of the party. When close up to them, I cautiously rose upright,

and snatched a picket-pin, seized the halter, and vaulted upon the back of a powerful horse. He seemed docile enough, but the moving him out from amid the others made them uneasy. They stamped, and pawed, and neighed,

and when, with a rap of my heel, as a spur, we dashed for the cover of the woods, the disturbance made by these treacherous animals alarmed the camp. I was in for it now. Life or death depended upon the events of the next fifteen minutes. I dashed into the thick, tangled woods. Utter darkness reigned. In five minutes I was unhorseed, but holding to the halter, I leaped on again, and madly dashed forward to

What a ride that was ! Without bridle or saddle, dashing full tilt against

Incurrent threads and the second s "I cover with a piece of paper." Christie's laugh echoed through the kitchen: and and old isdy smiled benignly, quite unconscious of the cause of the girl's morriment. "I shall ask Uncle to-night, and I know he won't beautions of the second state of the third work that the second state of the second state the second state of the se

"I shall ask Unch to-night, and I know he won't object. Then I shall write to see if Mrs. Flint has a room for me, where I can stay till I get something to do. There is plenty of work in the world and I'm not afraid of it, so you'll soon hear good news of me. Don't look sad, for you' know I never could forget you, even if I should become the greatest lady in the kand." And Christie left the prints of two floury but affectionate hands on the old lady's shoul-ders, as she kissed the writched face that had never worn a frown to her.

Worn a frown to her. Full of Thopeful fancies, Christie salied the pans and buttered the dough in pleasant forgetfulness of all mundane affairs, and the indicrous dismay of Aunt Betsey, who tollowed her about rectifying her mistakes, and watching over her as if this sudden absence of mind had roused suspicions of her sanity. ". Uncle, I want to go away, and get my own living.

". Uncle, I want to go away, and get my own living, if fou please." was Christic's a brupt beginning, as they sat around the evening fire. "Hey! what's that?" said Uncle Enos, rousing from the doze he was endoying, with a candle in per-ilous proximity to his newspaper and his nose. Christic repeated her request, and was much re-lieved when, after a meditative stare, the old man briefly nawwerd: "Bob? Oh, yes, and afterwards beame a soldier, too, and fought against

"Wal, go allead,"

" Wat, go alread," 'I was afraid you might think it rush or silly,

In words, but I know yon begrudge me a hom though you will call me ungradetal when I'm gone. I'm willing to work, but I want work I can put my heart its, and feel it does me good, no matter how hard it is. I only ask for a chance to be a uwful, happy woman, and I don't think that is a bed ambi-tion. Even if I outly do what my dear mother did, arm my living honestly and happily, and have a beautiful example behind me, to help one other wo-man as hers helps me, I shall be satisfied. "Initiat's voice failered over the hard stirred her divide the during the last iew days had stirred her divide hard to be a lightly made. Mr. Devon had his with a sense of discondort which was new to him, mut though the word's represented and annoyed, they did not soften him, and when Obristie paneed with tarful eyes, her uncle rose, saying, slowly, as he instruction of the ord hers with an store of the path of you me be beak if and when the work is a weak with a sense of discondort which was new to him, mut though the word's represented and annoyed, they did not soften him, and when Obristie paneed with tarful eyes, her uncle rose, saying, slowly, as he instruction was come. Hetsey, we may as well have for you need be eakit' h, my gift, and yes is any path of the word's represented and annoyed, they do not soften him, and when Obristie paneed with the shall us a christie calls it, and we've had her fut on gon one side. A not be some you're off the path of you need be skit. And we've had her have the result understand the want of her fusion and quitted the field, worsted, but in good the old man quitted the field, worsted, but in good the did not one him, and during a we've had her her on and the store of the path of the source of the her of all on us. Come her source, as the her her have the defined and during a we've had her her of the store of a source of the source of the fusion in quitted the field, worsted, but in good the old man quitted the field, worsted, but in good and. The shalt me

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river. To escape these fates, but one way appeared; to break forse from this narrow life, and go out into the world and see what she could do for herself This idea was full of enchantment for the cager girl, and, after much extness thought, she had resolved to tree it.

