

The Family Circle.

The Strange Little Boy.

There is a little boy— Look at him well; Think if you know him, If you do, tell. I will describe him, That so you may see If he's a stranger To you and to me.

THE BLACKSMITH.

"CAN you show my horse for me to-night?" said Mr. Walton, as he came to Mr. Sym's shop, just before sunset on Saturday.

THE LOST KEY.

"My dear Philip, have you seen my portmanteau?" Mr. Walter's brow contracted slightly at the words, and he drew away the hand which had been caressing his wife's pretty hair.

EARLY CONVERSION.

There could not be a worse or more baleful implication given to a child, than that he is to reject God and all holy principles till he has come to a mature age. What authority have you from the Scriptures to tell your child, or your sign, to show him judgment, that do not expect him truly to love and obey God, till after he has spent whole years in hatred and wrong?

about my neck! It's certainly a judgment upon me! He unbuttoned his coat as he spoke, forgetting the ink-stains of the morning. Jane uttered a faint scream, and shrunk back, exclaiming: "My dear Philip, what is the matter with your shirt?"

"The matter! Oh!" said he, coloring and laughing, "I remember now—I spilt a little ink over it this morning. It don't signify much."

He laughed, too—he couldn't help it! Mrs. Jane Walter was a discreet little female. She never alluded to the subject of keys again, and her husband was never after known to reproach her for carelessness.

"I'll show him your Monday morning, I have to go away, I can do to-day. If I hadn't, I should show you horse. It's none of your business what I do with my horse on Sunday."

Upon this presentation the District Attorney, by the Judge then holding the Court, was directed to prepare and send before the Grand Jury bills of indictment.

There is still another reason why I cannot approve of the proceedings under consideration, and that is, because I believe them to be unauthorized by the law of the land, having no established principle regulating proceedings before Grand Jurors to sanction or to sustain them; a brief reference to the essentials of the three extraordinary modes of instituting proceedings, to which I have called your attention, will make this clear to a demonstration.

Neither does this fall under the second classification; the proceeding did not originate with the District Attorney, nor was any indictment, of his own motion or otherwise, laid before the Grand Jury.

It is equally clear, that it does not fall within the only remaining mode, which is where the Court of their own motion, call the attention of the Grand Jury to, and direct an investigation of, matters general in their nature; for, as we have already seen, that can only be done where the evil affects the entire community, and in no case where it is personal and individual.

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Miscellaneous.

JUDGE ALLISON'S CHARGE TO THE GRAND JURY.

On Monday February 2nd, Hon. Joseph Allison took his place in regular order, as presiding Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of this city. He found pending there a presentation of the Grand Jury extorted from them in a totally irregular manner by his predecessor Judge Ludlow, calculated to bring on a collision between the national authority and the Judiciary of the State.

GEN. HOWARD'S LETTER.

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