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The Family Circle.

#### The Picket Guard.

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"ALL quiet along the Potomac," they say, "Except now and then a stray picket Is shot as he walks on his beat to and fro, By a rifleman in the thicket. 'Tis nothing-a private or two, now and then, Will not count in the news of the battle : Not an officer lost-only one of the men, Moaning out all alone, the death-rattle."

All quiet along the Potomac to-night, Where the soldiers lie peacefully dreaming : Their tents in the rays of the clear autumn moon, Or the light of the watch-fires are gleaming. A tremulous sigh, as the gentle night wind . Through the forest leaves softly is creeping : While stars up above, with their glittering eyes, Keep guard-for the army is sleeping,

There's only the sound of the lone sentry's tread As he tramps from the rock to the fountain. And thinks of the two in the low trundle-bed, Far away in the cot on the mountain. His musket falls slack-his face, dark and grim Grows gentle with memories tender, As he mutters a prayer for the children asleep-For their mother-may Heaven defend her!

The moon seems to shine just as brightly as then, That night, when the love yet unspoken Leaped up to his lips-when low, murmured vows Were pledged to be ever unbroken. Then drawing his sleeve roughly over his eyes, He dashes off tears that are welling, And gathers his gun closer up to its place As if to keep down the heart-swelling.

He passes the fountain, the blasted pine tree-The footstep is lagging and weary; Yet onward he goes, through the broad belt of light - Toward the shades of the forest so dreary. Hark ! was it the night-wind that rustled the leaves Was it moonlight so wondrously flashing? It looked like a rifle-"'Ha! Mary, good-by!" And the life-blood is ebbing and plashing.

All quiet along the Potomac to-night-No sound save the rush of the river ; While soft falls the dew on the face of the dead-The picket's off duty forever! Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

## THE HAPPY NIGHT.

Nearly two thousand years ago some shapherds were in a field taking care of their flocks. It was night, and they were watching to prevent the wolves, and bears, and lions coming to devour their pretty lambs and harmless sheep.

These shepherds were good men; they loved God. When wicked men are sitting up together, they often amuse themselves with singing wicked songs, and with drinking and swearing, and they often end by quarreling and fighting. But these sheprds were a different sort of men from those

and had come down from heaven to save them. O, how they loved that baby !

Did they take him in their arms? they kiss his sweet forehead? I cannot tell you, for it is not written in the Bible. The shepherds did not know all the pain that tender babe would have to bear when he was grown to be a man. Those little hands, with fingers folded up, afterward had nails thrust through them; and those tender feet, which had never touched the ground, were afterward fastened to the cross of wood. O, to have looked upon that babe, and to have thought of all it would suffer, might have made the hardest heart feel sorry. But that babe is happy now-O, very happy. After dying upon the cross he was made alive again, and he went up into heaven, and there he is now, and the shepherds with him, singing the angels' song. One day he will come to this world again, shining brighter than angels do; and the shepherds will come with him, and all people who have ever loved him.

If you grow to be a man, I hope you will be like one of those good shepherds. Perhaps you will not have to take care of sheep. I cannot tell what you will do, whether you will buy and and sell things, or work in the fields, or go to sea, or preach in a church; but, whatever you do, I hope you will be a good man and love God.

Those shepherds often talked about Jesus; they told everybody about the baby in the manger, and about the angels in the sky, and they praised God with all their hearts for having let them see and hear such wonderful things.

mation that might enable the Court to make You have heard about the babe in the inquiries about them. It was not the case manger, though you have not seen him. Thereof persons who were entirely destitute of the are many children who have never heard means of subsistence, but they were placed about him. God has been very kind to you in a position much above that. They apin letting you hear about him. I hope you peared to have been well educated, and love Jesus. Some children do. If they were to die, the angels would come and fetch their souls, to be with Jesus in heaven. This history is written in Luke, ii. 8:20.

" Once in Royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle-shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed, Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all; And his shelter was a stable, And his stable was a stall. With the poor and mean and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wond'rous childhood He would honor and obey Love and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms he lay. Christian children all should be Mild, obedient, good as He."

-Streaks of Light.