and, after much earnest thought, she had resolved to try it. "If I fail, I can come back," she said to herself, even while she scorned the thought of failure, for with all her any pride she was beth brave and ar-dent, and her dreams were of the readest sort. "I won't marry Joe; I work was myself out in a district school for the mean sum they give a woman: I won't delve away here where T an not wanted; and I won't delve away here where T an not wanted; and I won't delve away here where T an out wanted; and I won't delve away here where T an out wanted; and I won't delve away here where T an out wanted; and I won't can my life like a coward because it is duil and hard. Til try my fate as mother did, sud per-haps I may succeed as well." And Christie's thoughts went wandering away into the dim, sweet past, when she a happy child, lived with loving pa-rents in a different world from that. Lost in these trader memories, she sat till the old moon-faced clock behind the door struck twelve, then the visions vanished, leaving their benison be-hind them. As she glanced, backward at the smouldering We present to every subscriber for 1873, a copy of our filmstrated Holiday Number of December 18th, with Christmas Pictures and Christmas Storles; and interesting matter by Mrs. Stove, the poet Walitier, and many others. In this commences Miss Alcott's new story, the succeeding number of while up to Jan. Ist will be sent to every subscrib-er. Also,

Just taken his Bitters,---We heard a A FAMILY PAPER seedy-looking individual with an alarmingly red nose remark to a brother soak-Which can be trusted, and which is always full a interest, is a necessity of the times. Such a one is the er that he had "just had his bitters, but he did not mind taking another nip. His remark suggested a train of reflection. How was it, we asked ourselves, CHRISTIAN UNLON. that the word "bitters" had grown to be a synonym for gin, whiskey, rum, and other alcoholic stimulants, to which THE UNSECTARIAN, EVANGELICAL, LITER. ARY AND FAMILY NEWSPAPER, it was applied indiscriminately. Bitters, we reasoned, suggested the idea of a healthful tonic, not of a poisonous stimulant; something invigorating to the system, not an alcoholic irritant, HENRY WARD BEECHER, the system, not an alcoholic irritant, full of fusel oil, producing present in-toxication and ultimate insanity, idioey, or premature death. Moreover, our idea of bitters was totally irreconcila-ble with "gin cocktails," "rum pun-ches," and "brandy smashes," which, we are informed, are sweetened with It has something for every member of the house-hold in matters of religion, morals, politics, litera-ture, art, science, agriculture, postry, news, whole-some fiction for young and old, and truth for every-Mr. Beecher's vigorous and characteristic pen in bis Editorials and Star Papers, and the verbatim reports of his Lecture Room Talks in Plymouth Church, are great attractions. There is also a large and able editorial staff. MIRS, HARRENT EEECHER STOWE writes ex clusively for the CHRISTIAN UNION, her stories, sketches, and general articles appearing in that pa-

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sugar and rendered doubly injurious with essences colored by means of min-eral poison. This was bitter-sweet with a vengeance. We mentioned this problem to a friend. He solved it by exclaiming; "Why, don't you know that most of these bitters advertised as remedies are only drams in disguise. Topers know it, if you do not. I must make one exception, however," he add-ed, " and that's Dr. Walker's California Vinegar Bitters; there isn't a particle of alcohol or fermented liquor in it, and it is the best vegetable tonic and altera-

tive in America, --- Com.

The general servant of a Parisian gentleman entered, " like Niobe, all tears," his wife's chamber sobbing: "Oh, madam ! " "Oh, madam !"

"What is the matter, Francoise ?" " Madam, I have stuck a fork into my

finger." "Oh, that's nothing, Francoise ; you will not feel it to-morrow.

"I should not be afraid, madam, if I was sure the fork was silver.'

"You may, then be perfectly easy; the fork is; all our forks are silver." "Oh, then I don't feel alarmed ;- but

was dreadfully frightened, for I

thought the fork was plated." The next day Francoise disappeared,

taking all the forks with her,



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that they could not be deemed complimentary to the butter dealers. An investigation was at once made, when it was discovered that a consignment consisting of twenty-eight firkins of what purported to be a choice product of the Carfully seizing upon the iron bar dairy was largely "doctored" in this thrust in to me, I inserted the end unpurported to be a choice product of the substantial manner. Some of the firkins contained from ten to fourteen pounds it. of rock and brick. Measures were at once taken to trace the ingenious villany to its proper source."

