## The Family Circle.

#### Freedom.

BY WILLIAM C. BRYANT.

THE following lines, written some years ago, derive a new force from the terrible trials of our day, through which the nation has to pass to secure and perpetuate its freedom-:

O Freedom! thou art not, as poets dream A fair young girl, with light and delicate limbs. And wavy tresses gushing from the cap With which the Roman master crowned his slave, When he took off the gyves. A bearded man, Armed to the teeth, art thou. One mailed hand thick as spatters;" but Johnny did not en-

Glorious in beauty though it be, is scarred With tokens of old wars; thy massive limbs Are strong with struggling. Power at thee has

heaven. Merciless Power has dug thy dungeon deep, And his swart armorers by a thousand fires Have forged thy chains; yet, while he deems

The links are shivered, and the prison walls Fall outward. Terribly thou springest forth, As springs the flame above a burning pile, And shoutest to the nations, who return Thy shoutings, while the pale oppressor flies.

Thy birthright was not given by human hands: Thou wert twin-born with man. In pleasan

While yet our race was few, thou sat'st with him, To tend the quiet flock, and watch the stars, And teach the reed to utter simple airs. Thou by his side, amid the tangled wood, Didst war upon the panther and the wolf—Your only foes; and thou with him didst draw The earliest furrows on the mountain side, Soft with the Deluge. Tyranny himself, Thy enemy, although of reverend look, Hoary with many years, and far obeyed, Is later born than thou; and as he meets The grave defiance of thine elder eye, The usurper trembles in his fastnesses.

Thou shalt wax stronger with the lapse of years. But he shall fade into a feebler age-Feebler, yet subtler. He shall weave his snares And spring them on thy careless steps, and clap His withered hands, and from their ambush call His hordes to fall upon thee. He shall send Quaint maskers, forms of fair and gallant mien, To catch thy gaze, and uttering graceful words To charm thy ear; while his sly imps by stealth Twine round thee threads of steel-light thread on

That grow to fetters—or bind down thy arms With chains concealed in chaplets. O! not yet Mayst thou unbrace thy corslet, or lay by Thy sword, nor yet, O Freedom! close thy lids In slumber; for thine enemy never sleeps, And thou must watch and combat till the day Of the new earth and heaven.

#### HOW JOHNNY WADE GOT FOUND OUT.

beechnuts are just as thick as spatters," said age, had also scattered a harvest of the dainty, three-sided, little nuts, all through the fessed before long. I know he would somebeds of crisp leaves. The squirrels were time, for he was the child of many prayers. having a fine time of it. Every stone wall and held in his wayward heart a host of nowas alive with them; and they were all, according to Johnny, "just as fat as butter." found him out in a curious way.

No tender-hearted mother could refuse to let her boy go after beechnots, when they were "as thick as spatters;" so it was settled, as early as Monday morning, that find there to eat. I must go up and see." ternoon, provided it was pleasant.

Johnny was a bright, chunky, well-looking lad of thirteen. He was better than a great many boys of his age; but not so good as he might have been, as my story will prove. He loved out of door life, as much as he hated confinement. One snuff of fresh air would set him to frisking like a young colt. He had been dirty and ragged ever since he could creep. Cloth would not stick to him. but mud would. Everybody liked him; and everybody expected Johnny Wade to be out at the elbows, and have a rent in his trowsers. He never went through a gate or pair of bars, when he could jump over the fence; nor passed by a good sized tree, without a cloth-tearing spring or two at it.

No wonder then that a holiday was so delightful to him; that his young blood bounded at thought of one whole day of fun and from. He watched the weather narrowly his hankerchief into bits. His sin had found Friday, the sun smiled benignantly on his plans. Little bags of imaginary beechnuts got strewn amongst his books; and visions of well-stored squirrels' nests, intefered sadly with some of his school affairs.

Friday night came at last, cool and fair; but with a circle around the moon, which Bridget told Johnny looked very much like

"The old fool," muttered Johnny; but went to bed feeling a little uncomfortable as to his morrows prospects. He was waked up pears in the Independent. It is doubtless in the night by the dismal pattering of rainstorm against his windows. "It's a burning Beecher: shame," exclaimed Johnny, "I'll go if it As I write, the birds are holding forth in rains guns," and worked himself into such a musical babble, the children are chirping fare, so intent was he upon his purpose.

shouted in one breath, to Bridget.

said Mrs Wade, after she had properly re- a pair of horses. He holds ten acres in the buked him. "Why not?" asked Johnny, sulkily. "Because the ground is thoroughly drenched with water; you have already a tering machine. The long scissors-knife is pointment.

| rado of his week-day visions. His mother . | pitched into the swath without a root. Alas! sat near by, quietly sewing. "Hard-hearted, cross as a hear," whispered Johnny. The sunshine, in the distant grove beckoned to him, and the bared beech twigs told of stores beneath. "Yes, I'll go," he said a second time, and looked very wicked and wilful.

