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Family Circle.

THE MOTHER WHO HAS A CHILD AT SEA. BY ELIZA COOK.

There's an eye that looks on the swelling cloud, Folding the moon in a funeral shroud That watches the stars dying, one by one, Till the whole of heaven's calm light hath gone; There's an ear that lists to the hissing surge As the mourner turns to the anthem dirge, That eye! that ear! oh, whose can they be But a mother's who has a child at sea?

There's a cheek that's getting ashy white. As the tokens of storm come on with night-There's a form that's fixed at the lattice pane, To mark how the gloom gathers o'er the main, While the yeasty billows lash the shore With loftler sweep and heavier roar-That cheek! that form! oh, whose can they be, But a mother's who hath a son at sea?

The rushing whistle chills her blood, As the North wind hurries to scourge the flood; And the icy shiver spreads to her heart As the first red lines of lightning start. The Ocean boils; all mute she stands, With parted lips and tight clasp'd hands; Oh, marvel not at her fear, for she Is a mother who has a child at sea.

She conjures up the fearful scene Of yawning waves, where the ship between, With striking keel, and splintered mast, Is plunging hard and foundering fast. She sees her boy, with dark drenched hair, Clinging on to the wreck, with a cry of despair; Oh, the vision is maddening! No grief can be Like a mother's who hath a child at sea.

She presses her brow-she sinks and kneels. Whilst the blast howls on, and the thunder peals; She breathes not a word, for her passionate prayer Is too fervent and deep for the lips to bear; It is poured in the long convulsive sigh, In the straining glance of an upturned eye, And a holier offering cannot be Than the mother's prayer for her child at sea.

Oh! I love the winds when they spurn control, For they suit my own bond-hating soul; I like to hear my soul sweeping past, Like the eaglet's pinions, free and fast; But a pang will rise, with sad alloy, To soften my spirit and sink my joy, When I think how dismal their voices must be, To a mother who has a child at sea.

"I WILL BE GOOD TO-DAY."

"I will be good, dear mother," I heard a sweet child say; "I will be good, now watch me; I will be good all day."

She lifted up her bright young eyes, With a soft and pleasing smile: Then a mother's kiss was on her lips, So free and pure from guile.

In kneeling down to pray, Said, in a soft and whispering tone, "Have I been good to-day?"

And when the night came, that little one,

'T would save us, did we say, Like that dear child, with earnest hearts, "I will be good to-day."

ARTHUR AND THE OLD CLOCK.

One Sabbath day Arthur was left at home alone, while all the rest of the family attended church. Instead of regarding the day as he should, in the quiet perusal of the Bible and other good books, he fant brow the seal of a divine promise; and her The garret was explored and many rare curiosities ceremony, and made many inquiries as to its na-exhumed. Ancient desks and drawers were expertinent and childish curiosity.

gaunt, brown case, Within the dark, hollow closet, Arthur had often peered, but he had not been allowed to examine very closely the mysteries of the clock case. Now was a fine opportunity.

Had which she had teatled, What de dee, teatled, Wha He opened the narrow door. The long pendulum the mother, her countenance illuminated with was swinging back and forth at regular intervals faith and hope, "God will know it; and he don't with a loud tick, tick, tick, tick. Two long, cylinwere hanging by small cords.

ticking ceased, and the pendulum stood still!

to the bottom of the case.

clock is stopped?" looked in, behold it was silent."

that it was an accidental occurrence. Night came, ject for that time from his thoughts. Arrived and little Arthur went to bed as usual. His father the next day at the paternal home of his parents, had tied the cord, and the clock was now ticking leadly as ever. To Arthur it ticked louder than thought of the long journey before him, with its ever. It seemed to say, in the silence of the night, graver and deeper perils. He wished that he "Boy! boy!" "A lie! a lie! a lie!" were what his mother believed he would be a "Own it! own it! own it!"

and told all, with a very sorrowful heart. His

is a low, mean vice, and very wicked. The Well Spring.

AN ALLEGORY.

pleased with the beauty of its person, and the glory of its wings, made an offer of perpetual friendship.

