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The Family Circle.

The Proclamation.

"I order and declare that all persons held as slaves in the said designated States and parts of States are and hereafter shall be free. . . . and I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence." ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Saint Patrick, slave to Milcho of the herds Of Ballymena, sleeping, heard these words: "Arise, and fice

Out from the land of bondage' and be free!"

He rose a man who laid him down a slave, Shook from his locks the ashes of the grave, And outward trod Into the glorious liberty of God.

He cast the symbols of his shame away; And passing where the sleeping Milcho lay, Though back and limb Smarted with wrong, he prayed, "God pardon

So went he forth: but in Gods time he came To light on Uilline's hills a holy flame; And dying, gave
The land a saint that lost him as a slave.

O dark, sad millions, patiently and dumb Waiting for God, your hour, at last, has come, And freedom's song Breaks the long silence of your night of wrong!

Arise and flee! shake off the vile restraint Of ages I but, like Ballymena's saint, The oppressor spare, Heap only on his head the coals of praver!

Go forth, like him ! like him, return again, To bless the land whereon in bitter pain Ye toiled at first, And heal with freedom what your slavery cursed

-Atlantic Monthly.

KATY'S CAMP CHAIR.

It was a birthday present from Uncle John, and Katy valued it above all other chairs in the house. It was very smalljust the right size for the little four-year-old lady; and when new, the seat of the chair and the strip of the carpet across the back, were bright green, covered with different

colored flowers. Katy had enjoyed it faithfully for two years. She generally played it was her laughter Rosa, and her motherly attentions had not improved her little pet's appearance. There was many a mark where she had pinned head-dresses and every sort of finery upon the patient little daughter; and the mooth wooden arms, from their being grasped so often by her little warm hands, were beginning to need a new coat of polish. But in Katy's sight it was perfect, and she pretended to be busy until they were asleen. could spare anything out of her nursery and then he seated himself on a box, leaning

better than that. good natured as any other chair, but Katy was bringing it up to be, like herself, occasionally naughty. So when it was dissatisfied with its old clothes, or fretful at being distance of the field out, "Primus!" the servant started to his feet, and rubbing his eyes, exclaimed "What do you wish for General?" left at home when Katy wished to go out, she folded it up in a stern manner, and shut it in the nursery-closet to wait for good behavior. Of course it was the most wonder- "but I see you are sitting up all night for ful chair in the house. There was not the sake of giving me your bed another that could be folded in under those little shelves for punishment without breaking off all the four legs.

Katy had a brother, a man grown, who had marched away from her, months before, with his regiment, and whose letters she thought the most wonderful thing that ever mortal postman left at the front door. Sometimes there would be a few lines on purpose for her, and she would cut them from the rest of the letter and read them to herself and the dolls, until she really read them to pieces. And when there was nothing especially for her, she loved the letters almost as well. They were always read aloud, and she would sit by as solemn as if it were family worship, and, I am afraid, rather more attentive. One night there was a letter, and Katy sat listening, as usual while her mother read these lines:

"I am almost well now, and shall soon be quite out of the hospital, but whether I am here or away, I am afraid I shall constantly be thinking of the poor people who have been suffering by my side for these last weeks. I cannot bear to think how badly some of them have needed little comforts. Thanks to you, dear mother, I have wanted for nothing, and when I could, I have divided with my companions. You have done more than your share, as you always do, but there are plenty who have done nothing, and it's in which she says: "The services of these too bad, altogether too bad. We give everything, even to our life, and those who stay comfortably at home ought at least to provide for the sick and wounded. Everybody ought to give something—yes, everybody. And it's very poor charity for people to send us only such things as they don't want, cither."

And the mother read on until the letter was finished, while Katy sat quietly, a little picture of thoughtfulness. By-and-by, Father may be reflected alike by all."—when she had gone to her bed, and was Mrs. Child. quite alone, she commenced a little conversation with herself.

