The Family Circle.

THE FLOWER OF LIBERTY

WHAT flower is this that greets the morn, Its hues from heaven so freshly born? With burning star and flaming band It kindles all the sunset land;-O, tell us what its name may be! Is this the Flower of Liberty? It is the banner of the free, The starry Flower of Liberty!

In savage Nature's far abode Its tender seed our fathers sowed: The storm-winds rock its swelling bud, Its opening leaves were streaked with blood Till, lo! earth's tyrants shook to see The full-blown Flower of Liberty! Then hail the banner of the free, The starry Flower of Liberty!

Behold its streaming rays unite One mingled flood of braided light,-The red that fires the Southern rose, With spotless white from Northern snows, And, spangled o'er its azure, see The sister Stars of Liberty! Then hail the banner of the free The starry Flowers of Liberty!

The blades of heroes fence it round; Where'er it springs is holy ground; From tower and dome its glories spread; It waves where lonely sentries tread: It makes the land as ocean free, And plants an empire on the sea! Then hail the banner of the free, The starry Flower of Liberty!

Thy sacred leaves, fair Freedom's flower, Shall ever float on dome and tower, To all their heavenly colors true, In blackening frost or crimson dew,-And God love us as we love thee. Thrice holy Flower of Liberty ! Then hail the banner of the free. The starry Flower of LIBERTY!

OUR FATHER IS A DRUNKARD.

THE May blooms had unfurled their pink banners from the apple trees, and the song of the robin was heard in the land. In the long spring twilight, Harry, Jamie, and Kitty were playing with their little neighbors around the garden gate.

"What's that coming?" suddenly cried little Lu Carroll, peering down the dusky road. "I'm afraid it's a drunken man." Harry, with a quick sensitiveness, looked in the direction indicated by her rosy finger. he, the blood rushing to his hair; "that's

"Well, what if it is?" cried Dick Sta-"What do you mean?" cried Harry,

fiercely. what makes his face look so red and shiny.' "No such thing," cried Jamie, his blue eyes leaping into sudden fire. "Father has rushes of blood to the head. He told us so himself; and mother says it's very danger-

ous." And Jamie choked down to a sob. "Ha, ha, ha!" laughed Dick, tauntingly. "That's a good joke. Why, there isn't a boy in the neighborhood that doesn't know he drinks like a fish. I declare he's staggering about now as bad as old drunken

Harry sprang like a young lion upon his tormentor, so wild with shame and bitter pain that he hardly knew what he did. Dick's brother flew to his assistance: and little Jamie, with flashing eyes, enlisted on the stillness but the solemn ticking of the the side of Harry, while the General vig- old clock. orously attacked his master's enemy in the

"Take it back," screamed Harry, while Jamie, with bleeding face, had no breath for "What is

"I won't," retorted Dick; "he's so drunk now he can't tell the door from the window." "Boys! boys!" exclaimed a voice full of reproachful surprise; and turning quickly, the young combatants beheld their white-

The boys stood with downcast eyes and paralyzed tongues; while the General, feelretreated behind Jamie, with drooping ears. "How did this happen?" asked Mr. Mason, kindly taking the hot hand of little pan-

'He called our father a drunkard," gasped Jumie, a large tear rolling down either cheek. just as happy as ---" "As bad as old Pete Brown," added Har-James.

Dick gradually edged away from the reproof of good Mr. Mason's eyes, and the two children were left alone with their old friend. "O Mr. Mason," cried Jamie, "don't look

so sad. We know it was very wrong to fight; but we could not help it when he called father such names. You don't know how a fellow feels when —" But Jamie broke must learn not to be impudent. And, Magdown, while Harry stood firm and defiant, muttering,—

gie," he continued with a wild look from his bloodshot eyes, "don't reproach me. You "Served him right. I'll do it again. No

one shall call my father a drunkard." "My dear children," said the kind pastor, "let us talk over the matter. My little flock an insane laugh, he hurried to the door. has gone all astray. Did you forget the lesson to do good to those who "Oh, Tremember," cried Harry, excitedly:

"but I could not do it at that time. O Mr. Mason, wasn't it a lie?" he asked, appeal- the house. ingly: and Jamie looked up with eager hope. The good old man's voice was tremulous ry in a fearful whisper. with pity as he answered tenderly, "I'm afraid it was not all a lie, my poor children. Your father has changed very much within yet be able to save him. We will all try to- to a sobbing whisper-"a drunkard." gether-shall we?" he added, more cheer-

Harry's brown eyes were distended, and of the horrible poison." his proud young mouth quivered painfully, as he said in a hoarse whisper, "it's true, then, Jamie. Our father is a drunkard." "Oh, what shall we do?" sobbed Jamie, ready." throwing himself passionately upon the

"My dear children," began Mr. Mason, wiping away a tear; but Jamie continued.

in a low, wailing voice,— "Oh, will the boys chase him, and knock in his hat, and throw mud and stones at him,

"Oh, we shall be a drunkard's children," composed, Mrs. Grey told them they must said Harry, bitterly; "and all the boys will leave their present home in one short week. laugh at us, and call us 'Punch' and 'Whisky Skin' as they do old Pete's boys. I won't go to school any more; and there's no use trying to do anything."

