The Family Circle.

The Two Alabaster Boxes.

"A woman in the city, which was a sinner, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and anointed His

WHEN Thou, in patient ministry, Didst pass a stranger through Thy land, Two costly gifts were offer'd Thee, And both were from a woman's hand.

To Thee, who madest all things fair, Twice fair and precious things they bring, Pure sculptured alabaster clear, Perfumes for earth's anointed king.

Man's hasty lips would both reprove. . One for the stain of too much sin, One for the waste of too much love: Yet both avail'd Thy smile to win.

The saint who listen'd at Thy feet, The sinner sinners scorn'd to touch, Adoring in Thy presence meet, Both pardon'd and both loving much. Thus evermore to all they teach,

And that earth's lowest yet may reach The highest ministries of heaven. They teach that gifts of costliest price From hearts sin-beggar'd yet may pour; And that love's costliest sacrifice Is worth the love, and nothing more.

Man's highest style is " much forgiven,"

Love is the true economist, Her weights and measures pass in heaven; What others lavish on the feast, She to the Lord himself hath given.

Love is the true economist, She through all else to him hath sped, And unreproved His feet hath kiss'd, And spent her ointments on His head.

Love is the true economist, She breaks the box, and gives her all; Yet not one precious drop is miss'd, Since on His head and feet they fall.

In all her fervent zeal no haste. She at His feet sits glad and calm; In all her lavish gifts no waste, The broken vase but frees the balm.

Love is the truest providence, Since beyond time her gold is good, Stamp'd for man's mean, "three hundred pence."
With Christ's "She hath done what she could."

Love is the best economist In what she sows and what she reaps; She lavishes her all on Christ, And in His all her being steeps. The Three Wakings and other Poems.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

which we pray when we say, "Hallowed be ther in Heaven, This is what we mean when thy name." We should not be content to we pray, Hallowed be thy name. repeat this prayer every night and every morning without knowing the meaning of the words, and what things we ask God to do. This letter to heaven consists of two pages; on one of which we ask God to glorify his own name, and bless the world: and on the second page we ask him to take care of us, to give us our daily bread, forgive us our

sins call him, uncle William. You call him, fore you.

name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the you leave this world. The Saviour can secure Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh this for you. his name in vain." When we say, "hallowed be thy name," we pray, that these ignorant, wicked people may be brought to church and Sabbath school, may learn that God is listen
of life. It is sound and practical wisdom.

they play and amuse themselves during wor- mental, but that which is practical. Read ship or preaching, they are not treating God's works of fiction very sparingly, and read acname with reverence. You know how untual life very carefully and copiously. Search mannerly it is for a little child to interrupt all sacred Scripture, but especially, for pracfathet when he is speaking to some person; tical purposes, the words of our Saviour and that is what children do who play in church, the words of Solomon. Do not be qualifying they interrupt our Father in Heaven, who is

children will not wantonly trample them down, or tear them up to throw them away. If you had a microscope to look at the wing of a butterfly, you would find that God has covered it over with beautiful gold and silver feathers, so little that a thousand of them would not be as large as one of the feathers "Being in Bethany, there came a woman having an albaster box of ointment of spikenard, very precious, and she brake the box, and poured it on His Head." little butterfly, and help it to fly about the flowers, and get its food. Fly away, and be merry, little butterfly; I wont pull the feathers out of your pretty wings!" He will think that God has taken wonderful pains to make the flutes in the throats of the little birds, and to send them very young to sing-ing school to learn to sing Psalms to him; and he will say, "Sing as loudly as you can, little birds, I wont throw stones at a little bird that sings Psalms to my Father in heaven!"

