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Sunbury, April 8, 1865.—

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SOLE LEATHER TRUNKS &

# POETICAL

CARE OF THE LITTLE ONES.

Mother, watch the little feet
Climbing o'er the garden wall,
Bounding through the busy street,
Ranging cellar, shed and hall;
Never mind the moments lost;
Never mind the time it cost;
Little feet will go satray;
Guide them, mother, while you may.

Mother! watch the little hand
Picking berries by the way,
Making houses in the sund,
Tossing up the fragrant hay;
Never dare the question ask.
Why to me the weary task?
These same little hands may prove
Messengers of light and love.

Mother! watch the little tongue, Prating eloquent and wild;
What is said and what is sung
By the joyous, happy child.
Catch the word while yet unspoken,
Stop the vow before 'its broken;
This same tongue may yet proclaim
Blessings in the Saviour's name.

Mother ! watch the little heart, Beating soft and warm for you;
Wholesome lessons now impart;
Keep, O keep that young heart true!
Extricating every weed.
Sowing good and precious seed;
Harvests rich you then may see
Ripen for eternity.

## TALES & SKETCHES.

A FAMILY IN LOVE.

I am the elder brother of a family in love. The fact dimly dawned upon me, widening by degrees, ever since I came home from India last year, and took myself the charge of my five sisters, aged from about —. But Martha might object to my particularizing. Good little Patty! what a merry creature the way when the same particularized. she was when she went nutting and fishing with me. And what ugly caps she has taken to wearing, poor dear! And why can't she speak as gently, when scolding the servants, as I remember our sweet voiced, pretty mother used always to do? And vhy, in spite of their mutual position, will she persist in calling Mr. Green, with a kind

of frigid solemnity, "Mr. Green ?" But he does seem to mind it; probably he never was called anything else.

He is a very worthy person, nevertheless. and I have a great respect for him. When my sister Martha-Miss Heathcote, as she has been called for her cradle-by letter announced to me at Madras tout she intended to relinquish that title for the less euphonious one of Mrs. Green, I thought for various reasons (of no moment now), that my eldest sister was not likely to marry-I rather hoped she would not. We might have been so comfortable, poor Patty and I .--However, I had no tousiness to interfere with wither her happiness or her destiny; so when the first Sunday after my arrival a cozy carriage drove up the avenue, and a bald, rather stout little man got out, to be solemnly introduced to me as "Mr Green" I sals

mitted to the force of circumstances, and to I rather like show and splendor; they suit the duties of a brother in law. He has dired with us every Sunday since. He and I are capital triends; regularly, for Window Blinds.

Hats, Caps and Ladies' Shakers, Hardware, Nails,
Hats, Caps and Ladies' Shakers, Hardware, Nails,
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He and I are capital irreless,
when the ladies retire, he informs me what
the funds have been at, day by day during way to buy shan's in for the week follow ing. A most worthy person, I repeat; will make a kind husband, and I suppose Mar tha likes him; but—. However, poor girl, she is old enough to judge for herself, and it is no business of mine. Some time be fore long, parish church quietly, without any show; I shall see her walk down the church aisle with old Mr. Green-he in his best white waistcoat, and she in her sober gray poplin, which she insists in being mar ried in-not the clear soft muslin and long lace veil I quite well remember seeing Patty working at and blushing over, we won't say how many years ago. Well, women are better married they say; but I think I would

rather have had Martha an old maid. My second sister, Angeline, was fifteen when I left England; and the very loveliest creature I ever beheld. Everybody knew it. everybody acknowledged it. She could not walk down the street without people turning to look after her; she could not enter a room without creating a general whisper: "Who is she !". The same thing continued as she grew up to womanhood.

All the world was at her feet; every one said she would make a splendid marriagebecome a countess at least; and I do believe Angeline herself had the fullest confidence in that probability. She refused lovers by the dozen; every letter I got told me of ome new slaughter of Miss Angeline's.

But like most cruel damsels, she paid the penalty of her hard heartedness; when I came home I found Angeline Heathcote, Angeline Heathcote still. Beautiful yet. beautiful exceedingly; a walking picture, a visible poem; it is a real pleasure to me to have such a handsome creature about the house. Though people did say, with a mysterious shake of the bead, that handsome as she was, if I could only see my sister two or three years ago! And Angeline herself became tenacious on the subject of new gowns, and did not like it to be generaly known whether she or Charlotte was the elder. Good, plain, merry Charlotte, who so I congratulated myself—alas, too soon!