"I cannot think of it," was the reply, "as you once spurned me, and called me a crawling dolt."

"Impossible!" exclaimed the humming-bird; "I always entertained the highest respect for such beautiful greatures as you." "Perhaps you do fits wings, made an offer of perpetual friendship. But one thing is certain. If you have sincerely consecrated them to God, he will surely renewed, but with no better reached him in our seventy-fifth year. My letter reached him justs and trought me, and it was thought best not were now actively renewed, but with no better reached may be found in the three words so touchingly spoken to that I would endeave to renew our friendship, as we were both in our seventy-fifth year. My letter reached him justs as he was dying, and it was thought best not always entertained the highest respect for such beautiful greatures as you." "Perhaps you do fits wings, made an offer of perpetual friendship. But once them to God, he will surely renewed them to God, he will surely renewed them to God, he will in our seventy-fifth year. My letter reached him justs as he was dying, and it was thought best not world, who sneeringly ask, "What's the use?" may be found in the three words so touchingly spoken to that heathen doubter, "God don't for-leave the Min, with head awiy and eye askance, at length file would end that I would end the surely renewed to me that I would end the way for a mouent, and returned, bringing deaver to renew our friendship, as we were both in our seventy-fifth year. My letter reached him in our seventy-fifth year world works, and the world have sincerely consectated them to God, he will as the way for a mouent, and returned, bringing with the contents of the Mchodist Epis. Church.

How way for a mouent, and returned to me that I would end the way of a world world with it a companion with provide remeating to the method in the three. Dr. Hawles, of the Mchodist Piscon and the mo beautiful creatures as you." "Perhaps you do now," said the other, "but when you insulted me I was a caterpillar. So let me give you a bit of advice. Never insult the humble, as they may some day become your superiors."

A beautiful smile is to the female countenance

ANTICIPATED SEPARATION.

One of the most trying anticipations with regard to death, in the minds of many, long before the event arrives, is separation from those whom we ove. And yet there is probably nothing in human experience more remarkable than the resignation, and cheerfulness, with which some, who have had everything to make life desirable, have left all and followed Christ, when he came to lead them through the valley. The young wife and mother in her dying hours, becomes the comforter of her husband; she turns and looks at the infant who is held up to receive her farewell, and the mother alone is calm, sheds no tears, gives the farewell kiss with composure. "Thy rod" is supporting her. "Thy staff" is keeping at bay the passions and fears of the natural heart. So a widowed mother leaves a large family of young children, with a peace which surpasses all understanding.
And the father of a dependent family, which never could, in a greater measure, need a father's pre-sence, looks upon them from his dying bed, and says to them, with the serenity of the patriarch, "Behold, I die; but God shall be with you." Nothing is more true than this, that dying grace is for a dying hour; that is, we cannot, in health and strength, have the feelings which belong to the hour of parting; but as any and every scene and condition into which God brings his children, has its peculiar frames of mind fitted for the necessity of each case, we need not make the useless effort to practise all the resignation, and experience all the comforts, which come only when they are actually needed. We do not often hear the first part of the following passage quoted; but in such rocky and thorny paths as we are often made to pass through, how good it is to read, "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be."

A CONNUBIAL SERMON.

A connubial little sermon, from the text, "Be happy as you are," is thus preached by a contemporary print:—"Wife and mother, are you tired and out of patience with your husband's and your children's demands upon your time and attention? Are you tempted to speak out angry feelings to that faithful, but, perhaps, sometimes heedless or exacting husband of yours? or to scold and fret at those aweet and beautiful ones? Do you groan and say, What a fool I was to marry, and leave my father's house, where I lived at ease and in quiet?' Are you, by reason of the care and weariness of body which wife-hood and neighborhood must bring, forgetful of and unmindful for their comforts and their joys? Oh! wife and mother, what if a stroke should smite your husband and lay him low? What if your children should be snatched from your arms and from your bosom? What if there were no true, strong heart for you to lean upon? What if there were no soft little innocents to nestle in your arms, and to love you or receive your love? How would it be with you then? Be patient and kind, dear wife; be unwearying and long-suffering, dear mother; for you know not how long you may have with you your best and dearest treasures—you know not how long you may tarry with them. Let there be nothing for you to remember which will wring your heart with remorse if they leave you alone; let there be nothing for them to remember but sweetness and love unutterable, if you are called to leave them by the way. Be patient, be pitiful, be tender of them all, for death will step sooner or later between them and you. And oh! what would you do if you should be doomed to sit solihappy as you are, even with all your trials; for, believe it, thou wife of a loving and true husband, there is no lot in life so blessed as thine own."

