

Family Circle.

THE HYMN MADE IN THE BASTILE. About a hundred and sixty years ago, a lady was in one of the dungeons of the Bastille. It was no new thing for her to be in prison, for she had spent many years in captivity in various parts of France.

"A little bird I am, Shut from the fields of air; And in my cage I sit and sing, To Him who pleases me there."

When I was a boy, like most other boys, I often did idle and foolish things. One day, for instance, as I was walking up street, I saw a broken china teacup in the road. Picking it up, instead of letting it alone, as I ought to have done, I began to toss it into the air.

At last, thinking to throw it as high as the cornice of the houses, I tossed it with great energy. Alas for me! My arm struck my side, and the unlucky piece of china went crashing through the window of the mother's above.

Shortly after this misfortune the son of the man whose window had been broken, he stood outside with his hands in his pockets looking at me. A man passing said: "Your father will think you broke that window, my little fellow, and he'll tickle your back with a raw hide."

"That was nobly said, and it was just so. That boy was a diamond of truth on his heart, and his father knew that he could safely trust him."

At last my secret was dragged out. A person who knew me had seen me break the window, and he told my mother. She was so angry that she said to me: "You have broken the window of the owner of the house and confessing my misfortune."

God's Wonders in Creation.—That any creature would be found to fabricate a net, not less ingenious than that of the fisherman, for the capture of its prey, is not less wonderful than that of the spider, which we see so often spinning its web.

MOUNG MOUNG AND HIS FATHER.

One day as the crew in sight, the missionary beheaded with his hand, and the child, with a single bound, came to his knee.

"You have a fine boy there, sir," said the missionary, in a tone intended to be complimentary. The stranger turned with a low salutation. For a moment he seemed to hesitate, as though struggling to reach his native politeness, and his desire to avoid an acquaintance with the proselyting foreigner.

"I do not think that zayat a very good place to go to, Moug Moug," said the father gravely, when they were out of hearing. The boy answered only by a look of inquiry strangely serious for such a face as his.

"What, my son?" "I think it will do no good to leave me at home." "Why?" "He has done something to me."

There, there! You have talked enough, my boy," said the father gloomily; and the two continued their walk in silence. As the conversation ceased, a woman, who, with a palm-leaf fan before her face, had followed closely in the shadow of the stranger, so closely, indeed, that she might have been taken for his shadow, stopped at a little shop by the way, and was soon, seemingly intent on making purchases.

"What do you know about him?" "I saw him." "Is he a writer or government, a very respectable man?" "Yes, sir," I replied looking down my head.

GOING TO CHURCH.—"Mother, I don't want to go to church." The speaker, a little bright-eyed boy, looked up at his mother with an evident doubt as to the propriety of saying what he had said.

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Miscellaneous.

HOW THE STORM KING WAS TAKEN. A letter from an officer of the United States steamer San Jacinto, gives the following particulars of the capture of the slave Storm King, of New York:

"On the 8th of August, at 2.50 P. M., a sail to the south-west was reported from the mast-head, and the San Jacinto was immediately steered in that direction, the steamer being under way with all sails furled. As soon as the slave saw us, which she did soon after we were hauled in on all her storming sails, and hauled up close on a wind, hoping we would not be able to catch her, as that was her best point of sailing, as we afterward ascertained. But it was no use, as we fired up on all our boilers, and crammed in the stowage to the utmost, and in a few minutes were going their duty admirably in the engine-room, as it was necessary to carry a heavy press of steam to catch such a notoriously fast sailer as the Storm King is known to be."

"I shall leave you at home to-morrow, to keep you from your wicked sorceries." "What, my son?" "I think it will do no good to leave me at home."

WEALTH OF LONDON.—The city of London proper is estimated to contain an area of 1,000 acres. Not as large as the Park in New York. This is the extent of the jurisdiction of the Lord Mayor of London. The whole metropolis covers an area of not less than 50,000 acres, and a population of about three millions.

TEMPERANCE AND RAILWAYS.—This subject is attracting much attention in the United States everywhere. Several distressing accidents have taken place on the 3d of September, a large number of excursionists, supposed to have been no more than 2,000, were crowded into the cars in the vicinity of Manchester to a popular entertainment in that town.

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