"Brother George says eyerybody ought to give something. Everybody means me
—I must give something. He says it's no
good to give what we don't want. I'd just
her head through her mother's arm, and restas lief give my doll, Susan, as not. I can't ing it on her mother's shoulder, "mother, make her sit straight in a chair to save my light in a cha And the little girl paused, gave one great eye. sigh, and was fast asleep.

When the next morning's sun began its asked she presently. day's work, Katy began hers too, and while she was dressing she was thinking again of her brother's letter. She tied one little shoe, then folded her hands for awhile before attempting the other. Presently she spoke out. "I shall give my camp chair. I've made up my mind." And she gave her head a nod, which meant that when she he?" made up her mind there was always some- "Oh no," cried the mother, clasping her thing remarkable to be done. First there child in her arms, lest she might be thought was a little case of conscience to be settled, doing so. and she bounded away to her mother.

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Katy?" "Because I am going to send my camp- ers, and so backward too in encouraging her chair to the sick soldiers. You know, to follow.

mamma, you said it was just the thing in sickness. Didn't I sit in it weeks and weeks most a fortnight, last winter, when I was sick?"

Her mother smiled and said, "You shall do as you please, *Katy, and never mind about the Central Park.

She had set the child a brave example when months before, she had gave up her first-born son. At first her heart had cried out, I cannot spare him; but she quieted the voice and told him he might go. And now, one among her many rewards was the sight of the child bravely fitting to her own little shoulders this little cross, for the same

Katy folded up the chair herself, wrapped it with papers, and tied it with many knots. Then she brought it to her mother and she sent it away. Whether it was sent by steamboat or by cars to the hospitals where her brother had been, or to one nearer home, Katy did not ask, and her mother did not say. It was enough that the chair had gone. And all that day, whenever her mother approached the nursery, she would hear Katy telling to her remaining playthings earnest stories about the sick soldiers whom her camp-chair had gone to comfort.—Independent.

GEN. WASHINGTON AND THE NEGRO.

A STORY FOR THE TIMES. MANY old persons in Boston and its vicinity can remember a colored man of the name of Primus Hall. He had a good deal of natural intelligence, had amassed a comfortable property by his industry, and was always active in his efforts to promote education among the colored people of that city.

During the war of the Revolution, he was the servant of Col. Pickering, who was the intimate and confidential friend of Gen. Washington. This circumstance brought Primus Hall into frequent relations with the Commander-in Chief. He had a great fund of anecdotes concerning him, which he was fond of relating. One of them conveys a lesson which may not be without usefulness at the present time. Gen. Washington often held consultation concerning military mat-ters with Col. Pickering. His headquarters were at considerable distance from his friend's tent, and one evening, finding they were likely to be occupied till a late hour, he proposed to remain all night with the Colonel, provided there was a spare blanket and straw. Primus was appealed to, and, being eager to oblige the Commander-in-Chief, stretched the truth, by replying "Plenty of straw and blankets; plenty.

The humble beds were prepared, side by side, and when the long conference was ended the two officers lay down to rest. Primus his head on his hands, to take as comforta-When it was bought it was probably as ble a nap as his inconvenient position would allow. In the night Washington awoke and saw his humble friend nodding on the box. He called out, "Primus!" the servant startclaimed, "What do you wish for, General?"

"You told me that you had plenty of straw and blankets," replied Washington; "Don't trouble yourself about me, Gen-

eral," rejoined the negro. "No matter about me. But it is matter," said Washington. "This will never do, Primus. If either of us must sit up, I will take my turn. But there is no need of that. The blanket is wide enough for two. Come and lie down

with me.' Primus who reverenced the Commander-in-Chief as he did no other mortal, protested against such an arrangement. But Washington threw open the blanket, and said in a very decided tone, "Come and lie down, I tell you! There is room enough for both, and I insist upon it."

The tone was too resolute to admit of further parley, and the General and his colored friend slept comfortably under the same blanket till morning.