GOD DON'T FORGET.

A young wife (from the State of Connecticut. who had left fortune, friends and native land for Christ, was permitted in her distant missionary home to embrace a little son. The babe was named Willie for his father; and when but a few days old was consecrated by his believing parents to the Lord in the solemn rite of baptism. To his mother especially, this was a sacred transacmade it a day of self-amusement. As soon as all faith was unwavering that the blessings of the were gone, Arthur began to search all the curious covenant would rest upon him. A heathen woman nooks and corners of the time honored dwelling, living in the mission family, witnessed the solemn amined, revealing their curious contents to his im- cation of the baptismal waters had in itself no saving efficacy, she exclaimed in the broken Eng-An old clock stood in the corner, with a tall, lish which she had learned, "What de use, den?

drical, tin weights, and two very little lead weights | The prediction of the heathen attendant was soon in part fulfilled. The believing mother was Arthur had seen his father "wind up the clock," called away from earth; and the child was taken and he knew it was done by pulling down the little to the native land of its parents. There he was weights. "It must be rare sport," he thought, "to | kindly cared for, and through the good providence wind up the old clock." He would make the at- of God was brought up by Christian friends in tempt, at any rate. So taking hold of the small the ways of virtue. He was an obedient child, weight, he tugged away right manfully. The wheels purred, and the great weight began to fully taught the doctrines and duties of religion. Yet he grew almost to manhood without seek-"Faster," said Arthur, "go up faster," and ing a personal interest in that Divine Redeemer. giving a sudden pull, the cord broke, and down to whom in infancy his parents' faith had conse came the heavy weight with a loud noise! Then crated him, and it seemed as if the faithless heathen there was a terrible whirring among the clock might almost repeat the question, "What's the wheels for a moment and then it stopped. The use?" Willie, now in his twentieth year, received a very flattering and lucrative business offer, which "O, what have I done now?" cried Arthur, in | would take him a thousand miles from his home distress. "O, what will father say to me, when he sees what I have done?" Arthur closed the safe-guard of personal piety, to the temptations clock door, and for the remainder of the day, un- of a large city in one of our Western States. til his parents returned, was a very humble, quiet "The situation is a good one for business," said boy.

the uncle, "and the business itself is unexceptionable. If Willie was a Christian, I should not clock, he perceived that it had stopped. Opening the clock door, he saw that the cord of one of the thought when she dedicated him so early to the weights had broken, and that the weight had fallen Lord, that he would live to manhood without becoming pious. I wonder if he ever thinks of that "How is this, Arthur; did you know that the parental consecration; I must remind him of it,

ere he can leave us." "Yes, sir," replied Arthur, "I heard a great william felt solemn when the scene was thus noise in the clock case, and when I went and rehearsed to him. But he was hurrying to pay a visit to his grandfather before setting out on his Mr. Milton made no more inquiries, supposing journey Westward, and so he dismissed the subchild of God. And as if to ripen his impressions Arthur did not sleep much. Conscience whis- and feelings into fruitful purposes, the providence Early in the morning he arose and gazed up into the face of the old clock. It looked very sternly at him. "Quick! quick! quick! quick! quick!" ness; and his heart yearned over the lovelistic of the clock. So the poor have went to him the clock. So the poor have went to him the clock.