He did go; went in this wise. He asked his mother to let him call over to Nurse Wilson's who lived in a little cottage, half a mile away. To this she readily consented; and gave him a warm pair of hose to carry to her. Johnny did his errand, stopped a little while with the old lady, and then stole through bypaths down to the grove.

Grasps the broad shield, and one the sword; thy joy the sight of them as much as he expected. None of the boys, whom he had invited were there—the leaves were wet and dirty he had nothing but his handkerchief to put his nuts in; and, then he was so lonely, so His bolts, and with his lightnings smitten thee.

They could not quench the life thou hast from or a twig broke, he started and looked around, as if he were afraid; and altogether he acted as if he was beginning to be heartily sorry for what he was about. He worked briskly, however, and before long, with the help of a squirrel's hoard, had gotten together a couple of quarts—as many as his handkerchief could hold.

But dear me, what, a time he had getting them home. He could not carry them into the house, and he did not know where to put them. The way of the transgressor is hard. Well, finally, he left them behind some currant bushes, in the garden, until after tea, when he slipped out, and managed to smuggle them into his own own room. He answered all his mother's questions about Nurse Wilson, and went to bed undetected. But he could not sleep. He was a liar, and had that hateful bundle of beechnuts under his bed. What could he do with it? It must not stay there, for Bridget would find it in the morn-

He lay awake a long while, planning and contriving, when a thought struck him, that he could tuck it away under the eaves of the garret. So his guilty conscience waked him up very early the next morning; and he stole by twilight, with his bag of beechnuts, up into the garret, where he hid it away under the eaves.

Do you suppose his troubles were ended then? By no means. I do not know how much that bundle of beechnuts weighed at first; but this I am sure of, that it kept growing heavier and heavier, by arithmetical ratio, until it weighed a great many tons upon Johnny's heart. He did not know where to put them at first; and then he did not know what to do with them. He could not eat them for they were bitter with the remembrance of a great sin. There they lay snugly stowed away, under the garret eaves, out of the sight of every eye but One. Johnny never went near them, but he felt that they were there; and their weight, together with the hard cough he had gotten in the cold woods, made him a sorry boy indeed. Johnny lacked moral courage, it was hard Johnny Wade. Sure enough they were. for him to say no, and harder still for him to The winds, which had robbed the forest trees confess a fault. So he lived two whole of their wealth of of gold and crimson foli- weeks weighed down with a terrible burden. I cannot say that he would not have con-

> ble traits. Be this as it may, Providence "The mice are making themselves very merry over something in the garret," remarked Mrs. Wade, one morning at the breakfast table. "I cannot imagine what they can Johney's cheek tingled. His biscut almost choked him. My beechnuts, thought he, I must get them down some time to-day. He did not get a chance before school, and I will assure you he did not learn his lessons very well that forenoon. Indeed he had been falling back in his classes ever since that fatal Saturday. His teacher reprimanded him. and Johnny went home terribly out of humor. As soon as he opened the parlor door, he saw that something had happened. His mother's eyes were red with weeping, and his father,

who was sitting by, looked very sober. "Come here my son," said Mrs. Wade. Johnny went up to her, like a criminal. "Are these yours?" she asked, taking from her workbasket a newspaper full of beechnut shells, and shreds of white cotton. "Yes ma'am," faltered Johnny. The little mice

Nor do I think Johnny was sorry. He had suffered so much already, he was glad to be brought near his dear mother once more, even through the painful confession of falsehood and disobedience. - Student and School-

# THE MOWING MACHINE AND THE BOB-

THE following letter from the country apfrom the pen of the editor, Rev. H. W.

