The Family Circle.

MARY O'CONNER. THE VOLUNTEER'S WIFE.

BY MRS. MARY A. DENISON. "An' shure I was tould to come here to your Honor To see if you'd write a few words to me Pat; He's gone for a soger, is Mister O'Connor, Wid a stripe on his arm, and a band on his hat.

"An' what'll you tell him? It ought to be aisy For such as your Honor to spake wid the pen, An' say I'm all well, and that mayourneen Daisy (The Baby, your Honor,) is betther again.

"For when he went off, it's so sick was the childer
She niver held up her blue eyes to his face,
And when I'd be cryin', he'd look but the wilder,
And say, would I wish for the country's disgrace?

"So he left her in danger, and me sorely greeting, And followed the flag wid an Irishman's joy; Oh! it's often I drame of the great drums a beating, And a bullet gone straight to the heart of me boy.

"And say will be send me a bit of his money,
For the his and the doctor's bill, due in a week?
Well, surely shere's tears on your eyelashes, honey
Ahlfrith, I've no right wid such freedom to speak

"You're overmuch trifling—I'll not give you trouble?
I'll find some one willin'—Oh! what can it be?
What's that in the newspaper folded up double?
Yer Honor—don't hide it—but read it to me.

"What! Patrick O'Connor? no, no, it's some other; Dead! dead! no, not him: 'tis a week scarce gone by; Dead! dead! why, the kiss on the cheek of his mother, It hasn't had time yet, yer Honor, to dry.

"Don't tell me—it's not him—O God! am I crazy?
Shot dead! oh! for love of sweet heaven, say no!
An' what'll I do in the world wid poor Daisy?
Oh! how will I live; and oh! where will I go?

"The room is so dark—I'm not seein' your Honor; I—think—I'll go home'"—and a sob quick and dry Came sharp from the bosom of Mary O'Conner, But never a toardrop welled up to her eye,

SABBATH MORNING'S LESSON.

"On dear! Sabbath morning is the busiest and most wearisome morning of the whole week. I rise earlier than usual, but with five children to prepare for Sabbath school. and dinner to lay out and myself to prepare for church, I declare, it's too much." Such was the desponding exclamation of Mrs. May, as she closed her book, while three little ones entered the room in riotous, childish haste. calling on Mamma, "to get them ready for Sabbath school."

"Oh well, wife, I wouldn't worry," said Mr. May, who with faultless shirt-bosom and collar, white stockings and slippers, was very comfortably reclining in an easy chair, read
"I would'nt was made this morning. She watched them

short reply. "That's just as much as men know of a woman's work." "You have nothing on earth to do on Sabbath morning but dress yourself ready for church, and wait and read till the bells ring,-dress themselves! a pretty looking set they would be if they dressed themselves! Come here, Charlie, till I brush your hair."

Mr. May returned to his paper very calmly, "Emily is not usually so fretful," was his mental conclusion. "Perhaps she does not feel very well: at all events I can do nothing, and had better keep quiet." But the little ones were bounding round at

a great rate, making that noise and confusion that all children will, especially if they are in a hurry. "Mamma, where are my shoes?" "Mamma, I can't tie my apron." "Please brush my hair, Mamma," seemed to resound on all sides, in the ears of the hurried mother, as she vainly attempted to meet all their wants at the same moment. She really did not feel very well, and, somehow, she had on this particular morning. She knew that about my dress; thank you, mamma." How she was disposed to be fretful and unreasonable, but she lacked strength to check and control herself—perhaps she forgot to appeal for strength to that Source from whence it ever flows freely.

The little ones were not half ready when another presented herself at the door, looking quite surprised at the hurry.
"Ella, why are you not preparing for Sabbath school?" demanded the mother,

"don't you know it is almost time?" "I was reading my Sabbath school book,

and forgot what time it was," "That is like you. You are always forgetting and loitering. I believe you would never be ready for school if I did not watch

and hurry you. Put your book right away and dress yourself." The happy face of the child was clouded

in an instant; she had been reading a beautiful story, and was in a happy and gentle mood, but the words and tone of the mother dispelled it, and she slowly and unwillingly laid it aside. Mrs. May noticed this, and while in her heart she felt that she was at fault, and while she knew that she ought to check and control her temper, by a strange inconsistency that we all experience, at the very moment that this conviction was forcing itself upon her, it seemed only to aggravate and increase her vexation.

