The Family Circle.

(For the American Presbyterian.) Our Willie.

BY A. WALCUTT. Our Willie is a pet, Our Willie is a treasure Bright beams his eye of blue, In ecstasy of pleasure.

His young and baby shout, Like laughter sweet is ringing, Throughout our quiet home,
A joy and gladness bringing.

No sorrow knows our pet, Our dearest son and darling; From early morn as blithe, As any lark or starling.

Four sunny years have shed, On him their rosy brightness; And golden are the curls. That first were flaxen lightness.

O Willie boy, my child, Sweet Willie boy, my darling; From early morn as blithe, As any lark or starling.

The Old and the New.

"Among the articles received by the Washington Sanitary Commission lately, was a good and patriotic old lady's tribute, to be laid on the altar of her country, bearing this inscription: 'These socks were spun and knit by Mrs. Zernah Clapp, ninty-six years old, whose hands in youth were engaged in moulding hullets in the Revolutionary War. Keep the toes of these socks towards the re-

"Keep the toes of these socks toward the rebels." Each stitch is a link to the past, When the bolts of a hoary oppression 'Gainst freedom's new temple were cast But those clouds rolled away in the gleaming, And Peace set her bow in the sky, And the azure of hepe stretched its arches, O'er the spot where the tempest swept by; Never thought of defeat Clogged our forefathers' feet. As they followed full hard on the Briton's re-

"Keep the toes of these socks toward the rebels." A new storm is howling to-day;
But the flag with its stars is still blazing, Our pillar of fire in the fray; The heavens are bowed with new thunder, Swart blackness has shadowed the blue, And the blossoms are wet in the noontide And red with war's death-dripping dew. But no thought of defeat

Clogs our patriot feet
As we rally to follow the rebels' retreat. "Keep the toes of these socks toward the rebels. Gaunt treason's foul flag is unfurled, Where our standard long since kissed the sun

The hope of a crown-wearied world! Ho! forth with our glorious banner! Bear it back to its place mongst the stars And on I till an ocean of freemen Submerges the "Stars and the Bars!" Let no thought of defeat Clog our weariless feet As we follow, red-handed, the rebels' retreat!

"Keep the toes of these socks toward the rebels." There's fateful disgrace in delay; No lingering look to the hearth-stone On! on! is the watchword to day! What is death to a people's dishonor? What were life 'neath a vandal control? "On ! on !" shouts the voice of the nation, God speed you to victory's most

Clog your gathering feet As ye crowd with your legions the rebel retreat.

"Keep the toes of these socks toward the rebels. Though between roll the river of death, And the blasting sirocco of conflict Sweep on with the pestilent breath! Soon behind the grim peaks of disaster, A new sun of freedom shall rise, And the midnight and murk of oppression Be chased from our purified skies! O! no thought of defeat

Clogs our fetterless feet As we follow, victorious, the rebels' retreat ! -Boston Transcript.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN.

THE duty and dignity of a mother require that she should never subordinate herself to "These," said he, "are my choicest jewels. her children. When she does so, she does Will you take them?" He proceeded to it to their manifest injury and he own. Of course, if illness or accident demand unusual few earthly possessions, and that all his care, she does well to grow thin and pale in means were devoted to but one object the bestowing unusual care. But when a mother education of the two children that were rein the ordinary routine of life grows thin and pale, gives up riding, reading, and the amusements and occupations of life, there is marks. Tears filled his eyes, and he exa wrong somewhere, and her children shall reap the fruit of it. The father and mother he had been about to commit. After a few are the head of the family, the most comely and the most honorable part. They cannot inal consented to kneel and join with him benefit their children by descending from in prayer; and there in that lonely house. their Heaven-appointed places, and becoming amid the silence of midnight, the offender perpetual and exclusive feet and hands. This is the great fault of American mothers. while the representative of a religion They swamp themselves in a slough of selfsacrifice. They are smothered in their own and sin no more." Such a scene has sweetness. They dash into domesticity with few parallels. an impetus and abandonment that annihilate themselves. They sink into their families tinguished.