My sister settled herself by the fire with age!

Yet Charlotte was the first who brought me into trouble-that trouble which I am now called upon to bemoan. I had not been at home three months when there came a young gentleman.—a very lively and plea-sant young gentleman, too-who sang duets with the younger girls and made himself quite at home in my family circle. I my-self did not much meddle with him, thought him a good natured lad, and no more—until one fine morning he astonished me by requesting five minutes' conversation with me

in my study.

I was very kind to the young man; when he blushed, I looked snother way; I invited him to take another chair. I listened to his stammering explanation with the utmost patience and sympaths; I even tried to help him out with them—till be came to the last

clause.

Now, I do say that a man who asks you for your purse, your horse, your friendship, after only four weeks' acquaintance, has considerable conrage; but a man who, after that brief period since his introduction, comes and asks you for your sister—why, one's first impulse is to kick him down stairs.

Happily, I controlled myself. I called to my mine that Mr. Cuthbert was an honsest your fellow, and must if he did choose to risk his whole future upon the result of a month's laughing, and singing, and dancing at balls—certainly it was his affair, not mine. My business solely related to Charlotte, I was just dispatching it in the quickers and friendliest manner, by advising the "I think the gir! reads too much, and site

young fellow to go back to college and not make a fool of himself in vain, when he informed me that my consent only was required, since he and Charlotte had been a plighted coaple for the space of three whole days! with ber eyes too wide open, Martha; is feelings go so totally against the system of matrimony, as practiced in the world especially to the world of womankind. All the courting and proposing, the presents and the lively refused to be Angeline's bridesmaid." "Ah!" sighed Martha, "that's it. Poor foolies which to the world of womankind to courting and proposing, the presents and the lively refused to be foolies which to the marriage guests.

days!

I have always held certain crotchets on paramount rights of lovers, and the wrong of interlering with any apparently sincere vows; so I sent for Lotty, talked with her; found she was just as foolish as he. That because he was the best waitzer, the sweetset tweets the service of the s est tenor singer, and had the handsomest moustache she knew, our lively Charlotte was quite contented to dance through life with Mr. Cuthbert, and decidedly proud of having his diamond ring on her third finger, and being considered "engaged" -as, in-deed, they were like to remain if their minds changed not, for the next ten years. So, what would I do? Nothing, but deal with the young simpletons, if such they were, according to their folly. If true, their love would have time to prove itself such; if

false, they would best find out that fact by its not being thwarted. I kissed away Lotty's tears, silly child, and next Sugday I had the honor of carving for brother in law No. 2:

It never rains but it pours. Whether Angeitne was roused at once to indignation and condescension by Charlotte's engagement, or whether, as was afterwards reported to me, she was influenced by a certain statistical newspaper paragraph, malicious-ly read aloud by Mr. Cuthbert for general edification, that woman's chances of matrimony were proved by the late census to diminish greatly between the ages of thirty and thirty-five; but most assuredly Ange-line's elemeanor changed. She stooped to be agreeable as well as beautiful. To more one of my sisters who missed him we than one suitor whom she had of old swept cruelly, and that was—not Angeline. haughtily by, did she now graciously in-cline; and the result was—partly owing to county, held a general election on her own private account.

Alas for me! In one week I had no less tion four hopeful candidates requesting the "honor of an interview" in my study.

Angeline's decision was rather dilutory, they were all such excellent matches; and, poor girl, with her beauty for her chief gift, and with all the tinsel adoration it brought her, she had never been used to think of marriage as anything more than a mere worldly arrangement. She was ready to choose a husband as she would a wedding gown—dispassionately, carefully, as the best out of a large selection of articles, each rich and good in its way and warranted to wear. She had plenty of common sense an acute judgment, as for heart-

"You see, Niget," she said to me, when weighing the respective claims and merits of Mr. Archer and Sir Rowland Griffith Jones"But supp you see, I never was sentimentally inclined. I want to be married. I think I should be better married than single. Of course, my husband must be a good man; also, he should be a wealthy man, because-well!-because

And she glanced into the mirror at some-thing which, certainly, if any woman has any excuse for the vanities of life, might have

pleaded Angeline's.
"But," I argued, half sorrowfully, as when ou see an ignorant child throwing gold away, and choosing sham jewels for their pitiful glistening, "you surely would think it necessary to love your husband?"