"Mamma, may I have this handkerchief?" cried Charlie, turning round from a drawar into which he had been diving: "Let me see; you have gotten my very

best handkerchief, and rumpled it all up-who told you to go info my drawer? Bid I ever see such children?" and Mrs. May thrust the handkerchiefs back, and locked the drawer.

"Oh, mamma, I can't wear this dress You know I tore it last week, and you forgot to mend it." It was Ella who was

Mrs. May jerked the dress around very ungraciously. "I never saw such a child to ing baked it becomes bread,—leaven is yeast, tear clothes as you are; I ought to make you Now you want to find out how God's control stay at home why didn't you mend it your or rule is like leaven or yeast. Have you self, or bring it to me yesterday?"

"Well, I suppose you will have to wear yeast? All round the sides? No, for it your blue delaine, but I expect nothing else would adhere to the pan, she couldn't mix it

lenough trouble to work for you all without having such a clamor. Do you hear?" Mr. May had taken occasion to slip out of the room; he did not like noise and confusion, especially on Sabbath morning. This Mrs. May noted, and it did not serve to soothe her; "little trouble he has about it." "I wonder what the children would look like if he had charge of them! I suppose they might look like little Hottentots for all the difference it would make to him."

Similar expressions of impatience—similar ones and looks were continued throughout the hurried toilets of the children, so that by the time they were dressed, every little face was clouded—all were in a bad humor—and more than one little face was wet with tears: and when, finally, the last bonnet was tied, and the last cloak or shawl fastened, Mr. May entered with the inquiry, "Why in such a hurry? its too early by half an

"Oh, mamma, I will have time to look for ny Sabbath school book-I am sure I laid t down in this room when I came in," said

What was it that made Mrs. May, instead of granting the request, say, shortly, "No said you should not hunt for it any more. You must learn to have a place for your ooks?"

Ella began to cry, "but, mamma, I can't get another until I return that one, and I want one to read this afternoon." "Not another word—go out to the sitting

room, every one of you, and wait till time to go;" and the mother opened the door and waited till the room was vacated, and then closing it, she sat down. She was far from happy—she heard the children quarreling over something in the sitting room, and she mentally exclaimed—"I am the cause of this. I am the one who should be reprimanded and punished. Can I expect my children to control their tempers and be amiable and good, when I am so easily overcome;" then arose an evil apologist; I was so tired -I wanted a little rest so much-I wanted to get a few moments to read in peace—to meditate in quiet—"nay," answered the better monitor, "is it not of more importance that those little souls who are given to your keeping and charge be led gently and tenderly—that they have a good example set before them—than that you should meditate? And, after all, what is the ultimate end of reading and meditation, if it be not to prepare you to fullfill, faithfully, all these

little duties as well as the greater ones of life?" Mrs. May was convinced, but she was not yet ready to acknowledge her error, or make reparation. She heard the children start off ing his religious newspaper. "I would'nt worry,—why can't the children dress them-"It's very easy for you to say so," was how ill-suited was their frame of mind to receive religious instruction. "Miserable and weak mother that I am," she exclaimed, I deserve that my little children be taken from

> A few moments had passed when she heard the front door open, and the clatter of little feet. Her heart gave a sudden bound, and she sprang to the door to meet there the most forlorn and frightened set of little faces, Ella stood in front holding up to view her dress torn half across the front and soiled with mud; the explanation was here land had fallen, and the dress was almost ruined. Why, Ella, how in the world?"-and then she checked herself.

Indeed, mamma, I couldn't help it," said poor Ella-tears standing in her eyes-"the streets are so slippery, and I was leading Charlie and Nannie.

"Well, well, slip off your dress and put on this one," I think you will still be early enough. That dress is so thin I don't wonder it tore, did you hurt yourself?

