

The Family Circle.

THE TEACHER TAUGHT.

DAILY, to my froward little child, Am I pointing out the better way, Teaching to be humble, patient, mild, Ever for a heart renewed to pray.

ONLY ONCE.

"Stop a minute, James; we're making up a skating-party to go down the river to-night. We shall build a fire on the island and have a grand time. Come; go with us."

"No, George, I can't. Father says I must skate on the canal. It isn't so wide, nor quite so good skating I know, but it's safe."

"Nonsense! The ice is at least two inches thick, anywhere, even in the thinnest places."

"Well, then, come to the canal. You can skate out to the fork, where it joins the river, and see us all. Will you do that?"

"All right. Be there at seven." James was ready with his skates at the time appointed, and about to leave the house.

LEAPING FROM JOY TO JOY.

THE following touching instance of the power of grace to cheer and soothe in the most trying circumstances is taken from the recent volume, entitled "The Link and the Knot," published in this country by R. Carter & Brothers.

Listen to the story of a poor widow, who had once crept out to a mother's meeting. A visit was paid to her by the lady superintendent one bitterly cold afternoon in February, and the portrait is sketched by her:

"I found her in a back kitchen, which once was used for a wash-house. The pavement of the back yard came nearly to the top of the window, so obscured the light that I could at first see nothing but a speck of fire in one corner of the room."

"I looked, and the walls were damp, and in places wet to the touch, from the ground and the floor to the ceiling. I asked how she lived."

"They want allow me anything from the house, because I'm not old enough, but they will take me in; and I would go, as far as I am concerned, but what would become of my three little children? The youngest depends on me, he is only seven; and the two others have each got a little place; the little girl (only nine) nurses a baby, and her mistress likes her so much that she has taken her into her home altogether; but I wash and mend her bits of things every week. And the little boy is gone to a greengrocer's to run errands, and they heard of my situation, and have given him his meals. So you see I leap from joy to joy."

WANT OF RESPECT TO SUPERIORS.

Does it ever strike you how little respect is shown by the young to superiors? You see it in our seminaries and colleges, you see it in our Sabbath schools, you see it in the social circle and at the dress party; you observe it in the familiar and even flippant mode in which age is addressed, or more frequently perhaps, in the contempt with which both the better classes and the lower as you speak to them.

"Well, I'll go down this once; mind you, only once," and he darted like an arrow to the front, for he was the best skater in the company, and soon was far in advance of the rest of the boys.

"Oh, James, don't!" cried several, at once. "Now see here, James," said George, "What's the use of being so set. Go down with us this time."

of reverse and general outcries, even a Justice of the Peace turned, not in vain, to the protection of the man he had sought to supplant for protection. The account of Washington's demerit, on hearing the news of General St. Clair's surprise in Ohio, by the Indians, lightens up, as by a sudden flash, the gloomy depths of his profound character, both bringing into relief the justice and fairness which made his soldiers and his often murmuring officers rely on him in his adversity; and also showing that the apparent equality of his temper was a carefully trained and fostered virtue, not a defect of nature.

In spite of all the disadvantages attending such attacks, the brave Dupont went resolutely to bombard the enemy's works, and in his letter to Capt. Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, modestly declares that he "thought his plan a clever one." We have doubt the enemy thought so, too, when the terrific shower of exploding shells fell upon them, knocking their guns about in the wildest confusion. Instead of anchoring his fleet and blazing away at the works, he kept his ships in motion, thus securing the use of both his broadsides, which kept the guns from heating by the alternate fire, and enabled the men to work to greater advantage in their quarters.

The report says that the enemy felt confident that he could annihilate the fleet in case it should attempt to pass the forts into the harbor. When Dupont's plan was first described to the press, and the current popular opinion setting hard against him, he repaired to his chief, as to a shelter from the fury of so many elements. Washington extended his hand to one who appeared in no new character; for, during the whole of a long life, misfortune seemed to have marked him for her own. Poor old St. Clair hobbled up, seized the offered hand in both of his, and gave vent to his feelings in an audible manner.

NAVAL ASSAULTS UPON LAND FORTS.

THE New York Evening Post abridges, from Captain Halleck's work on Military Art and Science, the following facts, which will help our readers to appreciate the nature of the late victories obtained at Hatteras and Port Royal:

In 1814, a British fleet of four vessels, carrying ninety-two guns, attacked Fort Bowyer, a small redoubt, located on a point of land commanding the passage from the Gulf into the bay of Mobile. This redoubt was garrisoned by only one hundred and twenty combatants, officers included; and his armaments were but twenty small pieces of cannon, some of which were almost entirely useless, and most of them poorly mounted "in batteries hastily thrown up, and leaving the guns uncovered from the knee upward."

While the enemy's heavy cannonade, directed with the alibi consisted of twenty-two or thirty guns, the American batteries, with a battery of two guns, and a hundred and thirty marines, Indians and negroes. His ships carried five hundred and ninety men in all. This immense disparity of numbers and strength did not allow to the British military and naval commanders the slightest apprehension "that four British ships, carrying ninety-two guns, and a land force somewhat exceeding seven hundred combatants, could fail in reducing a small work mounting only a few dozen cannon, and defended by a little more than a hundred men, unprovided alike with furnaces for heating shot, or casemates to cover themselves from rockets and shells."

Again, in 1814, a batterie battery of four 4-pounder and two 18-pounder guns at Stonington, repelled a British fleet of one hundred and thirty-four guns. During the engagement, the Americans exhausted their ammunition, and spiked their 18-pounders, and only one of them was afterwards used. Two of the enemy's ships, carrying one hundred and twenty guns, were engaged during the whole time of the attack, and during this time bombarded the town from a position beyond reach of the land battery. They were entirely too far off for the 4-pounder to be of any use. Supposing the two 18-pounders to have been employed during the whole action, and also all the guns of the fleet, one 18-pounder on land must have been more than equivalent to sixty-seven guns afloat, for the ships were so much injured as to render it necessary for them to withdraw. The British "saw" twenty killed, and more than fifty wounded. Ours was only two killed and six wounded.

The fleet sent to the attack of Baltimore, in 1814, consisted of forty sail, the largest of which were ships of the line, carrying an army of over six thousand combatants. The troops were landed at North Point, while sixteen of the bomb-vessels and frigates approached within reach of the town, and commenced a bombardment which lasted twenty-five hours. During this attack, the enemy threw "fifteen hundred shells, four hundred of which exploded within the walls of the fort, but without making any impression on either the strength of the work or the garrison," and the British were compelled to retire with much loss.

in former times. He has long been regarded as a master spirit in the navy, and his success in the capture of the British fleet in the harbor of Fort Walker and Bearsgard at the entrance to Port Royal harbor. It is accounted a dangerous experiment for wooden-walled ships to attack forts or earthworks, as it is generally conceded that one gun on land is equal to five on ships. The Confederate General Ripley in his order, enumerated up his instructions with this declaration:—"To give up a position on shore while the enemy is afloat, is totally and absolutely inexorable."

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found along with it; the richest source of it yet known is the mineral waters of Durkheim. Bunsen states that probably all the saline mineral waters contain rubidium, in the condition of a chloride. No useful application has yet been made of these metals.

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