One hears much complaint of the direction and character of female education. It Mr. Lee. is dolefully affirmed that young ladies learn how to sing operas, but not how to keep house—that they can conjugate Greek verbs, but cannot make bread—that they are good for pretty toying, but not for homely using. Doubtless there is foundation for this remark, or it would never have been made. But I have been in the East, and the West, and the North and the South; I know that I have seen the best society, and I am sure I have seen very bad, if not the worst; and I never met a woman whose superior education, whose piano, whose pencil, whose German, or French, or any school-accomplishments, or even whose novels, clashed with her domestic duties. I have read of them in books; I did hear of one once; but I never met one-not one. I have seen women, through love of gossip, through indolence, through sheer famine of mental pabulum, leave undone things that ought to be done-rush to the assembly, the lectureroom, the sewing-circle, or vegetate in squalid, shabby, unwholesome homes; but I never saw education run to run. So it seems to me that we are needlessly alarmed in that

But I have seen scores and scores of ADMIRAL PORTER HOAXES THE REBELS. women leave school, leave their piano and drawing and fancy-work, and all manner of Admiral Porter has perpetrated perhaps

and sparkle, everything that is dewy, and springing, and spontaneous, gone, gone, gone

Few things are more painful to look upon than the self-renunciation, the self-abnegation of mothers—painful both for its testimony and its prophecy, Its testimony is of over-care, over-work, over-weariness, the abuse of capacities that were bestowed for most sacred uses, an utter waste of most pure and life-giving waters. Its prophecy is of early decline and decadence, forfeiture of position and power, and worst, perhaps, of all, irreparable loss and grievous wrong to the children for whom all is sacrificed.

To maintain her rank, no exertion is too great, no means too small. Dress is one of the most obvious things to a child. If the mother wears cheap or shabby or ill-assorted clothes, while the children's are fine and harmonious, it is impossible that they should not receive the impression that they are of more consequence than their mother. Therefore, for her children's sake, if not for her own, the mother should always be well-dressed. Her baby, so far as it is concerned in the matter, instead of being an excuse for a faded bonnet, should be an inducement for a fresh one. It is not a question of riches or poverty; it is a thing of relations. It is simply that the mother's dress-her morning and evening and street and church dress should be quite as good as, and if there is any difference, hetter than her child's. It is of no manner of consequence how a child is clad, provided only its health be not injured, its taste corrupted, or its self-respect wounded. Children look prettier in the cheapest and simplest materials than in the richest and most elaborate. But how common is it to see the children gaily caparisoned in silk and feathers and flounces, while the mother is enveloped in an atmosphere of cottony fadiness! One would take the child to be mistress and the mother a servant. "But," the mother says, "I do not care for dress, and Caroline does. She, poor child, would be mortified not to be dressed like the other children." Then do you teach her better. Plant in her mind a higher standard of self-respect. Don't tell her you cannot afford to do for her thus and thus; that will scatter premature thorns along her path; but say that you do not approve of it; it is proper for her to dress in such and such a way. And be so nobly and grandly a woman that she shall have faith in you. - Atlantic Monthly.

THE CLERGYMAN AND THE BURGLAR.

The world of fistion hardly contains a more thrilling chapter than an incident which marked the life of Rev. Mr. Lee, who was recently cut down in his prime, while pastor of the Presbyterian church in the village of Waterford, N. Y. The adventure, says the commencement of the sudden illness, which resulted sadly and fatally. Mr. Lee was sitting in his study about one o'clock in the morning, preparing a discourse to be delivered to his congregation when assembled for Thanksgiving worship, when he heard a noise behind him, and became conscious that someneighbor had dropped in upon some unforeseen errand, Mr. Lee said:

"What is the matter?" and turned around in his chair. He beheld the grim

face of a hardle beheld the grim at his breast. The ruffian had entered the sippi, as a coal barge is magnified into a house by a side window, supposing that all the occupants were wrapped in slumber, and burst upon the presence of Mr. Lee, before he was aware that the study contained an

"Give me your watch and money," said he, "and make no noise, or I will fire." Mr. Lee said: "You may as well put down your weapon,

for I shall make no resistance, and you are at liberty to take all the valuables I pos-

The burglar withdrew his menacing pistol, and Mr. Lee said: "I will conduct you to the place where

my most precious treasures are placed.' He opened a door, and pointing to the cot where his two children lay slumbering in say that, as a minister of the Gospel, he had posing in the adjoining room. The burglar poured forth his penitence and remorse, of peace and good-will told him to "go

On the conclusion of the prayer the burthemselves. They sink into their families like a light in a poisonous well, and are ex-

"Why not go by the front door?" said

The man replied:

"There are confederates there who would shoot either you or me." He desired Mr. Lee to take an oath on the Holy Scriptures, never to reveal the particulars of this singular interview. Mr. Lee said it was unnecessary, as he had the kindest feelings toward him, and should never divulge hught he had seen or heard. The next day Mr. Lee, while walking with his wife, met the man in the streets of Waterford, and on subsequent occasions, saw him from time to

One of the actors in this singular episode fills an early grave; but by means that we are not at liberty to disclose, the event did not die with him. What must be the feelings of the other party to this mysterious meeting, whenever he reflects upon the lonely parsonage, and the memorable scene that it witnessed on the night before Thanksgiving,