> Did you ever see a picture of God, children? I did. I see several pictures of God These little children are pictures of God. Children are like their father, and we are all like our Father in heaven. Not that God has hands and feet, or can be cold, or hungry, or hurt like us; but we can thinkdo things like Him; and he has given us some of his dominion over the birds, and beasts, and fishes, and made them afraid of us. If it were not so, the lions, or the horses, or even the wasps, and the ants, could chase us into the sea. But because God has made every man, black or white, poor or rich, old or young, in his own image, he will have all creatures respect and reverence every human being, and will require the life of man of every beast, and of every man, who kills another. Would you think it right for some one to throw mud upon your father's picture? Every sin defaces the image of God in man, and makes God very angry with those who teach people to sin. "If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy." God is pleased with all those who try to cleanse the dirt and dust off his pictures, and frame and glaze them, and hang them up, so that the world may see how good and beautiful God is. Our good missionaries in India have picked up sixty pictures of God out of the dirt,—sixty little orphan children,—and are trying to cleanse them from the dirt and vice of heathenism, and to frame them into a Christian school, and glaze them over and protect them with the discipline of the Christian Church, and are praying God to make them new creatures in Christ Jesus, and teach them to live for the purpose of doing good; like Jesus, who always went about doing good, and like God himself, for the word God means, The person who is good,

and who does good. Let us always reverence and respect every-thing by which God makes himself known to us. The more of God we see in anything, or in any person, let us respect it the more. Then we can pray that other people also LET us try to understand the things for may know, and love, and reverence our ra-

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A WORD TO OUR YOUNG MEN AND

Some present are blessed with prudent sins, and keep us from all evil. Last week mothers—with mothers who are as watchers we saw why we should ask the best things in the home—who with an eagle's eye see first. Now we will inquire what these best threatening mischief, and with a giant's things are. They are so connected, like the strength build bulwarks against it. To all breath and body and actions of a man, that thus favored we say, highly prize such mounless God's name is hallowed, his kingdom thers. Speak not a word that shall fly as a cannot come; and unless his kingdom come, fiery dart into their souls. Do nothing that his will cannot be done on earth as it is in shall increase their cares, or arouse their heaven. But yet we will remember the ex- fears, or wound their sensitive spirits. Obey planation of them better if we talk of only them so long as you are under the parental one at a time, and begin first with what the roof; and when you leave father and mother, Lord has put foremost: Hallowed be thy listen to a mother's advice with a reverent spirit. Account a prudent mother a precious What is God's name? Has he more names gift from God, and for the possession of all than one? What is the use of a name? The the advantages which this gift affords give use of a name is to make a person known, to distinguish one person from another. Some cies, never fail to make mention of your mopeople have several names, and almost every ther. The day is coming when death will person is known by different names to differ | part you. You may be taken from her, but ent people. Your neighbors call your fa- the probability is that she will be removed ther Mr. Brown, or Mr. Smith; your cou- from you. Keep this prospect seriously be-

simply, father. A letter comes to the post- Others before me have been bereaved of office, which does not speak a word at all, prudent mothers. If children live to apprebut there is writing on the back which repre-sents his name. A lady comes to the door, inflicts never completely heals. A mother is and sends in her card to your mother. There like the central orb in a planetary system is no writing on the card, but on looking at she keeps the children together by drawing it she sees the photograph of a friend, and them unto herself. She is like the pole-star knows her name from the picture. When to a fleet at sea. The vessels may lose sight the celebrated painter, Apelles, visited the of each other, but they follow the guidance workroom of another painter, in a distant of the celestial light. The loss of a true city, and did not find him in, he would not mother is severely felt. Still you may in tell the boys in the room his name, but took measure retain her, by remembering and by up a pencil and drew a line so beautiful, that applying her lessons, as given alike by exas soon as the other painter came in and saw ample and by the words of the lip: Although it, he said, "That is the hand of Apelles." | she is gone, still keep her birthday still cele-God is known by his handiwork in the things brate her wedding day; and when you are he has made, and by his likenesses in his able, visit her grave. Every daisy upon that children of mankind, and by his letters in mound, and every blade of grass, or every the Bible, as well as by the names, Lord, letter upon that tombstone, shall echo some and God. It is a great sin to abuse any- maternal utterance, or reflect the inscriptions thing by which God makes himself known. of some maternal epistles. Has your mother You hear a great many wicked boys and passed into the skies? How nobly born are girls cursing and swearing, and taking God's name in vain. Perhaps they do not know Live in a style worthy of such parentage, that God has said, "Thou shalt not take the

