

The Family Circle.

(For the American Presbyterian.)

Our Will.

BY A. WALLACE. Our Will is a pet. Our Will 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 to blithe, As any lark or starling. Four sunny years have shed,

On him golden rays bright; And his glory are the curls,

That first were dim lightness. O Willie boy, my child,

Sweet Willie boy, my darling; From early morn to 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 during the Germal Clapp, ninety-two years old, whose hands in youth were engaged in moulting bullets in the Revolutionary War, Keep the toes of these socks towards the rebels."

"Keep the toes of these socks towards the rebels." Each stitch is a link to the past, When the folds of a hoary oppression

Gained freedom's new temple were cast; But those clouds rolled away in the gleaming,

And these were her boys in the sky; And the azure of blue stretched its arches,

Or'er the spot where the tempest swept by; Never thought of defeat

Clugged our fathers' feet. As they followed full hard on the Briton's retreat.

"Keep the toes of these socks towards 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.

No thought of defeat Clugs our patriot feet. As we rally to follow the rebels' retreat.

"Keep the toes of these socks towards the rebels." Where our standard long since kissed the sun-light,

The hope of a crown-wreathed world! Ho! forth with our glorious banner!

Hear it back to its place 'mongst the stars! And on it till an ocean of freedom

Submerges the "Stars and the Bars!" Let no thought of defeat

Clug our war-weary feet. As we follow, red-headed, the rebels' retreat!

"Keep the toes of these socks towards the rebels." There's a fatal disease in delay;

No lingering look to the hearth-stone; On 'on it is the weakly feeties!

What is death to a people's dishonor? What were life's wealth a vandal convert?

"On 'on!" shouts the voice of the nation, God speed you to victory's wall!

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

"Keep the toes of these socks towards the rebels." Though between us all the fire 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 sparkle, everything that is dewy, and springing, and spontaneous, gone, gone, gone forever.

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 over-care, over-work, over-weakness, the abuse of capacities that were bestowed for most sacred uses, an utter waste of most pure and life-giving waters.

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.

The world of fiction 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.

"Give me your watch and money," said he, "I will take no notice, or I will fire."

"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 the sleep of innocence and peace.

"Why not go by the front door?" said Mr. Lee. "There are confederates there who would shoot either you or me."

"I have seen scores and scores of women leave school, leave their piano and drawing and fancy-work, and all manner of pretty and pleasant things, and marry and bury themselves. You hear of them about six times in ten years, and there is a baby each time."

the Queen of the West and the Indians in running past the batteries) he got up an imitation Monitor.

"An old coal barge, picked up in the river, was the foundation for the Monitor. He was constructed in twelve hours, of old boards, with pork barrels piled on top of each other for smoke-stack, and two old canoes for quarter boats.

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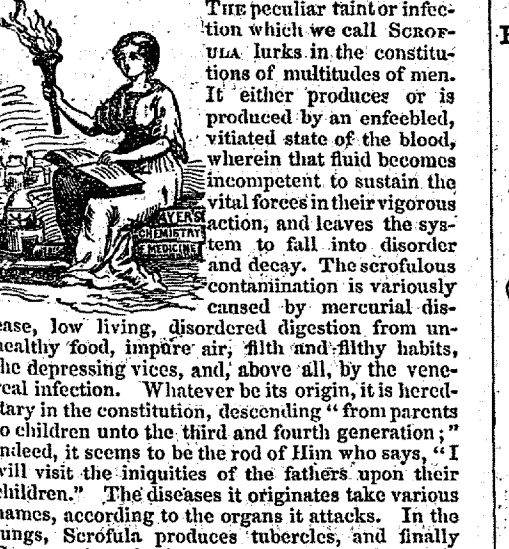
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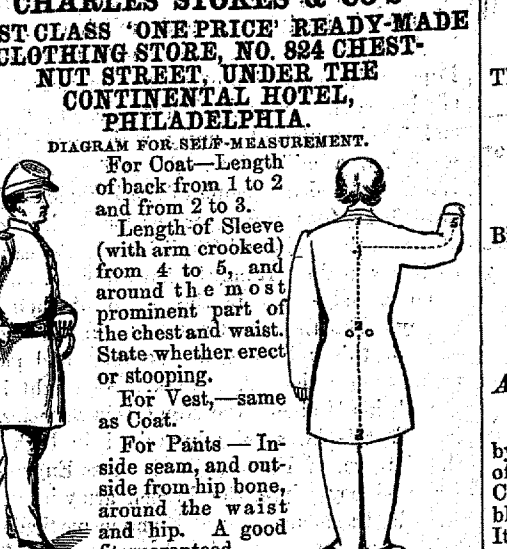
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