God blessed that sermon to his soul. William father freely forgave him. And he prayed that saw and felt his danger; and fled to the atoning God would forgive him, and never suffer him to blood of Christ, for pardon and salvation. Before be left his friends, they had the cheering hope that he had taken upon himself the vows of dedication made for him in infancy, and that wherever he lived, he would "live unto the Lord." Christian father and mother! let this true narrative strengthen your faith in God. You may be taken from your children—they may be scat-A humming bird met a butterfly, and being tered to the ends of the earth—Christian friends may become discouraged in laboring for their pleased with the beauty of its person, and the glory conversion. But one thing is certain. If you

Religious Exercise in Boston Schools.—At a meeting of the Boston Board of School Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Mayor Lincoln presiding, the following rule, or general order was made:
"The morning exercises of all the schools shall commence with the reading of a portion of the Scriptures what the sunbeam is to a landscape. It embelishes an inferior face, and redeems an ugly one.

spoken to that heathen doubter, "God don't for-

Miscellaneous.

THE MORALS OF TRADE.

An ancient writer, named Hosea, once said, speaking of a tribe of men and likening it to an individual: "He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand; he loveth to oppress." However true this may have been of merdeceit are in his hand; he loveth to oppress.

However true this may have been of merchants, as such, in a past age, it is not true of all makes it look newerfan it is. Not the Coliseum, nor the tombs of the Appian Way, nor the oldest pillar in the Forumor any other Roman ruin, be ness, and dishonorableness of merchants among us should be, as they have been and will be in this paper, held up to opprobrium, it is right that the upright, independent, truthful, and "princely" English abbey or astle. And yet every brick just, should be held by JUSTICE. he was rapidly selling various fabrics, stating that She strives to make a part of herself, gradually

he was rapidly selling various fabrics, stating that they cost so much sterling, that the colors were fast, that there were but few in the market, that they were going at half their value, that it was the last opportunity of buying so cheap, etc., etc., pledging his word and honor that all he had said was sacredly true. At the close of the sale the countryman, leaning on his cane, looked up into the face of the auctioneer, and said—"Allow were six to make a part of herself, gradually obliterating the handwork of man and supplanting it with her own osses and trailing verdure, till she has won the hole structure back. But in 'Italy, whenever an has once hewn a stone Nature forthwith reliquishes her right to it, and never lays her finger in it again. Age after age finds it bare and nall in the barren sunshine, and leaves it so. Bides this natural disadvantage, too, each successing century, in Rome, has low me, sir, to ask you one question: where do tage, too, each succeening century, in Rome, has you expect to go when you die?" An auctioneer done its best to ruin a very ruins, so far as their n one of our large cities was so truthful, so noble picturesque effect is neerned, by stealing away in his whole deportment, so inflexible in stating the the marble and hewmone, and leaving only yelexact qualities of goods, that the company ever reposed the most implicit confidence in his assertions. He often had evening sales, and bids were very freely made by those at too great a distance to handle the goods. Buyers had perfect confidence that what was said of every article, of their cost, their quality, and their value, was exactly so. This man's business and riches increased from year to year, and his reputation kept pace

with his prosperity. Defrauding the Government. An importer, who was also an officer of a church, but one who practically believed that religion was good in its ace, set his wits at work to evade the revenue laws, thus defrauding his country while he inlaws, thus defrauding his country while he injured his neighbors. There was an ad valorem duty on a certain article, but by an ingenious contrivance he managed to get round the laws and not appear to affecthe nervous system of either enrich himself, while every other importer lost money. We know that man well, and to mention his name would be to tell the story which has been a thousand times told in business circles. Another merchant, who unfortunately did not belong to any church, and who was sometimes, we are sorry to say, both profane and passionate, had bealthiest. Another merchant, who unfortunately did not such a scrupulous regard for common honesty, the just enactments of government, and commercial integrity, that if he found in a package of goods imported by him an extra article, even a goods imported by him an extra article, even a dress for his wife, he would be sure to enter it at feels clammy, and has a bad taste in it; he the Custom-House. He would as soon have cheated his neighbor outright as obtain an advantage over him in such a mean way. This man

would like to trade with you, I cannot deny my he is still further deltated. principles. The Southerner next went to the I may mention gurious fact, not generally store of ——, who was an officer of an anti-slave-known, but which represents to be ry society. The same question was put to him, and the reply was, "Why, I, no. I don't like all the Abolitionists do." Next he went to the warehouse of ——, a well known anti-slavery man, propounding the same question to him.—

This merchant with rare self-possession and Attic mit replied "I should like to ask you a question."