This anecdote was originally published by the Rev. Henry F. Harrington, in Godey's Lady's Book, June 1849. In 1855 it was republished in a book entitled "The colored Patriots of the American Revolution," an interesting volume, compiled and written by Wm. C. Nell of Boston, who deserves great credit for the intelligence and earnestness he has manifested in vindicating the cause of his oppressed and slandered race. Mrs. Stowe wrote a brief preface to this volume, Colored Patriots of the Revolution were far more magnanimous, because they did not fight for their own land, but for a land which had enslaved them, and whose laws, even in freedom, oftener oppressed than protected. Bravery under such circumstances has a peculiar beauty and merit. Their white brothers in reading these sketches, may remember that generosity and disinterested courage are of no particular race or complexion, and that the image of the Heavenly

LUCY AND THE CHURCH.

pose they wouldn't want Susan. I do want the mother, surprised into a reply she would my camp chair awfully. I wonder if bro- not otherwise have made, perhaps. The ther George meant for me to give that?" child blushed, and a tear started in her

"Did not my Saviour die for me, mother?"

"Yes, Lucy."

Jesus, I would follow Thee; I thy little lamb would be;

and, mother, he won't shoo me off, will

"Mother." continued the child, didn't the "Mamma, is it wicked to tell stories to minister, last Sunday, call the church Jesus's fold; and isn't it better for me to be inside? Not quite understanding the question in for if I stay outside, I might stray away off that shape, her mother asked what she and be lost; and then, mother, all the dear,

good, pious people will be watching me. Oh, "Why, you see, mamma, there's my mayn't I join them, and get closer to Jesus?" camp-chair, Rosa, you know. I promised The child's plea deeply touched the moto take her to the Central Park to-day— ther's heart. She had prayed for her connot the real true Central Park, you know, but the big empty room up stairs."

version; and yet when she found her one of Christ's little ones, pressing into the same ut the big empty room up stairs."

"And why can't you keep your word, company of believers with herself, she was so surprised that God had answered her pray-

The minister, and the elders too, whom she consulted, were afraid lest she was too young

to know what she was about. "Then," said Lucy sorrowfully, "if I die and go to Jesus, and he asks me why I did not 'do this in remembrance of me,' shall I tell him you and the minister wouldn't let me, mother?" and a solemn inquiry it was.

Did not Christ make the conditions of disittle ones might understand and perform them? The church is a "household of faith;" and ought we not to bring believing children into its sacred fellowships and holy responsibilities, thus giving them all the helps to a holy training in the Lord?

Lucy joined the church at eleven, and grew up a lovely Christian woman.

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING.

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"It is strange, isn't it," said aunt Alice.

"that whatever we may dress ourselves in, it is only second-hand clothing, after all?"

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you would not permit the creatures who first wore them to enter your parlor. You would quite likely shrink away if they came near ou. Yet you do not scruple to take their old garments and even take much pride in

wearing them." which that bright tissue is made, was spun by a crawling worm. He made it for his shroud, and when he was quite done wearing t, the silk makers respun and made it over into this fabric. Those white gloves were once the clothing of a poor little animal, whose life had to be taken before his skin could be made over for you. Then another animal must be sacrificed to make even the soles of your satin slippers. Even the pearl ornament you wear was once the property of an oyster. The patient sheep must give his fleece to make a mantle to throw about you. So you see, dear, that it is a hard matter to lay first claim to any thing we wear, and this reflection may be very useful to us when we are tempted to pride ourselves on our fine raiment. God looks at the heart Minnie, and is more pleased with the fornament of a meek and quiet spirit, than all the gems in the world."—N. Y. Chronicle.

Miscellaneous.

EFFECTS OF THE AMERICAN WAR.