## A FAMILY BELIGIOUS PAPER.

nate position in which they had placed them- would materially ameliorate the difficulty so selves by imagining that they were suffering frequent in cities, where one-fifth of the horses from a sort of monomania, to which the have their feet ruined in a few years by continually treading on too solid a pavement .-learned gentleman gave the name of "Kelp-

of the father, who, it was said, was a gentle-

man much higher in position than any per-

he would rather the case was disposed of now;

Bench. . Mr. Bodkin said if, after sentence

they had both pleaded guilty to an indict-

ment charging them with purloining books,

and both declined to give the slighest infor-

THE Boston Post says :- The question of

the cultivation of cotton in Southern Illinois

is just now attracting some attention in that

section. It is believed that there are at least

five hundred thousand acres of land in the

dock.

months.

tomania," as their position placed them high above want, and their means of purchasing ONE of the most all they required were ample. Mr. Henry refused to accede to the proposition of the learned gentleman, saying his duty com-pelled him to send them both for trial The trial commenced, and they pleaded struck a vein of gas, which burst forth with guilty. Mr. Bodkin (the judge), said a great such violence as to eject all the tools used in deal of unnecessary embellishment had been boring, together with two hundred feet of given to the case, on a former occasion, pipe which had been previously introduced. bout the position the girls previously occupied in society, and the affluent circumstances

The boring had developed a very strong vein of salt water, which yields a barrel of salt an hour. Some of the locomotives on the Great

son present in the Police Court. He wished Western Railway, (England) have worked up to know whether the father was now present? The learned counsel said he was not. His to 750-horse power over and above back presappearance would only be attended with great pain, and would lead to still greater  $\frac{1}{100}$  an average pressure in the cylinders of  $67\frac{1}{2}$ great pain, and would lead to still greated in the square inch of piston, when run-publicity. Mr. Bodkin thought something is. on the square inch of piston, when runbught to be known about the prisoners for ning at the rate of 54 miles an hour. their own sake. The learned counsel said

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and had different ways from theirs; they talking about God and heaven.

A very wonderful thing happened that night—such a thing as had never happened to them before—an angel came! What a are forming characters for life and for eterglorious creature an angel is ! I never saw nity. A religious paper placed in their way one, but I know that angels are bright like weekly, will silently yet effectually influence the sun, and their clothes are white like them for good. It will bring truth before snow, and they are so good, so gentle, and them in new forms. It will furnish them so kind!

Yet when the shepherds saw this angel they were very much frightened. But the more intelligent, and give stability and enangel told them not to be afraid. "Fear terprise to their characters. It will fit them not," he said; "I bring you very joyful to go into the world and resist its temptanews. A baby is born this day, who is the Lord, and he is wrapped in long clothes; and something for others. We feel to-day, and he is lying in a manger.

This was good news indeed. A long while before, God had promised to send his own Son down from heaven to be a the family. It imperceptibly modified and babe. And why? That he might die in- corrected our wrong views, and caused us to stead of us wicked creatures, and ave us from going to hell. These shepherds had of life. And we can hardly conceive how. often heard of God's kind promise, and now in this age, any one can do without a family the angel told them this babe was really religious paper. Better deny the body in

born-yes, the babe that was to save them some respects, than deny the mind and the from never ending pains was really born into the world. soul this blessing. Better withhold from the children some other thing, rather than this. Put down a Family Religious Paper not When the angel had done speaking, the most beautiful sight was seen. A number of merely as a luxury, but as one of the con-angels suddenly appeared! How bright veniences, the necessaries of life, and provide

accordingly.

THE SICK IN BED.

they must have shone in that dark night ! To see angels is charming, but what must it be to hear them sing!