ing to them, and may repent, pray God to forgive them, and cease to profane his holy plishments, and personal attractions, and yet hame; and that they may learn to worship be disqualified for the duties to which such When children gabble over their prayers tivate not that which is fine and showy, but without thinking of what they say; or when as yourselves are commonly destined. Cul-

speaking there from his word. When we prepared to be his real helper. Get prupray, Hallowed be thy name, we ask that dence—get it by careful observation—get it every body may learn to worship and reve-

darkness; you need God's Son to guide

The natural way of man is evil-dangerous,

and ruinous; you need God's Son to ransom

The way of life is often through fierce and errible storms, and you will always need God's Son to shelter and comfort you. Will not this be the case when, by the bereavement of death, your house shall become to you as a survivor, a house of mourning? And will not this be also the case when death by his impending stroke shall threaten to slay you, and to make your home a house of mourning to others? In life and in death, may Jesus Christ be our faithful friend. Amen.—Rev. D. Martin.

THE CHRISTIAN THIEF.

A remarkable discovery was lately made, upon the decease of a woman of quality, in London. Her chambers were filled with all manner of shop goods, from coal scuttles, to gold watches, which she had stolen from the

who do precisely the same thing; only they steal out of churches, instead of out of stores, and do the principal plundering on the Sabmuch as would save a whole family, but they and resolve: "I will do more to leave to my have never parted with one word of it to any children a vigorous constitution?" mortal, for fear of detection, I suppose. Their own children could never suspect they Chief-Justice Campbell was, that his employhad been to church, unless they actually ac- er seeing his dull nature, but noticing at the companied them. No word escapes them same time that when he had any thing to do. having the slightest reference to religion, he went at it promptly; and with great painseither on the way or in the house. They taking kept at it until the work in hand was must have heard an impressive sermon in done, although done painfully slow, he patyouth, from the text, Amos, vi. 10, "Hold ted him on the shoulder, always spoke cheerthy tongue, for we may not make mention of fully to him, and thus stimulated him to greathe name of the Lord." Their power of secreter activities. How many a youth at school, most arousing prayer meeting in her muff, the more patting on the shoulder. with an air of the most naive earnestness. addressed her friend as she crossed the church door with, "guess who is going to be WATCHMAN. married?"

Miscellaneous.

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BE BRIEF.

Such was the pithy advice of a greatly would fain whisper it in the ears of my fellow was immediately prepared, and his clerks teachers. Make your lessons short. Make had uniform good health ever after. teachers. Make your lessons short. Make your questions brief. Above all make your prayers brief. You have only an hour for reciting lessons, hearing catechism, reading English family became ill, and all remedies and questioning, exhortation, singing, and seemed to fail of their usual results, when devotional exercises. If you pray fifteen accidentally a window-glass of the family minutes, and if somebody addresses the room was broken, in cold weather. It was school fifteen minutes, what time is left for not repaired, and forthwith there was a other duties?

I listened last Sabbath, with great pain, to a prayer at the opening of a school, which could only be described by a word coined by the Rhemish translators, longanimity. It was a good prayer, and an earnest one, and the offerer remembered every interest of the without a teacher, trying to steal each other's caps, and cut the buttons of each other's jackets, and the class behind that was trading knives, and the infant class, was carrying on a comparison of mittens, and skating caps. Oh how I longed to pull that brother's skirt. and whisper in his ear, stop. Would not five intelligible words,—words carrying some meaning known to the children, be a more acceptable prayer from that Sabbath school, than the fifteen minute's prayer, for things which they could not possibly understand, and had no thought of asking?

Teachers, never exceed three minutes in your prayers. Every minute more is only training the children to formalism and hypo-Banner of the Covenant.

CULTURE OF COTTON.