Said Harry, litterly, "and all the boys will laud then present home in one short week, and go to live in the city.

"Why, that isn't so bad, mother," cried Harry, with returning animation; "I like the city."

"Stop, stop, my child," cried Mr. Mason.
"You are going too fast. There are a great many good people left in the world—men houses on the pleasant streets, but in some and boys—who will never think of laughing narrow lane, in a rickety house, where there

brave and courageous, and never mind a little ridicule now and then, and perhaps you won't have to bear it very long, for I think you can do a great deal to help your father.' "What?" asked Jamie, eagerly springing to his feet.

"In the first place you can ask God to cure "Oh, Mr. Mason," sighed Jamie, in a dis-

appointed tone, "we've done that ever since New Year's, and it don't seem to do any "You don't know that," said Mr. Mason,

cheerfully. "Perhaps God has a plan now to make him your own kind father again. But I think he would like to have these two boys help him." "What, help God!" asked Jamie, with an

incredulous smile. "Yes, indeed," said Mr. Mason. "Of course God could do everything alone, but he likes to have some of his work done by his little children. He wants to see how willing and ready they are to do anything to

please him.' "Well, Mr. Mason," cried Jamie, joyfully, "I'm ready. What shall I do?" And, with eager eyes and parted mouth, he seemed ready to spring into immediate action.

Then followed a long, earnest talk which resulted in the conclusion that Harry and Jamie were to be home missionaries. They were to be very attentive and affectionate to their poor father. They were to try all sorts of innocent expedients to keep him in nights. They should tell him funny stories about their school and the boys. Harry should want help in his sums; and Jamie should have some curious puzzle to be solved; and they should both watch if he seemed uneasy, or his throat became parched, and be ready to give him a draught of pure, cool water. Then, while father was gone to his business, they should still keep on trying to do good. They should call a meeting of all the little boys and girls in the neighborhood, and ask them if they didn't want to join a cold-water army; and they should all sign a pledge never to drink anything but pure, cold water.

"I'm sure I never shall!" interrupted Harry, with clinched hands and burning

"But, Mr. Mason," said Jamie, anxiously 'won't all the boys say it's a pretty joke for drunkards' boys to get up a cold-water army? I'm sure Dick Staples will."

"Perhaps some of them will laugh at first, but it won't last long. I believe every boy has a good spot in his heart somewhere; and I shouldn't wonder if even little Dick Sta-"Why, that isn't a drunken man," cried ples came to ask your pardon before night. e, the blood rushing to his hair: "that's But be careful, my dear little soldiers. Remember that 'he that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his "It may be a drunken man for all spirit than he that taketh-a city.' And never forget to ask God's blessing for Christ's

> Mr. Mason went on his way; and Henry and Jamie entered the house, saddened, but hopeful, and anxious to begin their good

work. But as they entered the gloomy, unlighted room, their young hearts were chilled with a presentiment of some impending evil.

"Is anything the matter, mother?" asked Jamie, stumbling up to where she sat, her face buried in her hands, and her long, black hair unbound, and falling unheeded over her

Harry instinctively lighted their last little piece of candle, and revealed his father leaning against the mantel, with a ghastly despairing face. The poor children gazed from one to the

other in pitiful distress, as no sound broke At last Jamie made one more effort, and,

timidly approaching his father, he asked im-"What is the matter, father? Can't you tell us?"

"Matter?" groaned James Grey. "Oh nothing is the matter, only I've ruined my family, and we're miserable beggars!" And he laughed a loud, startling laugh.

Mrs. Grey looked up, and caught the haired pastor, his kind face full of grief and frightened gaze of the two bewildered children. "My poor little sons," she cried, forgetting her own misery in pity for them, come, I will tell you all. Mr. Mabbit has ing himself involved in the common disgrace, failed, and your father has lost everything. "Well, now, mother," said Jamie, brightening, "that isn't so bad. I always hated that old distillery, and the ugly, red-faced men that used to be around it, Now, can't father go back to Mr. Fundy's, and we all be

"Hold your tongue, boy!" thundered

ken-hearted surprise. "Jamie is not used to such words from his father," said Mrs. Grey in a low tone.