The solidarity, to use an expressive French word, of the human race, and its community of interests, are strikingly brought out by he effects of the present civil war in the United States. That war rages only around the borders of the seceded States, but its effects are felt throughout the world. Is there misery in Virginia and Tennessee? so s there in Lancashire, and the manufacturing districts of France and Germany. Nay, from missionary reports we learn that the native weavers in India are in great distress, on account of the high price of raw cotton, and that the Nestorians in Persia, whose clothing is almost wholly of cotton, find it lifficult to sustain themselves on account of the greatly enhanced price of apparel. In word, every nation that grows, manufactures, or uses cotton, is affected just in proportion to its interest in that universal

But the results of this war, if evil to most nations are good to some. Egypt, for instance, much be enriched by the high price t is obtaining for its cotton; and British India has received an impulse from this cause, which will advance its interests more in a year or two than ten or twenty years of ordinary times would have done. In fact, the wealth of the world has been rapidly pouring into India for cotton, during the past two years. This has stimulated still more the railroads, canals, and other internal improvements, which the British government and British companies were making; and India is at present the most prosperous and rapidly-advancing country in the world. This extraordinary prosperity also is attracting an English emigration to India, which, though not nearly so extensive as it might and should be, will doubtless be an element of permanent improvement and stability: The rebellion of the Southern States against the United States government may have ruined themselves, but it has been the cause of great and unlooked-for prosperity and development in India. That is, eight millions have suffered (we do dot suppose the four millions of negroes have had more than their usual average of sufferings) for the benefit, as it has turned out, of a population at least ten times as numerous on the other side of the globe.

Other countries, such as China, Australia Africa, and South America, will also be powerfully affected by the struggle in the States; and the results to Mexico can scarcely be guessed at. It is, however, in the States themselves that the greatest changes will doubtless be worked out; and these, we may hope, will be, upon the whole, worth all that they cost .- Montreal Witness.

EMANCIPATION IN RUSSIA.

A St. Petersburg letter, published in an English journal, gives the following interesting statistics of the progress of the emanci-pation movement in a part of the empire up o the first week in December: The statistical report of the operations up

to the end of November, announces that in the 45 governments over which the emancipatory operations extend, there were, according to the most recent computation, 9,820,-606 adults males to be set free. Up to the present time 91,481 contracts have been submitted, of which 65,040, concerning 6, 016,443 persons, have been concluded. On the average there are 65 peasants concerned in each contract, from which it will be perceived that the 26,441 contracts yet to be 4.5th per cent. of the number, have already contracts will be agreed

[For the American Presbyterian.] A PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT WASHINGTON.

In an old paper, entitled "THE STAR. published in Stockbridge, Mass., in the year 1796—we find the annexed portion of a "PRO-CLAMATION" from Gen. Washington; which is invested with new and profound interest, pleship so simple that the humblest and the from his prophetic vision of good-or ill. to our beloved country, according to its adherence or departure from the principles of order, morality and piety.

> BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.]

* * and at the same time humbly and fervently to be seech the kind author of these blessings graciously to prolong them to us; to imprint on our hearts a deep and solemn sense of our obligations to him for them; to teach us rightly to estimate their immense value; to preserve us from the arrogance of prospertion of the disease that I know of. I enjoy perfect health, and without a doubt owe it to your Sarsaparilla. It immediately made my face worse, as you told me it might for a time: but in a few weeks the new skin began to form under the blotches, and continued until my face is as smooth as any body's, and I am without any symptoms of the disease that I know of. I enjoy perfect health, and without a doubt owe it to your Sarsaparilla. "I cannot understand you at all, aunty." to preserve us from the arrogance of prosperity, and from hazarding the advantage we enjoy by delusive pursuits; to dispose us to inherit the continuance of his favors by not abusing them, by our gratitude for them, and by a corresponding conduct as citizens and as men; to render this country more and more a safe and propitious asylum for the unfortunate of other countries; to extend unfortunate of other countries; to extend among us true and useful knowledge; to delphia, the first day of January, one thous-

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THE INDIANA SOLDIERS TO THE FAC-

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TIONISTS AT HOME. Democrat who would submit to it, and hood predicted that the child must die." raise his cowardly voice and claim that he was an Indianian He, and such dastards, sia, Heart Disease, Neuralgia, was an Indianian A. He, and such dastards, with their offspring, are nt muy sms upon which should be built the lordly structure of their Southern aristocracy! And with whom would this unholy alliance be formed? With men who have forgotten their fathers. their oaths, their country, and their God; who force every male inhabitant of the South capable of bearing arms into the field, though starving wives and babes are left behind! Men who persecute and hang, or drive from their lines, every man, woman, and child who will not fall down and worship the Southern god. And yet free-born men of our tives in the market, and their superior virtues are so universally known, that we need not do more than to assure the public their quality is maintained equal to the best it ever has been, and that they may be depended on to do all that they have ever done.