A correspondent of the Prairie Farmer, who has had large experience with swine, says the following are reliable:

Preventire .-- One peck wood ashes, four pounds salt, one pound each of black antimony, copperas, and sulphur, quarter of a pound saltpetre. Pound, mix thoroughly and moisten enough to prevent waste: put in a trough in a dry place where the hogs can at all times eat as much as they please of it. I have strictly followed directions and have had no cholera.

Remedy .--- It is: Sulphur, two pounds; copperas, two pounds; madder, two pounds; black antimony, half pound; altpetre, half pound; arsenic, two ounces. The quantity is sufficient for 100 hogs, and is mixed with slop enough for a few doses all round--- a pint to each hog. Each time I tried this I had about fifty head, and not one died that was able to walk to the trough and had enough life left to drink.

A correspondent of the Vermont Farmer thus describes an improved poke or jumping-stick: First put a piece across orns. Then have a piece of hard wood board, one-half or three-fourths inch thick, and about three feet long. Have a hole inserted in the bar across e horns in such a way that when this hard wood strip is inserted in it, running out over the back, as the animal naturatly carries its head, the rear end will be just free of the back. Drive three or four shingle nails, ground sharp into this end, letting them come through three-fourths of an inch, so that as soon as the animal makes an effort to raise his head to jump the fence, the nails will soundly prick his back, and he will be apt to frisk his tail and start for some feed that is easier to be obtained. For cheapness and durability this arrangement is unequaled. It weighs less than three pounds; it is not in the way in traveling around, and when the animal lies down it is on one side, as it is natural for the animal to throw its head opposite to the side it lies on. When y are feeding it is upright in the air. It will keep the animal to which it is applied where he belongs, sure.

Everything that enters Paris has to pay octroi duty. For many weeks an but somehow or other I became con-elegantly-attired gentleman drove a fused as to Davis' directions. well-appointed dog-cart from the outskirts to the city, being attended every evening by a neat-looking groom. One night the dog-cart was upset in the presence of the gendarmes, who, on going to the rescue, noticed that the groom had not moved from his seat. "Come," said one of the men. The groom preserved a dignified silence, "Come instead of which I turned into it. There down," cried they angrily, "don't you see your master is hurt?" "Is he lance, and pictured our men's surprise drunk or stupid?" The groom pre- when I should ride up to them. Threeserved his English sang froid, and the employes, giving him a shake, discovered, to their unutterable astonishment. 150 litres of cognac !

but the darkness is favorable. iron bar between the rods and wrench carefully toward you. I have straightened out the ends that were clenched upon this side."

der the first rod, and gradually started "Hist! the guard is coming this way; wait until he returns to the front," breathed my helper, "Hist!"

The guard clanked by, starting sweat from every pore of my body; for I expected him to stumble upon my friend and deliverer outside.

"Be quick," resumed the voice at the grating again. "He will return in just twenty minutes, for I have marked is beats; and---quick.' One after the other each of the bars was dropped from its place; and then, by reaching my hands out through the aperture, and by dint of using my shoeless feet against the wall, I struggled, and was drawn through. Fortunately, was slim and slight; a large man must have hopelessly strangled himself. Not too soon, either, for the guard turned the corner at the moment and came to-

ward us. We crouched behind in the shade of the projecting wall. He heard nothing; saw nothing; paced his beat, and went back. Once out of sight, be very sure we did not lose any time. Springing up, and catching by the top of the high fence, we swung ourselves outside.