"Oh, no, dear mamma, but I was so sorry different were the child's words and tones from a few moments before.

"There now, its all right again; here's your shawl-and here, I found your Sabbath school book. Now you are all ready

again." What a transformation. Mrs. May could hardly refrain from tears. How happy and glad looked all the little ones as they smilingly contended for the last kiss. "Goodbye, mamma,"-"good-bye"-echoed back in loving, happy tones from the little group that now were dancing up street in such contrast to that of a few moments before. Oh the sweet forgiveness and innocence of childhood! -they dreamed not that they were the offended instead of the offenders.

Mrs. May turned from the window and began to prepare for church. "It is not alone from books and sermons that lessons are to be learned," thought she, and the tears stood in her eyes. "May God grant that I may long remember the lesson, I have learned this morning, 'that he that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city. I have seen how my words and actions extend to. and influence my children. May I not only teach them henceforward by precept merely, but by example, to be tender and kindly affectioned one to another, and never never. may I chafe and fret their young spirits by my own harshness and fretfulness."

Are there not many mothers who should learn this same lesson?—Pres. Witness. [Yes, and fathers too-great as is the responsibility of mothers in this direction, it is not all to be laid upon them. Let fathers see to it that mothers have their active sympathy in the care of the family, and that their influence tells for good upon the little ones.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE LEAVEN.

You have often seen yeast, you know that it is used to make dough light before by beever watched any person make bread. "Yes" self, or bring it to me yesterday:

"You know, mamma," pleaded Ella, "that
I did want to mend it, but you said I could little boys. Well, when your mother had prepared the flour where did she pour the

than that it will be torn to pieces before you well, it would probably form a hard crust

as though they had received the severest punishment.

"Hush up this instant, or I will punish you severely," exclaimed Mrs. May, setting Nannie hard down on a chair. "I have will do so. And very soon it will be visible to all your friends that you are one of God's women are sewing and knitting for our soldiers, garments by the thousand being given lize more profit from an acre of cane than he without thought of reward. The very atmolerance of cane than he severest to all your friends that you are one of God's women are sewing and knitting for our soldiers, garments by the thousand being given lize more profit from an acre of cane than he lize more profit from an acre of corn.

Nannie hard down on a chair. "I have because you watch your feet, that they do sphere is radiant with patriotism; the chil-

not walk with children who break the holy dren fill the air with strai our national Sabbath day, or who profane God's holy and songs; every banner is a ment; heavy blessed name? Will it be because you watch rifled cannon are looked as something your hands that they do not fight, or that endeared to us, and our naval castles they shall not take anything that is not are our pride and joy. Er was every yours? Will it be because you watch your lips, that no angry or wicked words pass them? I think not—it is too much like having the yeast put round the edge of the flour. If

receive God's Holy Spirit in your heart, your hands, and eyes, and feet, will never want to do wrong. They are only the instruments thon, or when Leonidas at the Pass of with which the heart works.

hands and feet, and not by really loving God is now... with your heart, you will not have God's help and blessing, so you will soon grow tired and fall back into the old way. So now, dear children, all of you who sing, "I want to be like Jesus," begin at once, begin this hour to pray to God, to come and

rule in your hearts, and give you grace to be loyal subjects of His kingdom, loving Him who yielded up His blessed Son to die for you, and "who will with Him freely give you all things," loving Him I say, more than father or mother, more than anything else, more than all things else, and He will love and care for you, through time and in eternity. ALICE PALMER.

Miscellaneous.

THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

We extract the following graphic passage rom a late speech of the excentric yet successful American in England, George F. Train.

