

Family Circle.

THE STRIPES AND STARS.

BY EDNA DEAN PROCTOR.

(Airs—St. Spangled Banner.)

O STAR-SPANGLED BANNER, the Flag of our pride!

Though trampled by traitors and basely defied,

Flung out to the glad winds your Red, White and Blue,

For the heart of the Northland is beating for you!

And your strong arm is waving to strike with a will

For the foe and his hoardings are humbled and still

Here's welcome to wounding, and combat, and scars,

And the glory of death—for the Stripes and the Stars!

From prairie, O gleaming! speed boldly away—

There's need to be swift as God's arrows to-day!

Rowland, lone hero! show woodman come home!

Let's leave his grave as he leaves his home!

And hand and arm ring loud with the cry,

"For God and our country we'll fight till we die!"

Then forward! in the name of our standard to strike!

With welcome to wounding, and combat, and scars,

And the glory of death—for the Stripes and the Stars!

Invisible Banner! the Flag of the Free!

O where's the foot that would falter for thee?

O where's the hand that would tremble in awe?

O where's the heart that would fail at the cry?

O where's the soul that would flinch at the die?

Then forward! in the name of our standard to strike!

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THE FIRST TESTAMENT.

"Never open the door to a little vice, lest a great one

enter."

BY MARY MATHEW.

Stuart Middleton was unfortunately born of

wealthy parents. His will had become the law

of his superiors. From infancy he had been taught

to worship that money god, avarice. One avowed

sister was the only one who could guide him when

he was in error. No religious instruction had

ever been instilled into his youthful mind, and

he was allowed to grow from childhood. Said

it to be a witness of such a case without pos-

sessing the power to rescue the burning brand

from the devouring element.

Lillian Middleton, although several years

younger than her brother, had gained much of

that heavenly knowledge which is so essential to

fit us for our home above. At school she was a

universal favorite, and was known as possessing a

keener perception than most of the girls. She grad-

ually learned the will of a superior Being. It was

at their sports that Lillian would gleam with

the impetuous boy, who would so often talk of

what he meant to do when he became master.

"When I am a man, Lillian, I shall drive faster

than you can run, and I shall fill the theatre, and

and to ever so many grand places!"

"Oh, no, Stuart, dear! you won't, when I tell

you that it is displeasing to God for any one to go

to the theatre."

"Father and mother always go, and they say

we can go in a few years. Hurrah! won't I be

glad when that time comes?" exclaimed Stuart.

Poor Lillian did not know what to say. She

said all she could and said no more if Stuart

remained silent.

"Lillian, if it is wicked for me to go to the

theatre, why is it not wicked for father and

mother? I am sure if they are right then I

should be!"

"I am afraid that father and mother do not

know that it is displeasing to God, dear Stuart.

I wish I could tell them, but I am afraid they

would be offended. I can tell my dear bro-

ther anything, can't I?"

"Yes, dear Lillian," replied the boy, who truly

loved his little sister. "Of course you can. And

if you think it is wicked for us to go to such

places I shall tell them of it and see what they

say."

"O please don't, Stuart, dear! for they will

not let me go to school any more, where I shall

learn more about God!" exclaimed Lillian.

"Oh, yes, they will," said the boy, who

would have been glad to see her mother and

father. "I will tell them, but I am afraid they

would be offended. I can tell my dear bro-

ther anything, can't I?"

"Yes, dear Lillian," replied the boy, who truly

loved his little sister. "Of course you can. And

if you think it is wicked for us to go to such

Lilly, about my staying. I love you and I love to

see you enjoy yourself; yet I have to deprive

you of this pleasure which I have so often longed

for!"

"The tears came to the young girl's eyes, for

her sensitive nature was too true to remain unmoved

Stuart's last remark. "I can't say more, dear

brother, yet I did not wish to deprive you of any

amusement that was for your good. I am almost

sorry that I ever spoke to you about it," sobbed

the child.

"Dear sister," said Stuart, drawing Lilly closer

to his side, for they had reached, by this time, the

summer-house, "I would stay if it were only to

please you; but mamma will be seriously offend-

ed, so I will go only this once, my sister," said Stuart

in a soothing voice.

"Oh, not for once, dear Stuart! Miss Tracy

only said to-day we must never open the door to

a little vice, lest a great one should enter too!"

"Yet I will promise, dear Lilly, not to make it

a practice. I am afraid that Miss Tracy will turn

my darling sister into a little saint before long!"

"Would you love me any the less, dear bro-

ther?" said the artless one, smiling amidst her

tears.

"No, dear sister, nothing could make me love

Lilly less," replied the boy as he stooped to kiss

her.

"I declare, Lilly, you are so very like your

first and last appearance at the theatre he led Lil-

lian towards the house.

The next morning Lillian sought for Stuart to

hear him give an account of the first impressions

she had made upon her. Before she had time, she

was obliged to go to school without seeing her

brother, but when she reached home she found him

in the grape arbor.

"Ah! how comes my little preacher?" exclaimed

Lilly, smiling and, taking a seat by his side, she

said, "I have come to hear your description of

last evening. How did you enjoy yourself, Stuart?"

"I never had such a fine time in all my life! I

enjoyed myself very much, and should not object

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Lilly immediately dropped her head to hide the

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Miscellaneous.

REMARKS OF SENATOR BAKER, OF OREGON.

AT THE GREAT UNION MEETING IN NEW YORK.

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human freedom; and thus, if it be avenged, still

as Burke says, "it is a wild justice at last,"

and we will revenge them. While I speak, following

in the wake of men so eloquent, so conservative,

so unimpaired, yet so fully known—now while

I speak the object of your meeting is accomplished;

upon the wings of the lightning it goes out through-