"O, yes; and I like Sir Rowland extremely perhaps even better than Mr. Archerhough he has been found of me so long, noor fellow! But he will get over it-all men

The Welsh cause triumphed. Mr. Archer mitted the field. He had been an old acmaintance; but what was that to Sir Rowand and £10,000 a year? After Angeline's affair was settled, there

came a lult in the family epidemic, possibly because the head of the family grow savage is a bear, and for a full month his spirit hugged itself into fierce misanthropy, or rather misegyny, contemning the whole female sex, especially such as contemplated in the unholy state of matrimony.

No wonder I could not find peace in my own house; I had not my own sisters' so-ciety; not a single family fireside evening ould I get from week's end to week's end not a room could I enter without breaking in on some tete-a-tete; not a corner could I reep into without stumbling upon a pair of lovers. I fied the fireside; I took refuge in my study. Woe betide the next lover who should assail me there! It occurred to me that in the interval of

e weddings I would send for an old friend, a bachelor like myself, an honest, manly fellow, who worked bard from circuit, and got barely one brief a year. Yes, Will Launceston would keep me company; and we would spend our days in the woods and our evenings in my study, safe out of the way of lovers, weddings and womankind. I had just written to him, when my sister

Martha came in with a very serious face, and told me she "wished for a little conversation with me." Ominous beginning! But she was not a young man, and could not well attack me

concerning any more of my sisters. At least, My sister settled herself by the fire with a serious countenance.

given me much pain, and some anxiety."
"Indeed," and I am afraid my tone was less sympathizing than eager, since, from her troubled, nervous manner, I thought—
I hoped the matter in question indicated the
secession of Mr. Green, "Go on. Is it
about"—I stopped and corrected myself
hypocritically—"about the girls ?"

She assented.
"When I" a disappointed whistle, faint and low. "Still, go on. I'll listen to anything except another proposal."
Martha shook her head. "Alas, I fear it will never come to that! Brother, have you noticed b-but men never do-still. I myself

have observed a great change in Constantia lutely." Now, Constantia always was different from other girls, liked solitude and books, talked little, and had a trick of reverie. In short was what young people call "interesting" and old people "romantic"—the sort of crea-ture who, did she grow up a remarkable woman, would have her youthful peculici-

"No, Martha; I am rather glad. Glad, after my experience of these fortunate love system of love and marrying. It is one great

played confident to Mr. Archer in the matter of Angeline, and, as often happens, the confident bad unwittingly taken too great seen many a wife whom I held to be scarcely fidant had unwittingly taken too great interest in one of her principals, until she found herself envying the lot of the other. When Mr. Archer's dismissal finally broke one of my sisters who missed him wearily,

I was touched. Now, no doubt Constantia had been very foolish. Little doubt, ty picture she made. the gaities of this autumnal election-that likewise, that the feeling would wear itself Miss Angeline Heathcote, the beauty of the out, or face slowly away in the stern truths;

sad and sore. other of us, and out of the way of the child- the end of her days. That's what I call love ish flirtation of Cuthbert and Charlotte, or |-eh, my girl?" the formal philandering of Sir Rowland and the future Lady Griffith Jones. And if. Of course, girls always do. sometimes, as Lizzie told me-my little Lizzie, who laughed at love and lovers with the lightness of sixteen-Constantia grew impatient with Lotty's careless trifling, and curled her lip scornfully when Angeline paraded the splendors of her trousseau, we more earnestly because of its numberless tried to lead the girl's mind out of herself. and out of dreamland altogether, as much

Archer should come back ! He always liked Still, my Lizzie dear, when all our brides are Constantia extremely. Who knows but"— gone, let us congratulate ourselves that for I shook my head, and desired the little a long time we shall have no more engage-

castle builder to hold her tongue. She was our sole sharer of the secret; and and then. Lizzie was extremely loving and left the two girls wholly to one another, more especially as my time was now taken up with my new friend Launceston,