" The only thing that I could said Davis, leading me to an old mule, and cantioning me in a whisper to beware of the vicious old animal's heels, 'Now, look sharp; don't take the Red Forks, mind you, nor the main route that leads to the court-house. There are four roads by the Live Oaks, all running west; you know them; be sure don't take the third one, that leads right into the camp of the outlaws, but the fourth takes you down among our boys ---the Regs. Mind well my directions, and ride softly, while I try to take up the attention of the sentinel." I mounted in a heterogeneous man-

ner, the old mule refusing to remain sufficiently stationary for me to seat myself according to the fashions of civilization. Ride softly ! Davis must have been oking. For the heels of that vicious brute beat the sod as though he were a drum-major beating the devil's tattoo, and with considerable more force and effect. But at last I persuaded him with my heels to move on, not until I had heard the sentinel brawling with Davis,

that he was made of zinc, and contained they were for the most part asleep ; but

a rule, to that of shark and cod. They fish principally from light open boats, with projecting prows, and carrying only one small lug-sail. Row-boats are preferred on account of the number

of hands required. The Icelandic fishermen are described as possessing a power of enderance, an ability to keep the sea in all weathers, and a courage above all praise ; they scorn to take provisions of any kind to sea, though they never neglect to carry their snuff-

Shark-Fishing in Iceland.

horns. It is greatly to be deplored that these hardy mariners are so careless both as to their personal comforts and as to the seaworthiness of their craft, since to these faults may doubtless be

traced the fact that forty per cent. of the deaths of the men are caused by drowning. When a vessel is in search of sharks, it is anchored at a place where they are presumed to be---in preference, near the rising edge of a bank. The anchor used is generally a fourpronged iron grapple, weighing about 180 pounds, with fifteen to twenty fathoms nine-sixteen inch iron chain cable, and a 350-fathom long hawser. When anchored, the fishing commences. nothing is caught, the position is shift-ed unset the shark is found ; and if the take is good, the vessel remains at the post, and rides out the storm if necessary. The lines used are of the thickness of deep-sea lead-lines, fastened to three fathoms of chain, in the middle of which a leaden weight of ten pounds to thirteen pounds is fixed. Under this a

strong six-inch hook is fastened; the entire hook is covered with bait, and it is notched inside the bend to prevent the latter slipping down. When the shark is hauled up to the surface it is killed by means of a long spear. A harpoon is then fixed in it, and the rope fastened to the ship's side ; after which the carcase is ripped up by a knife af-fixed to a pole, and the liver is taken out and placed in barrels, and stowed away in the hold. The value of a car-case is about 7s. 6d. The flesh is sold to the peasants, who bury it in the ground for two or three weeks, and then disinter it, wash it, and cut it up into strips, and hang it in the drying-house. After one year's drying, it is considered fit for food. The flesh has then assumed a clear, reddish-yellow color, which gives it something of the appearence of salmon, so far as the eve is concerned, but certainly not the nose, for its presence in a room is very perceptible. How perceptible it must be in case of auswored quickly: "How do you mean, sir?" "I mean that you are startin' all wrong; your re-dio'ne actions about independence and self-cultur" won't come to nothin' in the long run, and you'll make as bad a failure of your life as your mother did of her n." ten-year old shark flesh, which we are further informed is accounted a delicacy among native connoisseurs, we must my heels to move on, not until 1 had hear the sentinel brawling with Davis, there target and eminent success.
I got out of the place os soon as the plut somehow or other I became control fusced as to Davis' directions.
The stars broke out through the clouds, and so I passed the Red Forks, and the main route leading to the centre thouse and the main route leading to the centre the value of the light train-oil; a section defined the third read, as I believed; so of diver give about two barrels of liver give abou leave to the imagination and olfactory

"I was afraid you might think it rash or silly, sir." "I think it's the best thing you could do; and I like your good sense in pupposin' on t." "Then I may really go?" "Soon's ever you like. Don't pester me about it ill you're ready; then I'll give you a little suthing to start off with." And Uncle Enos returned to "The Farmer's Friend," as if cattle were more in-teresting than kindred. "Christie was accustched to his curt speech and careless manner-ind expected nothing more cor-dial; and turning to her aunt, said, rather bitterly: "Did'nt I tell you he'd he glad to have me go? No matter! When I've done something to be proud of he will be as glad to see me back again." Then her voice changed, her eyes kindled, and the firm lips softened with a snille. "Yes, Thi try my experiment; then I'll get rich; found a home for girls like myself; or botter still, be a Mrs, Fry, a Florence Nightingale, or ----"" "Christie's castles in the air vanished at the pro-sic question; bit, after a blank look, she answered plessantly: "Thuk you for bringing me down to uv feet