Miscellaneous.

end of the ten years, sallow and wrinkled and lank—teeth gone, hair gone, roses gone, p'umpness gone—freshness, and vivacity, been thus served in the attempt to destroy

running past the batteries) he got up an imi- We trust that nothing will arise to interrupt, tation Monitor. He thus describes the contruction and effects of the vessel;

"An old coal barge, picked up in the river, vas the foundation to build on. It was conpork barrels piled on top of each other for only intended to make black smoke, and not loose our Monitor. It was towed to within sident. a couple of miles of the first battery, and let go, when it was discovered by the dim light of the moon that Vicksburg was in a stew. Never did her batteries open with such a vim. The earth fairly trembled, and the shot flew thickly around the devoted Monipletely deceived by her. As soon as they saw her by daylight they opened on her again with all the guns they could bring to bear, but without a shot hitting her to do any sel to sink, as she was full of water already. Our soldiers shouted and laughed like mad, the night before? One or two of the sol- papers paid for quarterly. diers got the Monitor out in the stream, and as the Monitor approached her, the ram

The result of this device is told in the following paragraph from the Vicksburg Whig,

all the speed that was given her by a five-

March 5th. DESTRUCTION OF THE INDIANOLA. - We stated a day or two since that we would enlighten our readers in regard to a matter which was puzzling them very much. We alluded to the loss of the gunboat Indianola. recently captured from the enemy. We were an iron-clad gunboat. The authorities, thinking that this monster would retake the Indianola, immediately issued an order to blow her up. The order was sent down by courier to the officer in charge of the vessel. A few hours afterward another order was sent down, countermanding the first, it being asbody was in the room. Supposing that a certained that the monstrous craft was only a coal boat; but before it reached the Indianola she had been blown to atoms-not even a gun was saved. Who is to blame for this follymonster, and our authorities immediately order a boat that would have been worth a small army to us to be blown up.

Address of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce to the Commander of the "George Griswold."

SIR,—Sixteen years ago when our counrymen in Ireland were suffering the horrors of famine, your nation,—then united and having the largest circulation within the spe-prosperous,—sent across the Atlantic offer-cial district. The postage on returned dead ngs of grain and provisions to alleviate their letters not registered as valuable, is three reat distress. To-day, with your energies cents; double those rates if registered. Letters addressed to any person not found through which you are passing,—you have at the office addressed, may be forwarded to not ceased to be mindful of the misery which any other office without additional postage this sad contest is inflicting on fully half-a- charge. Dead letters (valuable) are to be million of our industrious workers; and you registered and kept four years for reclamahave a second time generously contributed of tion. The franking privilege is limited to the abundance with which God has blessed the following persons: the President, his you, to help the necessities of those among Private Secretary, heads of Executive Deus who, through no fault of their own, are partments, heads of bureaus, chief clerks, reduced to a state of compulsory idleness and for official communications only. Senators destitution. We call to mind that out of the and Representatives, Secretary of Senate, sufferings of that period there arose for us and Clerk of House, to cover correspondence by the emancipation of our industry an unto and from them, and all printed matter peakable amount of good, which, has eniched our country, extended our commerce. banished not a few of our social discontents and inaugurated a great moral revolution, he blessings of which have not been confined to ourselves, but are gradually working out in other countries the like beneficial results. May we not hope that the trial through which you and we are passing, will be the precursor of equally great social ameliorations; and that out of the darkest hour of a nation's existence,—THAT of bloodshed between mempers of the same family,—there may issue or you some signal national deliverance, the penefits of which are to stretch beyond yourselves, to the gain of our common humanity. Our country accepts with gratitude this noble gift. We welcome to our port the bearers of this brotherly bounty, freely given, freely stowed, and freely freighted across the seas, by a commander who has given his free service to this henevolent work. Our govern- carried in a litter on board the "Foudroy-ment and the local authorities have shown ant." To ease his pain a soldier's blanket every impost on the free admission of the experienced great relief. He asked what it ship and her cargo. As representing the was. "It is only a soldier's blanket," was Where he is prepared to furnish his old friends and mercantile community of Liverpool, this the answer. "Whose blanket is it?" he Chamber of Commerce asks you to convey asked, half lifting himself up. "Only one to the donors its sense of the liberal and of the men's." "I wish to know the name friendly spirit in which your merchants and of the man whose blanket this is," insisted griculturalists have united to send forward the dying commander. "It is Duncan Roy's to our distressed cotton operatives so accep- of the Forty-second, Sir Ralph," answered And in many a home—darkened by the shadow of this terrible calamity—the silent thanks and prayers of thousands, who are bearing their privations with a patience and a heroism beyond allowed the strength of tience and a heroism beyond all praise, will be your best reward. Addressing you on behalf of a community among whom, it is well known, great differences of opinion prevail as the causes and objects of the contest now unhappily raging among you, it would be evidently unbecoming in us to put forward any statement that would create dissension and mar the general harmony of the occapretty and pleasant things, and marry and the largest practical joke of modern warfare ing, that men of all shades of opinion would sion; but we think we are warranted in saybury themselves. You hear of them about upon the rebel Vicksburgers. Certainly, the rejoice to see this war terminated, in any six times in ten years, and there is a baby each time. They crawl out of the farther end of the ten years, sallow and wrinkled of their cure and of the ten years, sallow and wrinkled of their cure and of the ten years, sallow and wrinkled of their cure and of the ten years, sallow and wrinkled of their cure and of their cure and of the ten years, sallow and wrinkled of their cure and of the ten years, sallow and wrinkled of their cure and the rebel Vicksburgers. Certainly, the rejoice to see this war terminated, in any rejoice to see this war terminated, in any that would not be inconsistent with your constantly on hand, (under cover,) the best quality of their cure and of the ten years, sallow and wrinkled of their cure and there is a baby results were most serious to them and most way that would not be inconsistent with your constantly on hand, (under cover,) the best quality on hand