These angels began to sing. How sweet the sound must have been! It is sweet to

WITH a proper supply of windows, and a hear children sing; it is sweet to hear them proper supply of fuel in open fire-places, sing "That will be joyful," or "Glory, fresh air is comparatively easy to secure glory;" but what is children's singing com- when your patient or patients are in bed. pared with the singing of angels! What is the Never be afraid of open windows, then. cawing of a rook compared with the warbling People don't catch cold in bed. With proper of a nightingale? and what is the singing of bed-clothes, and hot bottles, if necessary, you a sinful child compared with the singing of a can always keep a patient warm in bed, and glorious angel? well ventilate him, in bed. Never to allow a

I can tell you the very words these angels patient to be waked intentionally or accidensang, but I am not sure that you will under- tally, is a sine qua non of all good nursing. stand them. This was their song: "Glory to If he is roused out of his first sleep, he is God in the highest, and on earth peace, good almost certain to have no more sleep. It is will toward men.'

a curious but quite intelligible fact that, if It was because the Son of God was born a patient is waked after a few hours' instead that they sang this song-Jesus, the Son of of a few minutes' sleep, he is much more God-he came to bring glory and peace, and likely to sleep again ; because pain, like irgood will and all happiness into this wicked ritability of brain, perpetuates and intensi-world.

The angels did not stay very long. How either in sleep, you have gained more than sorry the shepherds must have been when the the mere respite. Both the probability of song wis over, and the angels were gone back into heaven! Could they ever forget that song? I think not. Well, I hope we recurrence and of the same intensity will be may hear angels sing one day, and that we why a patient waked in the early part of his may sing with them. Now we could not sing sleep, loses not only his sleep, but his power an angel's song, but one day we shall be to sleep. The more the sick sleep, the better

able. (I mean, if our sins are forgiven, we will they be able to sleep. A good nurse shall.) See the good shepherds in the field alone dow in her patient's room shall rattle or with their sheep! What did they talk of crack; that no blind or curtain shall, by any now? Of that sweet babe who was lying in a manger. They knew he was in the next made to flap; especially will she be careful town, a very little way off, and they said one of all this before she leaves her patient for

to another, "Let us go and see him." So they left their sheep very quickly indeed. There were other babes in Bethlehem, but most babies lie in soft cradles, or on their Nightingale. mother's pillow; but there was no cradle and no pillow for this baby, only a manger full of straw or hay.

The shepherds found out in which stable the baby was, and they went in. And what did they see? There, in the midst of the

WE copy from an exchange the following State adapted to the growth of cotton. It is said that cotton has been grown in the State were men who loved singing hymns, and paragraph respecting the benefits of a good

family religious paper : A good family paper is of untold benefit to the children and youth of a family. They south part of the State clothed themselves of the household." with the means of distinguishing truth, and of defending it. It will tend to make them land manufacturers and to gentlemen of position and influence in England, and it is to be hoped that the subject will attract that tions, and induce them to seek to accomplish attention which its importance demands. If the soil be indeed adapted to the regular have felt every day since our boyhood, the influence of the religious paper which parental love and parental wisdom furnished for

growth of cotton, the opportunity is offered of cultivating it by free labor, and the relaive value of the two systems, free and slave, can be economically tested. The practical difficulty to be overcome, admitting the adaplook intelligently and religiously at the aim tability of the soil to the growth of the fibre. is an insufficiency of labor at the picking season "Should the present war continue, a con-

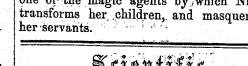
iderable emigration from the South will be established, and many, it is believed, will find a home in Southern Illinois, especially if it should be found that they could turn their attention to the cultivation of a staple with which they are already familiar. A few cases of this kind are understood to be already established; more will appear if the present hopes as to Southern Illinois are 'ealized."

## "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER."

### WHAT IT SIGNIFIES.

THE following description of the significance of the different parts of the American flag will be interesting to many of our readers. It was written by a member of the Committee of the Continental Congress, appointed to design a flag for the young Republic, when the matter was before that body, and recently reproduced by A. C. Street, Esq., in a lecture on the Battle of Saratoga: "The stars of the new flag represent the new constellation of States rising in the West. The idea was taken from the constellation of Lyra, which, in the land of Orpheus, signifies harmony. The blue in the field, was taken from the edges of the Covenanter's banner, in Scotland, significant of the league covenant of the United Colonies against oppression, incidentally involving the virtues of vigilance, perseverance and justice. The stars were disposed in a circle, symbolizing the perpetuity of the Union; the ring, like the circling serpent of the Egyptians, signifying eternity. The thirteen stripes showed, with the stars, the number of the United coonies, and denoted the subordination of the States to the Union, as well as equality among themselves. The whole was the blend-

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