O the comfort !- a real honest man-who had some sterling aim and object in lifesome steady work to do-some carnest interest in the advance of the world, the duties and pursuits of his brother men; who was neither handsome, witty, nor accomplished; who rarely shone in ladies' society; in fact, rather eschewed it than otherwise. For, he said, nature had unfitted him to act the part of a mere admirer, and adverse fortune forbade him to appear in the character of a lover; so he kept aloof, keeping his own company and that of one or two old friends

like myself. I was fond of Lanneston; I wished my family to like him too; but they were all too busy about their own affairs. Evening after evening, could not get any of my sisters to make ten for us, or give us a little music ufterwards, except the pale, dull looking Constantia, or my bonny rose of June, little Lizzie. At last, we four settled into a small daily company, and went out together, read together, talked together continually. I kept these two younger ones as much as possible in our unromantic practical society. possible in our unromantic practices ton's in that not only my mind, but Launceston's in its thorough cheerfulness and healthiness of tone, might unconsciously have a good influ-

ence upon Constantia.

The girl's spirit slowly began to heat.-She set aside her dreaming, and took with her all the energy of her nature to active work -women's work-clisrity, school-teaching, village-visiting, and the like. She put a little teo much "romance" into all she did still; but there was life in it, truth, sincerity.

"Miss Constance will make an admirable lady-of-all-work," said Launceston in his quaint way, watching her with his kindly and observant eyes. "The world wants such. She will find enough to do."

And so she did : enough to steal her too from my side, almost as much as the three flancees. The circle in my study dwindled gradually down to Lizzie, Launceeston, and

We were excellent company still, we three. I had rarely had so much of my pet sister's society; I had never found it so pleasant. "My dear Nigel,"
"My dear Marths."
"I wish to consult you on a matter which has recently come to my knowledge, and has our wisdom so sweetly-she bore with our dry, long-worded learning so patiently-that my study never seemed itself unless I had the little girl scated at my feet, or sewing quietly in the window corner. And then she was completely "a little girl;" had no forward ways-no love notions, or, ten times worse, marriage notions, crossing her innocent brain. I felt sure I could take ber into my closet heart, form her mind and principles at my will, and one day make a noble woman of her, after the pattern of—but I

never mention that sacred name.

I loved Lizzie—loved her to the core of my heart. Sometimes with fatherly, more than even brotherly pride. I used to talk to Launceston of the child's sweetness, but he

Launceston of the child's sweetness, but he always gave me short answers. It was his way. His laconism in most things was really astonishing for a man under thirty.

One day, when Angeline's grand wedding was safely over, and the house had sunk into a pathetic quietness that reminded one of the evening after a funeral—at least so I thought. Launceston fell into a discussion, which stirred him into more demoustrativeness than usual. The subject was men, women, and marriages. men, and marriages. "I am convinced," he said, "that I shall

never marry." It was not my first hearing of this lauda-ble determination; so I let it pass, merely asking his reasons.
"Because my conscisors, principles su

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ment."

"No chance of that;" and Martha shook her head more drearily than ever. "Poor child, I fear it is an unfortunate attachsation; until from some remark she made I brightened up—so much so, that my sister looked, nay, gently hinted, her conviction that I was a "brute." She expected I would have been as sorry as she was! sation; until from some remark the most about a message Angeline had left as to the proper way of inserting her marriage in the Times newspaper to morrow, our talk imperceptioly fell back into the old channel.

"I, like you, Launceston, bate the whole affairs, to find that one of my sisters has the womanly courage, unselfishness, and simplicity to conceive an 'unfortunate' attachment. The Perhaps this speech hurt Martha, and yet it need not. She and I both knew and respected one another's youth; and if we differ to be to her a source either of regret. fered in opinion concerning our middle age, why—I was as likely to be wrong as she.

or limitiation. Ending when timeslipping by, she drops into the usual belief that nowhy—I was as likely to be wrong as she.