"I didn't mean to frighten him." must be careful how you goad one standing on the brink of ruin. I'm going fast enough. I'll soon topple over. Hurrah!" And, with "James," implored Mr. Grey, springing

to her feet, and catching his arm, "I don' repreach you. Hear me -" But he flung her roughly aside, and hurriedly rushed from

"Where is he going, mother?" asked Har-Mrs. Grey shook her head.

"O mother, you needn't try to keep it from us any longer. We found out all about the last few months; but I hope we shall it. We know our father is "-his voice sunk "Yes," said Mrs. Grey, in tearless apathy, 'it is true; and now he has gone for more

> "Why, mother," cried Jamie, "will any one be so wicked as to give it to him when he sees how wretched it has made him al-

Mrs. Grey smiled a strange, wan smile, Oh, yes, my little Jamie.' "And can't anything be done with them?"

"They ought to be hung," said Harry, vehemently, drawing up his small figure. "What's the difference between killing a man in a minute and killing him slow? Oh as they do at old Pete Brown? Oh, I shall mother, if I'm ever a man, I'll try to be president; and I'll make it a law that whoever "Hear me," said the old pastor, with kind | sells rum shall be hung till they're dead. dead. authority. "You must not give up in this dead!" And the excited child laid his head way. There is a great work for you and upon his mother's knee, and wept bitterly. After a while, when they all became more

at you. And, besides, I want you to be very | are already two or three other families. is all your father can afford at present."

> are coming to take immediate possession. "I don't think I can bear it, mother," said limbs no longer. "Fear and trembling"

Jamie, in a choking voice.
"Well," said Mrs. Grey, making a great effort to be cheerful for the sake of her children, "perhaps it will not be so very hard, after all. We will all work together, and as we can; and perhaps father will be more willing to stay with us, now that he has done with that dreadful distillery."

"Mother," said Jamie, eagerly recurring to his old question, "why can't father go back to Mr. Fundy's?" Mrs. Grey hesitated, but Jamie persisted. "Well, my child," said she, with great ef-

back, because -"You needn't tell the reason, mother," "I don't think father has any right to make us so unhappy. I won't have him for my father. I can't love him any more.'

"Harry!" cried Mrs. Grey, reprovingly; and Jamie hastened to say,—
"Why, I love him; I shall always love poor father; and you know, Harry, what we were going to do for him. Mr. Mason thought God would help him, if we only did what we

"Well, we can try," said poor Harry; "but I can't exactly see my way clear. I The Little Captain

A CURL CUT OFF WITH AN AXE.

A TRUE INCIDENT.

"Do you see this lock of hair?" said an "Yes; but what of it? It is, I suppose the curl from the head of a dear child, long since gone to God."

"It is not. It is a lock of my own hair; and it is now nearly seventy years since it was at the head of only 15,000 or 16,000 inwas cut from this head.'

hair so much?" cause it speaks to me more of God and of which was poorly paid, would at the aphis special care than anything else I possess. proach of winter disband of its own accord "I was a little child of four years old, He accordingly "resolved to nang upon ms with long, curly locks, which, in sun, or rain, adversary's skirts, to follow him move by A GENTLE OR COOLING APERIENT OR PUR GATIVE IS REQUIRED. at his side, watching with interest the strokes totally barren campaign, when, as he felt arms and looked, at me from head to foot, to coming involved."

Do not dismiss your habits of study, when that sustained it. If a latent fondness for expensive dress and fashionable amusements for all was cherished in her period of classical education she will rush into them with an eagerness proportioned to her previous restraint. Satisfied with past honors, and believing that she "has already attained, and is already perfect," she slumbers at her post, and, in a few years, perceives those outstripping her, whose talents she once held in contempt. Every young lady who, at leaving school, entertains a clear and comfortable conviction that she has finished her education, should recollect the reproof of the venerable Dr., to the winds the remaining twenty thousand. Rush to a young physician, who spoke of the time when he finished his studies. "When you happy man to have finished so young. I do not expect to finish mine as long as I live." There is an affecting lesson in the death of that philosopher, who, after it was supposed that breath had forsaken him, faintly raised his head to listen to some improving conversation that was conducted in his chamber. and even drew the curtain, saying, "I shall be most happy to die, learning something."-Mrs. Sigourney.

Miscellaneous.

ROUTINE AND REALITY.