the Queen of the West and the Indianola in | securities for our own continued prosperity. for a moment, the friendly relations which have hitherto subsisted between us; and that no harsh judgments or misrepresentations of feelings and motives, on either side, will lead structed in twelve hours, of old boards, with us to forget that we are kinsmen—sprung from a common stock—united by the bond smoke-stack, and two old canoes for quarter of a common language—and fellow laborers boats. Her furnaces were built of mud, and in the common cause of progress. May the two great Lianches of the Anglo-Saxon famisteam. On the night of the 24th we heard, ly always te found generous rivals in the

at 9 o'clock, heavy guns about fifteen miles arts of pease, and in efforts to ameliorate below. We knew that the rebels had nothing but light guns there, which could not be tant period, may the sword be sheathed heard at any distance. So we thought it was throughout your land, and the sounds of the Indianola engaging the batteries at Carthage, fifteen miles below Vicksburg. Not knowing that Brown was in peril, we let | Chamber of Commerce. -R. A. MACFIE, Pre-

THE NEW POSTAGE LAW.

Congress at its last session, passed some important amendments to the postal law to tor, which returned no shot with her long which we call the attention of our readers, wooden gun. The Monitor ran safely past as it affects their interests. The act goes all the batteries, though under a heavy fire into effect on the 30th day of June next. for an hour, and drifted down safely to the The President appoints all postmasters whose lower mouth of the canal, where she was salaries exceed \$1,000 per annum; those tucked into an eddy. The rebels were commaster-General. No mail matter is to be delivered until the postage is paid, the box rent must be paid in advance. Carriers for local collection and delivery are to be paid harm, for the shot went through one side and a salary. How this will work in our cities came out the other, without causing the ves- we do not know. Now it is to the carrier's interest to find a person for whom he has a letter; but if he receives a salary, he will but the laugh was somewhat against them when, at daylight, we discovered the ram limself, to much trouble to find persons to Queen of the West lying at Warrenton; and whom letters are directed. Postage must be the question at once arose what happened to pre-paid by stamps on domestic letters of the Indianola. Had the two rams sunk her all kinds, except sailors' and soldiers', and or captured her in the engagement we heard on all transiest printed matter, except news-

There are three classes of mailable matter. let her go down on the ram Queen. All the The first class embraces all correspondence forts commenced firing and signalizing, and in writing, in whole or in part, except book manuscripts, proof-sheets and bills for turned tail and ran down the river as fast as subscription; the second class comprising she could go, the Monitor after her, making all matter exclusively in print and issued at stated intervals, such as newspapers and magazines; and the third class embracing knot current. The forts at Warrenton fired bravely and rapidly, and it was reported that all transient printed matter and all other they hit our Monitor in a very vulnerable miscellaneous articles sent through the mails. The maximum weight for the single rate of letter postage is one-half ounce avoirdupois. The rate of postage on all domestic letters not exceeding pne-half ounce, shall be uniform at three cents; and for each half ounce. or fraction thereof, of additional weight, an additional rate of three cents, to be in all cases pre-paid by postage stamps. Drop or local letters, two cents per half ounce, prepaid by stamp i and no carrier's fee shall be loth to acknowledge she had been destroyed, by them, nor upon letters collected by them Troy Times, occurred on the night before but such is the case. The Yankee barge sent for mailing or for delivery. If mail matter is not pre-paid, double rates are charged at

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