mon-faced clock behad the door struck twelve, then the visions valished, leaving their benison be-hind them. As she glanced backward at the smouldering fire a sheader spire of flame shot up from the log that had blazed so cheering, and shone upon her as she went. A good omen, gratefully accepted them, and remembered often in the years to come. Thus ends the first chapter of Miss Alcott's spright-by and attractive but thoughtful new story, which commences in the holiday number of Henry Ward Beecher's Great Literary and Family Workly-*The Christian Union*, and will be continued only in that paper. Miss Alcott has found the key to the popular heart; it is in depicting the irue keas iffe of Ameri-ca, which the makes full of zest, enjoyment and wholesome carnestness. This story will be followed in *The Christian Union* by other scriaks from other eminent American pens. Edward Eggleston, Bo-bertson Gray, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Showe, etc. *The Christian Union* contains contributions from cominent writers of all denominations, and has mat-ters of interest for every member of the homehold. Thank you for bringing me down to my feet ngain, when I was searing away too far and too fast. I'm poorly off, ma'am; but if you are knitting these for me, I shall certainly start on a firm foundation." And, learing on Aunt Betsy's knee, she patiently

liscussed the wardrobe question from hose to head-Don't you think you could be contented any way. Christie, if I make the work lighter, and leave you more time for your books and things ?" asked the old lady, both to lose the one youthful element in her such the

"No, ma'am, for I can't find what I want here,"
"No, ma'am, for I can't find what I want here,"
" what do you want, child?"
" Look in the fire, and I'll try to show you."
The old lady obediently turned her spectacles that way, and Christie said in a tone half serious, half playful;

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smouldering dismally away in the corner is what my life is now : the other blazing and singing is what I want my life so be."
"Bless me, what an idea! They are both a burnin' where they are put, and both will be asless to-morrow: so what difference does at make?"
"Invisio smiled at the literal old lady: but following the fancy that pleased her, she added earnestly:
"I know the end is the same, but it does make a difference how they turn to ashes, and how I speed of my lite. That log, with its one duil spot of fire, gives neither life nor warnth, but lies sizaling despondently among the cinders. But the other glows from end to end with cheerful little flames that no singing up the chimesy with a pleasant sound. Its light fills the room and akines out into the dark; its warnth draws us nearer, making the hearth the cosiest place in the house, and we shall all miss the friendly blaze when it dies. Yes," she added, as if to herself, "I hope my life undy while that, so that, whether it he long or short, it will be useful and cheerful while it hasts, will be missed when it ends, and leave something behind besides ashes."
Though she only half understood them, the girl's words touched the old lady, and made her look anxionsly at the cager young face gazing so wistfully into the fire.
" A good smart blowin' up with the beluese would make the green stick burn most as well as the dry one after a spell. I guess contentedness is the belus for young folks, et they would only think so."
" Shouldn't wonder et I did, but Enos came along and i fogot's."
" My Enos has ind come along yet, and more inderstored its, you know. Didn t you when you wardy con young to ist and whit or any num to give made be of some and in glower may is in the other some and in the source is the below of the you when you wardy." Vions to

" My know may not come along yer, and never any, so I'm not going to sit aud wait for any man to give me independence, at I can carn it for myselt." And a quick glance at the gruff, gray old man in the corner flainly betrayed that, in Christie's opinion, Anut Betsey made a bad bargain when she exchang-ed her girlish aspirations for a man whose soul was in his pocket.

in his pocket. "Jest like her mother, full of hifalutin notions,

discontented and sot in her own idees ; a poor capi-tal to start a fortin' on." Christic's eye met that of her uncle peering over the top of his paper with an expression that always tried her poficare. Now it was like a dash of cold water on her enthusiasan, and her face fell as she answered quickly: "How do you mean size?"

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