THE repetition of duties, under some fixed rule, is difficult to reconcile with freshness and heartiness of life. Sometimes we chafe at the rule, and indulge in vague dreams and sentimental theories of action without plan, and life without law. Sometimes we sink down under the monotony, grow indifferent through familiarity, and suffer life to become a tame and spiritless succession of tasks, a dull, drudging, grubbing subserviency. Is there no remedy or reconciliation? Is there the company of the consequences which they dreaded most—

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Sto Chestnut Street. sentimental theories of action without plan, whom Coventry Patmore says-

"They live by law; not like the fool, But like the bard who freely sings In strictest bonds of rhyme and rule, Yet finds in them not bonds but wings?"

It | whole order of servile offices rises into new | height of two bales of hemp. The bales dignity. A free allegiance to the Father of were placed with the ends facing our fortifi-"I'll never go," said impulsive Harry goodness transforms the abject state, and cations, affording a thickness of about six again, while Jamie looked wistfully around sets the slave on a footing with kings. It is feet. This immense breastwork commenced again, while Jamie looked wishing at the room where he had passed so many haplike the touch of the angel's spear that giveth moving forward, not by detachments or singny hours.

Ny hours. "Ah, but you must," said Mrs. Grey, of the Lord is, there is liberty." The devout steady, as though it slid along the ground of with difficulty commanding her voice. "The soul is lifted, at once, above the degradation, its own volition. It advanced steadily over cottage is already sold, and the new people and beyond all the circumstances, of slavery. If the chains are not taken off, they gall the

give place to "good will."

If we could strike out what is everywhere done in dull conformity to precedent and still, whose numbers seemed almost infinite, fashion, and what is done only in eye-service firing between the crevices and over the top as men-pleasers, substituting an honest, in- at our soldiers. Our men looked at the movmake our new home as pleasant and bright dependent, individual doing of all things by ing monster with astonishment. It lay like personal choice, "with good-will, as unto the a large serpent, winding over the hills and Lord," or because it is right, what vocation, trade, household, would not gain in the interest and power of that renovated existence? its vast folds. In vain the cannon were Business would be transacted not by mere commercial maxims, but by Christian principles. Literature would be cleared of cant. Common labor would not be common or unfort, "Mr, Fundy has refused to take him clean. The church would be rid of makebelieve. Politics would be purged of official bondage to precedence and prejudice. Facried Harry, fiercely. "I don't want to milies would not be stupefied with mutual sands that it concealed were safe from such know. Oh," cried the child, jumping up, and pressing both hands to his aching head, of cooking, providing, mending, and cleanof cooking, providing, mending, and clean-ing. Households would not be herds of ani-

mals stabled together for feeding and sleepanimated groups of beneficent and entertaining souls.—F. D. Runtington, in Thayer's Home Monthly:

SLOW, BUT SURE.

the historian Motley calls "the first warrior map of the world, on a small scale; in which clamors of his soldiers. This was strikingly them in the map. illustrated in his campaign against the Prince of Orange, of which Mr. Motley gives a graphic account in the second volume of The Rise of the Dutch Republic. In the early part of October, 1568, the

Prince of Orange, with 20,000 infantry, and 8,000 cavalry, entered Brabant, and eagerly sought a battle with the Duke of Alva, who as cut from this head."

"But why do you prize a lock of your air so much?"

"But why do you prize a lock of your thing to fear from the result of a general "It has a story belonging to it, and a action." The latter believed that if he strange one. I keep it thus with care be- could avoid a battle, the army of the Prince, "I was a little child of four years old, He accordingly "resolved to hang upon his

down upon the wood, sending off splinters in all directions, and leave their patriot poured upon it to produce a delightful effervescent with every stroke in all directions. Some of Prince a helpless and penniless adventurer." head lay upon the log. I had fallen just at own impatient soldiers in check. "Twenty- notice of an intelligent public. the moment when the axe was a coming nine times the Prince changed his encampdown with all its force. It was too late to ment, and at every remove the Duke was stop the blow. Down came the axe. I still behind him, as close, and seemingly as screamed, and my father fell to the ground impalpable as his shadow. Thrice they in terror. He could not stay the stroke, and were within cannon-shot of each other, twice in the blindness which the sudden horror without a single trench or rampart between caused, he thought he had killed his boy. them. The skirmishing at the outposts was barb is administered, either for Adults or Children, We soon recovered, I from my fright, and incessant, but the main body was withdrawn he from his terror. He caught me in his as soon as there seemed a chance of its be-

