

The Family Circle.

Scott And The Veteran.

BY RAYARD TAYLOR. An old and crippled veteran at the War Department came...

"Have you forgotten, General," the battered soldier cried. "The days of eighteen hundred twelve, when I was at your side..."

"God bless you, comrade!" said the chief. "But younger men are in the field, and claim to have their part..."

"I'm ready, General," so you let a post to me be given. Where Washington can see me, as he looks from highest heaven...

"Do not spend it for candy," said Mr. Perry. "As he gave his nephew and niece each twenty-five cents..."

"I will give you all the money I have to spare, John, to be divided equally among you. I know you will do it fairly..."

"Thank you, ma'am," replied John, plucking again at his voracious cap, and showing all his teeth in his gratification...

"Do not mind your clothes. Go with smooth hair, neat hands and faces. You will find good friends—your teachers and superintendents—ready to help you to better clothing..."

"It is so large and crowded, and everybody seems in a hurry," whispered Pearl, walking timidly between her mother and Carl, holding a hand of each...

him. Do you think you could fit my clothes that way? "Perhaps so," smilingly replied Mrs. Perry, now moving in the direction of the Common...

"Look, Carl, there comes your fashion plate boy, and in consequence, as never before, experiencing a moment of envy..."

"I don't care a bit about him now, not a bit. He looks real good," whispering continued Pearl. "You don't speak so to boys at home!"

"Not often," was the faithful rejoinder of Carl, blushing. "If I look as ugly as he does now, when I am put out, I hope I'll try to stop my temper from coming out..."

"I don't like to be here, mother. I didn't know that children ever looked like those I do let us go away," almost cried Pearl, covering her eyes...

"Mother, I would like to know that boy's name," whispered Carl. "Please ask him." "What is your name?" asked Mrs. Perry...

"Yes, ma'am," sighed John, half turning away, as if unwilling to be further questioned in that direction.

"Do you attend Sabbath-school?" asked Mrs. Perry. "Every one in the group answered in the negative. "Will you not go? You will be far happier for going. I wish you would promise me that you will go..."

"No, ma'am, I'm afraid my father would object." And John dropped lower his head. "Will you will try to gain his consent?" "Yes, ma'am," replied John, heartily.

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meeting poverty, and to know that it was all around me! "Yes; but did you not also learn that even in poverty there may be happiness, politeness, consideration for others, and rare generosity?"

"Yes, mother. And I learned another thing—that I may be selfish and ungrateful to be! I don't think I could have given more bread than I kept for myself to each of the others, as John did, and he so hungry..."

"I can't forget that, mother, for you never allowed to slip from my mind. I wonder what I should do were I left to myself." And Carl subsided into silent thoughtfulness.

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a day a good while. The lights are few in which a blanket is not required for comfort. As to winter, England earthenly lay claim to anything to which we could accord the name. Snow is a rarity, and seldom remains on the ground for two days together...

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and forage, to enable them to continue the war? The effect will be further developed as time goes on, in opening a way for that service war, which, if it shall be permitted to come, will produce infinite suffering throughout the world, and can only at last result in an entirely new system of trade and commerce between the United States and all foreign nations.

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