THE Commissioner of Patents has issued a circular in which he says: "The cultiva-tion of cotton in the Free States is beginning to attract general attention. To prevent failnres in its cultivation, it is proper to remark that it is a principle in vegetable physiology that tropical plants can never be acclimated North, except by a repeated reproduction of new varieties from the seed. The attempt to acclimate the Sea Island cotton, such as is now being brought from Hilton Head. would prove a failure in any portion of the Free States.

"The only variety that is capable of successful cultivation in these sections, now seeking its introduction, is the green seed cotton, rence Gcd. Should not we ourselves then learn to do so? And ought we not to try to bring all our friends to church and Sabbath school that they may worship him also. The glorious angels in heaven worship God with great reverence. They put their wings begreat reverence. They put their wings better faces when they go to worship, and fore their faces when they go to worship, and they say, Holy! Holy! Holy! is the Lord of hosts! The whole earth is full of his solutions. The whole earth is full of his solution and selfruits, will see and portions of the such as is now being raised extensively in the treat and sea fruits, will see as the cane they say of the product of the produces the white times arrives to think of marriage, make the times arrives to think of marrives to think of marriage, make the times arrives to think of marriage, make the time times arrives to think of marriage, make the time time the times arrives to think of marriage, make the time time the time that the marrives to think of marriage, make the time time that the marrives to think of marriage, make the time time the time that the marrives to think of marriage, make the time time the time that the marrives to think of marriage the time that the marrives to think of marriage the time that the ma such as is now being raised extensively in Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and portions fresh as when first boiled from the sap, and

common temptations with their own stre n g | cal success, and that one of the difficulties and those who meet all demands and claims presenting itself is the want of pure seed. in the strength imparted by an ever-helping To meet this want the department has or-Redeemer, and who look upon all that happens dered seed from France for distribution in in the light of His love, instead of beholding the ensuing Spring. It must be borne in events as under the clouds of human ignorance and foreboding. Recognising the difference between the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ and those who do not love and trust, serve and follow Him, we ask—weask you individually—art thou one of Christ's disciples?

The way of life is often through thick developes a possible of the first of the season is so far advanced that direct important and solutions from Africa or China will be imported in the season that the same causes which have produced deterioration here exist there, and well grounded apprehensions are entertained that the seed thus imported may not be free from suspicion. Farmers, who are interested, should secure pure seed from among themselves when it is possible, as the BSOLUTELY PURE, made without the Aller and without the salies, or Baking Powders of all the Aller and the process of raising bread, all the nutritious and palatable qualities of the Flour are preserved uninpaired. It is always light and sevent interested, should secure pure seed from among themselves when it is possible, as the season is so far advanced that direct important the same causes which have produced deterioration here exist there, and well grounded apprehensions are entertained that the seed thus imported may not be free from suspicion. Farmers, who are interested, should secure pure seed from among themselves when it is possible, as the BSOLUTELY PURE, made without the fall it is baked. By this new Process of raising the difference of the Flour are preserved uninpaired. It is always light and secure pure seed from among themselves when it is possible, as the second that direct important the causes of the Flour are preserved uninpaired. The way of life is often through the causes which have produced deterioration here exist there, and well grounded apprehensions are entertained that the same causes which have produced deterioration here exists there, and well grounded apprehensions are entertained that the same causes which have produced deterioration have produced deteriora events as under the clouds of human igno- mind, however, that the same causes which tations, from Africa or China will be imprac-

THE THREE P'S. Promptitude, Perseverance, and Painstaking.