"I have often read descriptions of the wholesale game hunting of some lands—the sportsman surrounds the woodland for miles and beats steadily up to the centre—where the rattle of rifles deals death and destruction on every side. Such is now the Federal

"No better analogy can be found than that of the Bastile prisoner who was placed in an elegant apartment, with light, and fruit, and flowers. His punishment seemed a luxury, till one day he imagined that, while the proportions of his apartment were the same, the oom had lessened in size. Again he looked, and sure enough there was a change. Where is the wonderful machinery? Pale with doubt—listening with suspense—each day he noticed the contraction of the walls. Closer and closer they came—shutting out window after window—but no hand was seen, no noise neard—all was as still as death. His doom was sealed. An inch to-day, another to-morwas sealed. An inch to-day, another to-mor-row—one grip of the four walls, and all was over. The man was presed to death foot by foot—inch by inch, and he knew not from to the amount of 171 gains, or 75 cents, to hence emanated the secret power that crushed him! So is it with this ungodly revolution. Little by little-step by step-battalion by battalion—the camp is being surrouned-and another mail may bring the startling news of the death-knell of treason."

THE SLIME OF THE SERPENT.

The pestilent doctrine that the African aces were destined by Divine Providence to the more civilized people—in a word, that involuntary servitude is, perhaps, the lot best adapted to their lower organization, is stealthily finding its way over from the Southern States of America and creeping into shelter among ourselves. We will not stoop to argue the question it involves, We thought the convictions of Englishmen upon it were settled years ago. And yet such organs as the Saturday Review and the London Review scruple not, by their tone of writing, to give countenance to the slave theory, or, at any rate, to the physiological assumptions upon which it rests, in all the references they make to the subject. It looks as though the planting interest were feeling its way back to the British mind, and insinuating its vile notions and its still viler sentiments into every accessible channel of public opinion. The overflow of the Southern element occasioned by the upheavings of the civil war appears to be already leaving a slimy deposit in quarters in which we should, not long since, have blushed to look for it. If we do not take heed we shall require another Clarkson and Wilberforce amongst us. Depravation of sentiment is marvelously easy and rapid, save when a nation is on its guard.—British Nonconformist.

NOT A FAILURE.

From a fine article in the Pres. Quar. Review for January we extract the following as a response to the hasty and ungenerous outery of English aristocrats that the republic has failed:

"The twenty millions of the North this day are as obedient to the law as any twenty other localities the proportion is generally millions on earth, and need far less force to keep them in order than the inhabitants of he British Isles. What means this trash because certain slaveholders have rebelled against a Government that was only too mild and gentle towards them? We should like to hear the laugh of derision that would break from Massachusetts to California, over everything within its walls, or that there was the mountains of Pennsylvania and the prai- a want of the utmost careful the use of vesries of Illinois, at the suggestion that, republicanism being a failure, we had better set up some English cockney as our King! The bubble burst, indeed! Does not New York stand shoulder to shoulder with Indiana? Is nig's workmen had washed out gold from the not Vermont side by side with Oregon? Is sands of the river Delaware; and a French not Michigan encamped close by Pennsyl- writer affirms that there is a trace of gold in vania? Does one Northern State hold back the sands of the Rhine. its contingent? Do they not volunteer from mountain and plain, valley and stream, city and village? What solitary State is backward? Name it! Such an army of volunteers never sprang on foot in eight months since the world began. And if Congress burst! Why twenty millions of people are moved by a single impulse.

Not one of them can raise his eyes to our She pours it right in the centre of the flour until the mass has the yeast tumbler of water, each declaring that a drink was indispensable at that immediate moment.

It ended by spilling the water over Namie's learns of all people, are like the flour, good in itself, but they thought it was dreadful, so unusul was it, and both screamed and cried as though they had received the severest punishment.

She pours it right in the centre of the flour until the mass has the yeast tumbler of water, each declaring that a drink was indispensable at that immediate moment.

She pours it right in the centre of the flour and gradually works it in, hiding it, as it two hours ride from Philadelphia, by or of other matrix; but by what natural process, and for what final cause, these fine particles should be thus diffused, seems quite for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared thoroughly for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared the eachers. There is no thought or feeling upon us but an infinite spontaneity of patriotism. In Philadelphia cause, these fine particles should be thus diffused, seems quite for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared thoroughly for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared theroughly for College or Business. German, French and Spanish the infinite spontaneity of patriotism. In Philadelphia cause, these fine particles should be thus diffused, seems quite for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared thoroughly for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared thoroughly for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared theroughly for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared theroughly for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared theroughly for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared theroughly for College or Business. Boys and young men prepared there is going into the very midst of danger.