find out the deadly wound, which he was sure he had inflicted. Not a drop of blood of the Prince having crossed the river Geta, nor a scar was to be seen. He knelt upon the rear guard of 3,000 were attacked and the grass and gave thanks to a gracious cut in pieces by a detachment of 7,000 under God. Having done so, he took up his axe Vitelli, an officer whom the Duke had sent to the public. and found a few hairs upon its edge. He for that purpose. "Vitelli sent a messenger turned to the log he had been splitting, and to the Duke to implore him to advance with there was a single curl of his boy's hair, the main body, cross the river, and, once for sharply cut through and laid upon the wood. | all, exterminate the rebels in a general com-How great the escape! It was as if an an- bat. Alva, inflamed that his sagely-congel had turned aside the edge at the moment | ceived plans could not be comprehended even when it was descending on my head. With by his favorite officers, said, 'Go back to renewed thanks upon his lips, he took up the Vitelli. Is he, or am I to command in curl, and went home with me in his arms. | this campaign? Tell him not to suffer a "That lock he kept all his days, as a me- single man to cross the river. Warn him morial of God's care and love. That lock he left to me on his death-bed."

A WORD TO YOUNG LADIES.

Single man to cross the river. Warn him against sending any more envoys to advise a battle; for should you or any other man dare to bring me another message, I swear to you, by the head of the King, that you go not hence alive. Baron de Chevreau, a go not hence alive. Baron de Chevreau, a fering under nearly every kind of disease to which the human frame is liable. young officer of the Duke, dashed his pistol The most horrible cases of SCROFULA, in which to the ground in his presence, exclaiming the FACE, BONES, and LIMES of the victim have been you cease to attend school. That crisis is that the Duke would never fight. The Duke preyed upon by the insatiable disease, are proved, by that the Duke would never fight. often a hazardous one, in the history of a young lady. If she has gained distinction there, without a radical love of knowledge,

The Duke's predictions were finally verified; for in the latter part of November, thepaid soldiers of the Prince became mutinous. his army was dissolved, and his hopes of rescuing the Netherlands from Spanish tyranny were, for the time disappointed. The Duke had, by consummate strategy, foiled the army under the idolized champion of the Netherlands, and this so decisively that without losing a single man, he had destroyed eight thousand rebels, and scattered While the sympathics of all lovers of liberty must be with the Prince of Orange in finished your studies! Why, you must be a this unfortunate campaign, it is impossible to repress a feeling of admiration for the firmness and skill displayed by the Duke. It is instructive to reflect what a howl would greet a modern Alva who, at the head of our American army, should adhere to such a system of tactics. The result of the campaign in the Netherlands might have been very different, if the Duke had had to contend against reporters dogging his steps, and inflaming the minds of the people by indiscreet reports, and against a thousand newspapers hounding him on to a premature battle. He was more than a match for the murmurs of his soldiers; but it may be doubted whether he would have been proof against such a pressure as has been brought to bear on some of our military

A NOVEL BREASTWORK.

no such thing as joining the company of the consequences which they dreaded most a safe approach for the enemy, and an ultimate charge in force over the intrenchments. The rebels presented a strong breastwork of LANE, hemp bales, which appeared like a moving barrier, impenetrable to bullets or cannon shot, and swarming with men in the rear. It Get the Christian answer, and instantly that was about twenty rods in length, and the

the smooth surface, parting to pass trees and closing up again as impenetrable as a rock. Behind it were hundreds of men pushing and urging with levers, while others held the bales steadily to their places, and others hollows, apparently motionless, yet moving broadside on, to envelop and destroy them in turned upon it. The heavy bales absorbed the shot harmlessly, or quietly resumed the positions from which they were displaced, seemingly moving without hands, but in reality controlled by strong arms which were unseen. In vain the musket bullets rained upon it in unremitting showers. The thouposition should warrant them in bursting through its walls and storming up to the ining, and for sleepy or sensual pleasure, but trenchments. Our brave soldiers could only

PROPHECY.

I APPREHEND, says Dr. Scott, in his excel-The career of the Duke of Alva, whom | lent Commentary, that prophecy resembles a feel as if everything was growing dark." - of his age," contains a lesson which may be only countries and capital cities, and some of value to us in these war-times. A chief very remarkable places are noticed, so that cause of that general's success, was his in- they who dwell near considerable cities and difference to popular opinion and to the large towns are disappointed at not finding

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or wind, hung down my cheeks uncovered. One day my father went into the woods to cut up a log, and I went with him. I was standing a little way behind him, or rather to drive him out of the country, after a to drive him out of the country, after a to drive him out of the country, after a to drive him out of the country, after a to drive him out of the country, after a to drive him out of the country, after a to drive him out of the country. It is in the form of a Powder, carefully put in Botof the heavy axe, as it went up and came certain, his ill-paid hirelings would vanish tles, to keep in any climate, and merely requires water

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