fret, that he did not get to sleep again until about, and various sounds of labor are giving almost morning. When he awoke, the sun bass to these lighter sounds. There goes was streaming brightly across his bed; and Mr. Turner, on his mowing-machine, riding the room looked as warm and cheery as in a like a prince in his chariot. It is one of Alglad day of June. "Only a shower after all. len's best, and good enough. Two great I shall go now," and Johnny; and hopped white horses walk off with it. Rode like a out of bed, and got ready for breakfast much prince, did I say? Why not? Every blade quicker than he ought to have done. The of grass bows down to him as he comes. The rest of the family had eaten long before; and daisies fall before him. Red-top, timothy, Johnny hardly stopped to taste his rather cold blue grass, red clover, coreopsis, and other chance weeds, make obeisance to him, as "Get my thick boots and my mittens, and round andround the lothe rides in state, king a quart, and a great bag, and a lunch," he of grass and grain! It is a strange victory over the meadow that is wrought out by mow-"I must say you're a nice young man, to ing-machines! The poetry of the mower is be after ordering me about at this rate. So all dashed. The musical whetting of his get 'em yerself will ye," exclaimed the in-dignant Bridget. Johnny flew in a passion at were the machine cannot go, and whacks up once; and fell upon her rather sharply with the tangled and lodged spots. Once, hayingtime was the agony of the year. The farmer Just then his mother made her appearance was held at the mercy of men and weather. at the door, and bade him come into the par- Now, what cares he for men? His machine lor. "No beechnutting to-day my son," epitomizes ten men at the wages of one and

hard cold, and you will be liable to add to it hidden in the grass. The swath is cut apby handling the wet leaves." Johnny did parently without an instrument. The grass not teaze. He knew that it would be of no rolls over toward the machine as if it were a avail, for his mother always meant what she fluid, and followed the wake of the machine said. But for all that his submission was as waves rollastern of steam-boats. The air only a show. That two miles excursion had is cool and bright. The grass is wet with been as dear a project to him as a tour to yesterday's rain and night dew. It sparkles Europe might have been to a middle-aged with million drops of water winking at the brain. His heart was fierce with disap- sun. I like labor! Haying, especially, is very pleasant! It does not tire me to walk "I'll go, I'll be hanged if I won't," he on this smooth cut path, nor to look at the

I fear that there is a root. If the stalk shall never find it again, I fear that I shall! These insidious burrowing, creeping, ramifying, spreading, climbing, propagating, and immortal thistle-roots !--oh, why were they not put on the gladiolus, or the larkspur, or on some tender flower of much glory, whose hold on life we anxiously watch and nurse! What tough roots evil has in this world, while goodness can hardly be made to hold on to the

Here is a Mrs. Bobolink, who has sailed around me for the last ten minutes, alighting on the ground, with nervous tilting of tail and half flutter of wings. Now she springs into the air, and sails to yonder apple-tree. Her black and white draped husband sits waiting for her. There is evidently a nest hidden in this grass, and younglings! Poor thing, your wiles and arts are now all against you. You would draw me away from the right spot, when you should show it to me. I would protect it. A stake and a little grove of grass should remain to hide your young till they can fly. But, now, I cannot imagine where and flying, and jumping from one blade of grass to another, and trillings and exclamations, serve only to make the doom inevitable! See the inexorable machine is coming! Fool! to sit on that twig singing "pitt-ee," "pitt-ee!" I know it is a pity, but it can't think I have a prejudice against your husband because he wears a black coat! None in the world! It is because he changes his coat that I blame him! Here he comes to the North, in May, with a black coat faced with white, a great friend of both races, and fa-Few birds do that. That may be called improvisation. He cannot hold his peace. Out of the abundance of his heart he singeth, and can lose no time.

And yet, no sooner has he reared his little black left, but a russet brown-changes his ny dear Mrs. Bobolink, I don't blame you. You stick to your colors, North and South. believe that you are a dutiful, faithful, and six hundred thousand souls. affectionate wife, and I would take hold and are they?

the nest, and left you desolate. You know are employed between the United States and it, I see. Your flutter is stopped. You are Russia, while 490 vessels, with correspond-

mute. I am sorry for you. and hopes. Time carries an unwhetted beam eight consuls besides. \* of knives, that seem never to grow dull by cures some. Some it nourishes and increases. there of whatever ill they had.

## A LAMB ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

On the battle-field at Pittsburg Landing was a flock of sheep. During the battle the the lost and missing after the battle. It was the only one of the flock seen by our army it had lost its mother, returned to the pas- a treaty of commerce. \* \* \* ture where the flock had been folded and fed

of bushes, where the wind did not blow. Such a request could not be refused, and the still another who is paid by fees." little, cold, shivering lamb was provided with warm place in the corner of the tent. But t seemed uneasy. It was in a strange place and among strangers, and so I prepared for it a shelter outside the tent, under some can-

get something to eat.