Now your hearts of all people, are like the flour, good for Christ's sake to come and rule in your fear to see up His kingdom there, He will American flag without having them dimmed

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NATURAL DISSEMINAN OF GOLD.

[A FRIEND who was insted in the article, "Philadelphia Builton Gold," in a recent number of our parhas handed us a recent number of our the recent we will knght, S. E. corner Fourth and Willows treets.

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known that this was octionally round contain gold in larger or aller proportions, according to the various calities. But inasmuch as there is real to believe that John Heebner, Main st., (between Swede and Cherry) every variety of galena argentiferous, it seemed an interesting intry whether gold, as well as silver, is sure be found in the same association. Our kaminations have gone far enough to warnt the belief that such is the case; thoughhis fact could not so well have been ascerthed until the manufacture of assay balaes had arrived at its present state of perction. The state-ment of a few results wibe interesting.

The galena ores from lodes of Kansas, in the famous region Pike's Peak, concerning which so many xtravagant statements have been made, ally show but little silver so far. The best according to our notes, was found to comin seven parts in ten thousand of silver, all one part in eighty thousand of gold; amouting to 27½ dollars of silver, and 7½ dollars f gold to the ton of FINE Coral, Lava, and Carbuncle Jewelry, in Etru-

Coming nearer home and omitting further

The most curious result was obtained from the galena of New Britan, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where gdd was found in the its metalic and commercial shape, we find the Spanish bar lead, which is sufficiently free from precious metals to be used as an agent in our Mint assays, contains 12 grains of gold to the ton, or one part in about 1,170,-

The next inquiry was, whether other me tals, especially those which are commonly considered to be naturally unaccompanied

with gold, were absolutely so. with gold, were absolutely so.

Copper was tried in various forms. A cent of 1822, the material for which was imported from England, showed gold equal to one part in 14,500; which is one cent's worth in 20 cents. An English half-penny showed a like trace of gold. A cent of 1843, of American few weeks ago, and he operated on my feet to my entire satisfaction. material, was found to contain one cent's worth of gold in 14 cents. This result brings 1814. In that year, as was idly reported, the melters at the Mint carelessly emptied some gold into a pot of copper, from which the cents were coined. It gave some trouble at the counter of the Mint for many years afterwards, in consequence of numerous in-

Lake Superior copper is perhaps as free from gold as any, yet is not absolutely so. A trial of 30 grammes showed a quantity not sufficient to affect sensibly a delicate assay

balance. Adverting to other metals, it is well known Adverting to other metals, it is well known torney at law. Major Comstock. that silver is never found in nature quite free Clopole Stevens, Pharma Mrs. W. Partridge, Walfrom gold. In the Lake Superior silver there is a mere trace, as also in the silver of the southwestern region of South America. In

greater, though very various. A specimen of metallic antimony was found to contain gold, one part in 440,000. In bisthen about the republican bubble being burst muth, the gold amounted to one part in 400,-000. A specimen of zinc proved to be absolutely free from gold; a result which may relieve some minds of the suspicion that the very atmosphere of the Mint imparts gold to

sels and reagents in these operations. We have inquired but little into the researches of other experimenters in this line. Some years ago it was stated that Mr. Len-

When we consider the uses to which this noble metal is providentially adapted and wisely applied, we cannot but wonder at the apparent waste or misplacement by which so much is irrecoverably lost; and, to all appearance, had as well not been made. Perwant an army as large as that of Xerxes, haps such inscrutable mysteries in the realm they have only to say the word. The bubble of nature may help us to submit to other difficulties in other parts of the Divine order and government. Of this we may be confi dent, that the atoms of gold are homogene ously and equably dispersed through the clay or other matrix; but by what natural pro-

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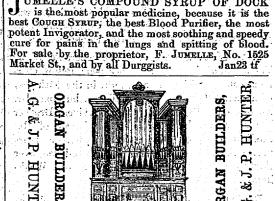
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