She did not at first reply; and then, without comment, she explained to me her uneabout comment, she explained to me her uneabout match she can find, and makes marriage, siness about Constantia. The girl had long which is merely the visible crown and complayed confidant to Mr. Archer in the matter pletion of love, the pitiful, dishonored sub-

better-than no wife at all. I had forgotten my little sister's presence: When Mr. Archer's dismissal finally broke but she did not seem to hear me—nor Laun-off all intercourse with our family, there was ness had softened down; he sat, very thoughtful, over against the window, where Lizzie had taken her sewing. What a pret-

"Come here, my little girl," I said; "I out, or fade slowly away in the stern truths; should not like thee to go the way of the but at present it was a most sincere passion, world; and yet I should be satisfied to give thee away some day quietly, in a muslin Martha and I held counsel together and gown and straw bonnet, to some honest man acted on the result. We took Constantia who loved thee—and was loved so well, that under our especial charge; we gave her books to read, visits to pay, work to do; keeping her much as possible with one or need be, to live an old maid for his sake to

Lizzie dropped ber head, blushing deeply, Launceston said, in a tone so low that I quite started, "Then you do believe in true

love, after all," "It would be ill for me, or for any human there lurks. I hope, a modicum of absolute truth, I would fain trust that in the poorest "But suppose," Lizzic sagely argued- travesty or masquerade of love, one might suppose, when Angeline is married, Mr. find a tragment of the sterling commodity,

"You object to engagements?" said Lizlie, I must say, though she laughed at her now speaking timidly and downfaced-as I rather like to see a young lady speak on this sul

"Why, how should you like it yourself, my little maid? To be loved, wooed and in public for the benefit of an amused circle of friends, neighbors and connections. To have one's actions noticed, one's affairs can-vassed, one's feelings weighed and measured, to be congratulated, condoled and jested with. Horrible? literally horrible. My won-der is that any true lovers can ever stand it." "Perhaps you are right," Launceston re-

plied, "no man ought to place the girl he loves in such a position. Whatever it costs him, he ought to leave her free-altogether free-and offer her nothing until he can offer her his hand, at once, and with no delay. "Bless my soul, Launceston, what are you in such excitement about? Has anybody been offering himself to your sister? Be

suggest? As if his hand-with the ring in it-were anything to them, and himself, and his true love nothing at all f" Launceston laughed mensily. "Well, but what did you mean? A-a friend of mine

cause you mistook me. Ask her, or Lizzie, or any good woman, if they would feel flat-tered by a gentleman's acting in the way you

would like to know your opinion in this matter." "My opinion is simply an opinion. Every man is the best judge of his own affairs, es-pecially love affairs. As the Eastern proverb says. Let not the lions decide for the tigers. But I think, did I love a woman"—(and it pleased me to know I was but speaking out her mind who years ago lived and died in her fond simplicity wiser than any of these) -"did I love a woman. I would like to tell her so-just to myself, no more. I would like to give her my love to rest on-to receive the help and consolation of hers. I would like her to feel that through all chances and changes she and I were one; one, neither for foolish child's play nor headlong passion, but for mutual strength and support, holding ourselves responsible both to Heaven and each other for our life and our love. One, indissolubly, whether we ever married or not; one in this world, and we pray one in the world overlasting."
Was I dreaming? Did I actually see my friend Launceston take, unforbidden, my youngest sister's hand, and hold it-firmly, tenderly, fast! Did I hear, with my own natural ears, Lizzie's soft little sob, not of grief, certainly, as she slipped out of the

room, as swift and silent as a moonbeam? Eh! What? Good Heavens! Was there ever any creature so blind as a middle aged

Well, as I told Launceston, it was half my own fault, and I must bear it stoically. Perhaps, on the whole, things might have been worse, for he is a noble fellow, and no wonder the child loves him. They cannot be married just yet-meanwhile Lizzle and I keep the matter between ourselves. They are very happy-God bless them! and so

P. S.-Mr. Archer re-appeared yesterday looking quite well and comfortable. I see clearly that, one day not distant, I shall be left lamenting-the solitary residum of a

The principal dancer at one of the London theatres recently brought an action for asbage head at man who had thrown a cat-bage head at her when upon the stage, and which she had only escaped by a genuflexion not down in the ballet manual. The defence was that it was the only style of bouquet available to his pocket and hand. He was fined ten shillings and coats.

There is now a protty little steamer on the Themes which runs ten miles an hone with-out paddle wheel or screw. She takes in wa-ter well forward, and expels it aft under each quarter, and can steer without her runder, and can stop in less than her length when going at full speed.