## Miscellaneous.

SENATOR SUMNER has sent us a copy of his speech upon the recognition of Hayti and Liberia, delivered in the Senate April 23d. The bill was passed by that body the next day and by the House June 3d. We extract 1862. a few passages from the Senator's speech upon Hayti:

"Hayti is one of the most beautiful and important islands in the world, possessing remarkable advantages in size, situation, climate, soil, productions, and mineral wealth. It is about three hundred and thirty-eight miles in length from east to west, and in breadth, from north to south, varies from one hundred and forty-five miles to seventeen. Its circumference, without including bays, measures eight hundred and fortyeight miles. Its surface, exclusive of adjacent islands, is estimated at thirty thousand five hundred and twenty-eight square miles, the little brood hides, and all your running being about the area of Ireland. In size it is so considerable as to attract attention among the islands of the world. In situation it is commanding being at the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico and within easy reach of all the islands there. In climate, it is sal-It spares nothing. Tell me, is the nest along the edge? It will shear a yard's depth close. of all the islands there. In climate, it is saltured by sea breezes. In soil it is rich with tropical luxuriance; various with mountains and be helped, if you will not show me! You plains; watered by various rivers, and dotted with lakes. In productions, it is abundant beyond even the ordinary measure of such favored regions. The mountains yield ma-hogany, satinwood, and lignumvitæ, while the plains yield all the bountiful returns of the tropics, including bananas, oranges, pinemous in his public prelections. To hear him apples, coffe, cocoa, sugar, indigo, and cotdiscourse you would think him a very en- ton. Among the minerals are gold, silver, ton. Among the minerals are gold, silver, platinum, mercury, copper, iron, sulphur, and several kinds of precious stones. Such, in brief, is the physical character of this wonderful island, which, like Ireland, is a west also, on board of any of the regular line of Steamers on the Mississippi or Ohio rivers. thusiast for liberty! He sings on the wing. platinum, mercury, popper, iron, sulphur, and several kinds of precious stones. Such,

"Originally discovered by Christopher family of bobolinks, amid Northern institu- Columbus, who named it Hispaniola, or little tions, than off he goes to the rice swamps of Spain, this island was for a long time among Carolina, and the reeds and fens of the South- the most valued possessions of Spain, from vest, and changes his coat-not a feather of which Power it passed to France. Throwiug off the Government of the latter country, oice, and his very name—and, as a sober it has for nearly sixty years maintained its in rice bird, conforms to the society of Southern dependence before the world, and performed latitudes. Where are all your high-flown honorably all its duties in the family of naspeeches now ?—for shame on you! But, tions. The republic of Hayti once embraced the whole of the island. At present it occupies a portion only, with a population of "Hayti, in the exports which she receives

help you out of this danger, and all the little from us, stands next to Russia. The exports future turncoats in your nest, if you will stop to Hayti are, \$2,673,682, while those to your deluding ways, and come right to the Russia amount to \$2,744,219. But the im point. For the last time, I ask you, where ports from Hayti are \$2,062,723, while those from Russia are only \$1,532,190. In the It is too late! Even while I was expostu- number of vessels employed Hayti is much ating to you, the blade had cut sheer across the most important to us. Only 88 vessels iug tonnage, are employed between the Uni-But you are not alone in your misery. ted States and Hayti. So that, in the im-Just so are we poor wretches cut down every portance of commercial relations, Hayti day by inexorable laws that come driving stands above Russia, where we have always right along over hidden nests. The great been represented by a minister plenipotenglobe itself is but a huge rolling machine that tiary of the highest class, with a secretary of shears off to the very root myriads of plans legation and have at this moment no less than

"The exports to Austria, (including Venshearing all things. Men and cities, and ice,) where we are represented by a minister nations and generations go down before it, plenipotentiary of the first class, with a secand there is no escape. And did you expect, retary of legation, and four consuls are less O poor birdie, to escape? Men have no ad- than one half of our exports to Hayti, while vantage over you. They, too, are made de-solate as in a moment. Nay; you will for-45, being 450 less than in our commerce with solate as in a moment. Nay; you will forget your trouble by to-morrow. Your troubles are only for a day. One sleep will broad on you, and you will be well. Alas!

45, being 450 less than in our commerce with A daily line of Stages leaves Oxford, via Hopewell, to Peach Bottom, on the arrival of the morning train. Returning, leaves Peach Bottom, to connect at Oxford with the afternoon train for Philadelphia. bles are only for a day. One sleep will represented also by a minister of the first brood on you, and you will be well. Alas! class, with a secretary of legation and five men's sorrows will not cure so easily. Time consuls, are still less than those to Austria.