Ar the close of the last century, a poor awkward, uncouth boy entered London, but he was so long, lank, and ungainly, that he seemed fit only to be the drudge of a printing-office; run errands, bring water, sweep the floor, and the like. Already had poverty and the hardness of the world made him sour, unhopeful, and independent. Under less discouragements, many a youth has abandoned himself to an aimless life, having no higher aim than to live but for the day; or, worse still, has plunged headlong into all the extravagances and indulgences cennected with thriftlessness and crime. But the boy had vigorous health; this imparted to him a mental vim, a moral power, which soon showed itself to his employer. He was prompt, persevering and painstaking; and with these gold watches, which she had stolen from the three qualities, in spite of the fact that he shops she frequented. The shopkeepers was good at nothing, in every thing tolerable knew her monomania, and sent the bills to only, he made his patient way, step by step, her husband, who paid them. She never to the woolsack of England, and lately died, made any use of the stolen goods, never gave (worth a million of dollars,) among the most any of them away, and kept the rooms con-taining them very closely locked, lest Chief-Justice Campbell. In this case, vigorany one should see the stolen articles. She ous health was a mine of wealth; a better Dr. J. Cox, Manayunk and Roxborough imply gratified her habit of stealing things. fortune than if he had been the heir of many I know several Christian monomaniacs, thousands. And certain is it, that the world would be a happier world, and the men in it would be happier, better, and greater, if one tithe of the time, and care, and study which bath. They do not pocket the bibles and parents bestow on the accumulation of money hymn books; they only steal their contents. to leave to their children, were devoted to I have never caught any of them carryngi the physical education and training necessary off the pulpit sofa, or the church clock, but to secure a vigorous constitution. Of any they have a remarkable taste for purloin- two young men starting on the race of life, the public gospel, and hiding it where one poor but healthy, the other rich and effe-it will never be seen or heard of minate, other things being equal, the chances They must have an enormous accumulation for usefulness, honor, and a well-rememberof gospel truth by this time, for they have ed name, are manifold in favor of the former. been carrying off every Sabbath for years, as Who that reads this article will lay it down

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AIR. SUNSHINE AND HEALTH.

Hall's Journal of Health.

A NEW-YORK merchant noticed, in the progress of years, that successive book-keeper gradually lost his health, and finally died of consumption, however vigorous and robust he was on entering his service. At length it occurred to him that the little rearroom where the books were kept opened in a back-yard, so surrounded by high walls, that Such was the pithy advice of a greatly no sunshine came into it from one year's end and myself with surgeon-like skill."

The substitution of the pithy advice of a greatly no sunshine came into it from one year's end and myself with surgeon-like skill."

From Isaac D. Matiens. when introducing them to his pulpit. I to another. An upper room, well lighted,

A familiar case to general readers is derived from medical works, where an entire marked improvement in the health of the inmates. The physician at once traced the connection, discontinued his medicines, and ordered that the window pane should not be replaced.

placed.

A Erench lady became ill. The most eminent physicians of her time were called in.

my middle finger, which I had no use of for the period of six months. I cordially commend him to the suffering humanity of Philadelphia, as a skillful surgeon." nent physicians of her time were called in, church from China to the Potomac; but right in front of me, was a class of rowdy boys, without a teacher, trying to steal each other's the noticed that she lived in a dim room, into William H. Mills, Jr. which the sun never shone; the house being Rev. Walter W. Stanton, I.L. D. Samuel W. Howard, Atther lanes of Paris. He at once ordered more airy and cheerful apartments, and "all her complaints vanished.'

The lungs of a dog become tuberculated (consumptive) in a few weeks, if kept confined in a dark cellar. The most common plant grows spindly, pale, and scraggling, if no sunlight fall upon it. The greatest medical names in France, of the last century, regarded sunshine and pure air as equal agents in restoring and maintaining health. From these facts, which cannot be disputed, the most common mind should conclude that cellars, and rooms on the northern side of cellars, and the northern side of cellars, and the northern side of cellars, and the northern side of cellars, From these facts, which cannot be disputed, buildings, or apartments into which the sun does not immediately shine, should never be does not immediately shine, should never be as "This is to certify that I called on Dr. Kennedy." occupied as family-robus or chambers or as libraries or "studies." Such apartments are only fit for "stowage," or purposes which never require persons to remain in them over a few minutes at a time. And every intelligent and humane parent will arrange that the family-room and the chambers shall be the most commodious, lightest and brightest apartments in his dwelling .- Hall's Journal of Health.

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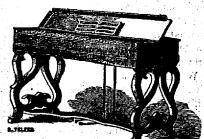
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