The same question was put to him, how, but which regires only to be tried to be proved, namely, that smoker can think steadily or continuously on we subject while smoking. He cannot follow outtrain of ideas—to do so he must lay aside his pi This merchant with rare self-possession and Attic wit, replied, "I should like to ask you a question wit, replied, "I should like to ask you a question or two, in my turn; are you a close-communion Baptist?" The Southerner looked surprised, and said, "What if I am?" He was answered, "Why, in that case, I cannot sell you any goods; not even for cash." After pricing goods in the market, the Southerner returned to this store and made his purchases. On settling his bill, he was market, the Southerner retained to said this bill, he was made his purchases. On settling his bill, he was fessions of an Opium ter." I can always dismade his purchases. On secting and one sell tessions of an Opium per. I can always disinquisitive to know why Mr. — would not sell tinguish by his comption a man who smokes goods, for eash even, to close-communion Baptists. Mr. — laughed, and said, "I have no sent is an unerring gue to the habits of such a

"shoemakers never tell the truth," although we believe them to be, as a whole, as reliable as men in other trades. A merchant, after ordering a pair of boots in this city, asked, "When will poor poet. Who does not desire to merit such an occurs.

" Here lies the body of deacon David Auricula, Who in the ways of God walked perpendicular."

THE OPIUM EATER.

A correspondent of an English journal contributes the following to the anecdotes already in tributes the following to the anecdotes already in vogue respecting Thomas de Quincey:

"In a recent leading article in your journal you have ably pointed out the grievous defect in several of our most eminent literary men, lately deceased, of the Christian element in their distinguished writings. Among those was my late belowed school-fellow. Thomas de Quincey, or, as we level respecting the anecdotes already in therefore have been the liberty to propagate and acquire knowledge, they are thus described:—

"No article, howevelup romising its quality, provided only, it be pouble, can with safety be left unguarded in any partment accessible to them. The contents of lites work boxes, kid gloves, and pocket-handkeniefs, vanish instantly if expended page a wind or an open door. They open loved school-fellow, Thomas de Quincey, or, as we more familiarly called him Tom Quincey. I knew him well, both at school and college. While I lament with you this Christian neutrality in his lament with your thing lament with your thing. writings, I feel it my duty to rescue his memory from any approach to infidelity. His mother was a most excellent woman, the intimate friend of sion a nurse search in a garden adjoining a regi-

principles. He was so much affected that he these ingenious parauders, after vainly attitudiniburst into tears, took up his cap, and suddenly left zing in front of a chained watch-dog, which was ceased to correspond in after life. But a few him, with head awly and eye askance, at length ready delirious. But his daughter, Mrs. Craig, wings, descended with the utmost velocity, striking wrote to me the day after his decease, giving me the dog upon the spine with all the force of his a minute account of his last illness. In his wan- beak. The ruse we successful; the dog started derings he was frequently talking of little chil- with surprise and thin, but not quickly enough dren, with an evident allusion to the children em- to seize his assailant whilst the bone he had been braced by our Saviour. Very shortly before he gnawing disappeared the moment his head was died he complained that his feet were parched, turned. Two well authenticated instances of the and desired his clothes to be removed. While exand desired his ciothes to be removed. White samples are looking at the feet which Christ has washed. I mention this anecdote to show that his dring by these astute and courageous birds."

thoughts, though clirious, were engaged on his Redeemer. There an be no higher evidence of the secret thought and instincts of the heart than that which incoluntarily transpires through an expiring deliming addition. an expiring deliriu

AN ITMIAN CLIMATE. merchants should be commended, in contrast with or stone, which wpick up among the former those of an opposite character, so that the bathose of an opposite character, so that lances, in which are weighed the just and the unjust, should be held by JUSTICE.

was begun. This ilowing to the kindness with which nature takes. English ruin to her heart, Auctioneers. A countryman strayed into a city eovering it with it as tenderly as Robin Redauction-store, and stood near the auctioneer while breast covered the did babies with forest leaves.