"Hayti, in this scale of commerce and There is but one hospital, in which all can navigation, stands above Sweden, Turkey, get well. It is the grave. All are healed Central America, Portugal, the Papal States, Japan, Denmark, Prussia, and Ecuador, where we are represented by ministers resident. It also stands above the Sandwich Islands, where we are represented by a commissioner. Out of these countries there are several whose united commerce with the Unilock became scattered; most of them being is the case with Turkey, Portugal, Denmark, ted States is inferior to that of Hayti. This ither killed or lost in the surrounding and Prussia, which altogether do not equal

"Our exports to Turkey in Europe and on the ground where the two armies had Turkey in Asia combined are nearly two fought. The old sheep, frightened by the noise of battle, the firing of musketry and this Mohammedan Government we have felt cannon, ran away. But this little lamb when it important within a few weeks to negotiate

"Perhaps the comparison betwee Hayti and the Sandwich Islands is the most instruc-It was on a field where many had fallen tive. Both are islands, independent in govn battle, and where they now lie buried in ernment. Hayti has a population of 600,000; soldier's grave, each with only a small the Sandwich Islands have a population of board at the head containing the name, age, little more than 70,000. The exports to can be allowed to agents. regiment, and company of the dead, with the Hayti, as we have already seen, are \$2,673,time of his death. Here this little lost lamb 382, while the exports to the Sandwich Iswas seen wandering around from day to day, lands are only \$748,462. And the difference all alone and crying for its mother, but no in navigation is as great. In commerce with mother answered its cry. When night came, Hayti there are 489 ships, with an aggregate it would try to find some warm place to lie of 82,360 tons, while in commerce with the lown in till morning; perhaps on the lee side, Sandwich Islands there are only 85 ships, s sailors say, of a fence, or stump, or clump with an aggregate of 35,368 tons. And yet, f bushes, where the wind did not blow. During a hard rain storm it came to the commerce, and inferior navigation, we are door of my tent, and, bleating very mourn-fully, asked, as well as it could, if it might of \$7,500, one consul with a salary of \$4000, come in and stay there through the storm. another consul with a salary of \$3000, and

## DANIEL WEBSTER ON OBLIGATION.

A FEW years before his death, the great vas, in a place by itself. Here it remained statesman of New England, having a large until after the storm, and then went away to party of friends dining with him at Marshfield, was called on by one of the party, as After this, the lamb found a shelter under they became seated at the table, to specithe eaves of a corn-crib, where it came for a fy what one thing he had met with in his while to lie down at night. This was its life which had done most for him, or contrihome. It was in a small field or lot, where buted most effectually to the success of his there was plenty of fresh green grass, on personal history. After a moment, he rewhich it fed during the day. Here, after the plied,-"The most fruitful and elevating inlamb became tame, I used to visit the little fluence I have ever seemed to meet has been lost creature, carrying some nice green my impression of obligation to God." Prespring oats to it for its breakfast, dinner, or cisely in what manner the benefit was supsupper. After a few days, this lamb began posed to accrue I am not informed; probato gain strength. When first seen it was very bly, however, as an influence that raised the weak, but now it began to grow strong, and pitch of his mind, gave balance and clearrun, and jump, and frisk about in play.

Near by this green pasture is a clear, ral footing in his ideas and principles; such never-failing spring, where this little lamb used to drink when thirsty, and then return argin to food on his down in the Call and the used to drink when thirsty, and then return and added insight and energy to his words. used to drink when thirsty, and then return and added insight and chergy to particular allowed as per agreement.

Whatever may have been the particular Stocks and Loans bought and sold on The last time I saw the creature, he was ly- benefits of which he spoke, the scene, as desing down on the sunny side of a large stump, after his morning meal, quietly chewing his cud, and seemingly happy and contented with as if turned to some better hospitality, and his new home. Fortunate lamb, thought I, went on for many minutes in a discourse on war made you suffer but for a moment. It his theme, unfolding it with wonderful beaumuttered, walking up to the window. Out from the window he saw, gilded with sunshine, the grove, which had been the El Do- of a thistle snapped up in a twinkling and walking up to the window saw, gilded with sunshine, the grove, which had been the El Do- of a thistle snapped up in a twinkling and walking and sat list wontertaken by makes man a mourner for a life—parents for their sons, wives for their husbands.—Indetheir sons, wives for their husbands.—Independent.

more at the subdued, yet lifted, manner, by which his feeling was attested,-agreeing generally, as they fell into little groups afterward, that he probably never spoke with a finer eloquence.—H. Bushnell.

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