Prepared by J. C. AYER, M. D., & Co., Lowell, Mass., and sold at wholesale by J. M. MARIS & Co., and at retail by FREDERICK BROWN, and all dealers. State will sympathize with such tyrants, and EVERY MAN HIS OWN PRINTER. dare even to dream of coalition! Indiana's proud and loyal legions number at least seventy thousand effective men in the field, and as with one great heart, we know they would repudiate all unholy combinations tending to the dismemberment of our Government. "In this dark hour of our country's trial,

there is but one road to success and peace, Merchants, Druggists, and all Business Men, and that is, to be as firmly united for our Government as the rebels are against it. Small differences of opinion amount to nothing in this grand struggle for a nation's existence. Do not place even onestraw in the way, and remember that every word you speak to encourage the South, nerves the arm and strikes the blow which is aimed at the heart's blood of our brothers and kindred." nels, all of Indiana, now stationed at Helena, Arkansas.

ENGLISH ITEMS.

Pneumatic despatch is reported to be success. A tube has been laid, underground, from Euston-square Railway Station, to a district Post-office in Eversholt-street, a distance of a third of a mile. Cars, loaded, and weighing between one and two tons, and also passengers, were wafted from one station to the other in a minute and a few seconds. The system is to be greatly extended in the metropolis.—Another underground success has been achieved the underground railway has been opened, and largely used. Choke damp, arising from insufficient ventilation, has been encountered.—Among the new companies, one of a most novel and curious nature is talked of. The object is to construct a gigantic reflecting telescope of far greater dimensions than Lord Rosse's celebrated six-feet reflector, with which it is expected wonderful planetary sights will be revealed.—Sentences of penal servitude for life, twenty-five years, twenty years, and four years, have been passed upon four Bank of England note-forgers, of whom three were convicted, and one pleaded guilty.

POWERS OF ENDURANCE.

Captain C. F. Hall has just been narrating before the American Geographical Society his recent Arctic experience while in search of traces of the Franklin expedition, and took the opportunity of introducing to the Society the Esquimaux man whom he brought away with him—a hardy hunter, who has completed concern 2,119,000 persons. It of traces of the Franklin expedition, and would appear that 8,135,000 peasants or 82 took the opportunity of introducing to the and from the activity which the authorities have recently displayed, it is to be hoped that by the end of February the remaining contracts will be agreed to the Esquimaux to go without food as striking him as quite astounding. He has known them to do so for weeks. He heard of an in-As the sun is necessary to the world, the eye to the body, the pilot to the ship, the general to the army; so is experimental knowledge to the humbling of a soul.

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Stance in which a party of these intrepluseant hunters were floated off from the mainland on a pack of ice, and could not return for thirty days, during which time they had not a moral days.

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From Harvey Sickler, Esq., the able editor of the Tunkhannock Democrat, Pennsylvania.

Our only child, about three years of age, was attacked by primples on his forehead. They rapidly spread until they formed a loathsome and virulent sore, which covered his face, and actually blinded his eyes for some days. A skilful physician applied nitrate of silver and other remedies; without any apparent effect. For fifteen days we guarded his hands, lest with them he should tear open the festering and cor-What! admit that we are whipped? That twenty three millions of Northern men are unequal to nine millions of the South? Shame on the State that would entertain so disgraceful a proposition! Shame upon the Degrated the second of the South of the second of the south of the second. The child's eyelashes, which had come out, grew again, and he is now as healthy and fair as any other. The whole neighbor-

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