From a book enlied "The Use and Abuse of Tobacco," by John zars, late Professor of Surge-

ry to the Royal Clege of Surgeons, and lately Senior Operating Sceon to the Royal Infirmary, of Edinburgh, we exact the following: Sailors and navvi smoke more than any other class. The sailor es from eight ounces to sixteen ounces of tobro per month; the navvy, eight or ten ounce but part of this chewed. Bad taste in the mon, with sometimes an angry, of these classes. Se miner uses above eight ounces per month. Often breathing an impure air, the tone of hisystem is lowered, and then tobacco exerts its baful influence on him. He

Now, let the sailor navvy take to sedentary mployment, and in short time tobacco-smoking begins to affect hims it does the man of sedenloses to a great expt his fine gustatory sense; his appetite become apricious; he feels languid tage over him in such a mean way. This man practised more religion than he professed, while the other professed much but practised little.

Union-Savers. A Southern trader came to this city to do a rare thing—to pay cash for his entire purchases. Determined not to buy of any man who was not true to the South, he went to the store of —, and said, "Are you an Abolitionist? If you are, I will not buy of you." The reply was, Yes; I am an Abolitionist, for although I would like to trade with you, I cannot deny my

prejudice against them, or any other sect, but you asked me a foolish question, and I replied by asking you another; that's all."

Shoemakers. It is a common remark that causes of that increase causes of that increase.

THE SPIDE'S THREAD.

they be done?" "Next Saturday night," was the prompt reply. "Now you know you lie," said the plain-spoken merchant. "Well," said the bootmaker, "they shall certainly be done by next fix it in the right plac and then patiently await Tuesday." That man was so in the habit of lying under such circumstances that he scarcely ever spoke the truth, except by mere accident. Such a mechanic is a living preacher of the devil, known and of all men with them he carried the scarce of the scarce and read of all men with whom he comes in con- increased when we the of the complex fabric tact, waxing worse and worse, without reforma- of each single threading then of the mathemation, his last—end in this life is usually poverty.

Old Saying. "Honesty is the best policy."

We have heard this from our youth up, but honesty is something better than policy—it creates self- the most common this exhibit when carefully respect, acquires confidence, inspires contentment, and insures success. A large lumber merchant, and a scrupulously honest man, of Boston, who from ing the concentric cires are composed of a silk small beginnings, arose to be a man of wealth and much more elastic the that of the rays, and are influence, once said, "If I had no moral principle, I should say, I believe that the surest way to make a fortune is to be strictly honest." Think of this, young men. Commercial integrity is sound philosophy. It is something good to live by and to die by, while dishonest gains torment the conscience, living and dying. On an old tomb-stone in Dorchester, Mass., is the following quaint inscription, written by some one who had an appreciation of moral worth, albeit he was a Introduction to Zoology.

WHAT CROWS MY BE EDUCATED TO. We see frequent reonstrances in the agricultural papers, against he killing of crows, and they are declared to e natural scavengers, very necessary to us. By in the Island of Ceylon, where they have alays been held sacred, and therefore have been liberty to propagate and most excellent woman, the intimate triend of Hannah More. His sister was the first wife of the Rev. Philip Serle, son of that eminent Christian writer, Ambrose Serle. I can well remember a warm discussion with him at the college, on the merits of Southey and Coleridge, in which I rashly charged him with some leaning toward deistical that he was so much effected that he "He never forgave that insinuation, and we voring to divet his attention by dancing before

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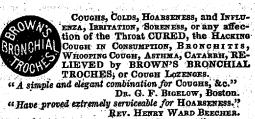
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