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The Family Circle.

Waiting for Spring.

WAITING for Spring-The mother watching By her sick child when all the night is dumb Hearing no sound but his hoarse breathing only,
Saith, "He will rally when the Spring days or had just returned from the streets of Lon-

Waiting for Spring—Ah me l all nature tarries, As motionless and cold, she lies asleep; Wrapt in her green pine robe that never varies, Wearing out winter by this Southern deep.

The tints are too unbroken on the bosom Of these great woods-we want some light green shoots;

We want the white and red acacia blossom, The blue life hid in all these russet roots:

Waiting for Spring-The hearts of men are watching, Each for some better, brighter, fairer thing; Ench ear a distant sound most sweet is catching,
A herald of the beauty of his Spring.

Waiting for Spring-The nations in their anger, Or deadlier torpor wrapt, look onward still, Feel a far hope through all their strife and lan-

guor, And better spirits in them throb and thrill.

Waiting for Spring-Poor hearts, how oft ye weary!
Looking for better things and grieving much;
Earth lieth still, though all her bowers be dreary,
She trusts her God, nor thrills but at his

It must be so-The man, the soul, the nation The mother by her child; we wait, we wait; Dreaming out futures-life is expectation, A grub, a root that holds our higher state.

Waiting for Spring—the germ for its perfection, Earth for all charms by light and color given; The body for its robe of resurrection, Souls for their Saviour, Christians for their

C. F. A., Archachon.

THE BABY ON THE PRISON STEPS.

NEARLY two hundred years ago, people passing by one of the prisons in England, might have seen, on any warm sunny day, a woman seated on the stone steps with a baby described on her next visit. in her arms.

It was a poor, feeble little thing, and those watching George, before I made my pre-who looked attentively at it used to think sence known. He moves fearlessly about the that it would never live to grow up to repay rooms to which he is accustomed. His sole the care its mother bestowed upon it.

rocking her baby in her arms, trying to still tumbles about the floor, puts his feet togeits feeble cry, for her husband was shut up ther and jumps backward and forward over in those gloomy walls, and it was but seldom the door-sill, jumps off the chairs, or turns that the keeper of the prison would allow her himself over the arm of the settee, and seems

But you must not think that he was a own for his amusement.". wicked man, because he was a prisoner: for often for loving the truth as for committing fast as his two hands will carry it there, us-

The king of England and his Parliament lifts his plate and licks it." had passed a law that persons must not meet. together to worship God in any other place than the churches which they established; taught. It was at this time impossible to and that no one must preach unless they decide whether his mind was rational or give him permission.

Many of the people thought this law unjust, and would not obey it; so they had kind. Having excited a degree of fondness meetings of their own where they could hear for his teacher, by her persevering, gentle the Word of God truly explained by godly attentions, combined with presents of such men. These meetings made the government things as he liked, and extended the boundavery angry, and the people who were found ries of his little world by out-door walks, attending them were put in prison. This she gradually gained his attention to her baby's father was one of those who had been proper work. The first short lesson was in found at these meetings, and so he was in winding cotton on a spool. The novelty of prison with many others.

constant in their visits to the prison, the after several difficult efforts to effect it. But father was released, but he was obliged to all this, while it afforded him short seasons leave the country, and so for many years of diversion, and was really the introduction

Still the little puny baby lived and grew, ply mechanical. There was nothing to inthough very slowly. Almost as soon as he dicate a rational mind. say: "A book! buy me a book!"

menced to write verses. His mother had her satisfaction: some doubt whether some verses which she found in his handwriting were really his; so poor little boy comprehends alternating the to prove that he could write them, he com- beads. He carefully selected first a large, posed an acrostic on his name. I will give then a small bead, until there were no you the last verse, that you may know of more.' whom you have been reading; for if you take This incident, at that early period of his

"Wash me in Thy blood, O Christ! And grace divine impart; search and try the corners of my heart That I, in all things, may be fit to do Service to Thee, and sing Thy praises too."

is the same Isaac Watts who has written so private family. many of the hymns you learn to sing.

wrote those, however, for his early years tion, Miss Eliza Osborn, which was attended were chiefly spent in study. Indeed, his with happy results. It awakened a warm father did not approve of his verse-making, interest in his case, and through the active for after he was permitted to come home, he agency of an estimable lady, Miss Anna B. took charge of his son's education. One day Shaw, means were provided for a special he was about to punish him for making verses teacher, on his admission into the Pennsyl-when he should have been studying, when vania Institution for the Blind. Isaac stopped him by saying:

"O father | do some pity take,

His health was always delicate, and though he studied for the ministay, he was able to preach but little—most of his time was spent in writing. He had a delightful home

"April 24th, 1860. George came to the Institution after an absence of three years. He seems to have forgotterful he ever knew, in a small village, a short distance from Lon- eats unnaturally, and walks awkwardly. He don, in the house of Sir Thomas Abney. He has a great propensity to break and tear," went to spend a few weeks, and he remained

find that some of the hymns you love best ly applied herself. The most gratifying to sing were written by him. Such as, change has been effected. He is now tender I can read my title clear;" as well as many He is clean and tidy in his habits and dress. others, which you will find in your hymn. Instead of cramming his food into his mouth books. He was quite an old man when he with both hands as formerly, he uses a knife wrote the "Divine and Moral Songs for and fork, and when through, lays them with Children," which have been published in every form, from little paper books to handsomely illustrated volumes, bound, in disease in the throat, and the difficulty of

which his mother had told him, when she used to sit with him in her arms on the prison-steps, when he wrote the cradle-hymn:

"Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber!" Very likely he had been walking in the garden attached to the house where he lived so many years, when he wrote the hymn:

"How doth the little busy bee;" don, when he wrote:

"Whene'er I take my walks abroad, How many poor I see."

He has been for many years now singing the praises of God, in far more beautifu strains than he ever thought of here, and still his words are used in the devotions of thousands, who hope to join him in singing the new song in our Father's house above.-Grandmama's Sunshine, published by Carter.

GEORGE W. BAILEY, THE DEAF AND DUMB AND BLIND PUPIL.

BY WM. CHAPIN, PRINCIPAL OF THE PENNA INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

GEORGE W. BAILEY, who has been a regular inmate of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind since April, 1860, was born in June, 1846, and had full possession of all his senses for about four and a half years. An attack of Scarlet fever left him blind. and soon after he became deaf also. In the summer of 1852, he spoke distinctly for the last time. Since then he has been cut off from all communication with others except

I became acquainted with his case early in 1855, and with the co-operation of a benevolent gentleman of this city, commenced the work of his mental and physical training. The experiment was commenced at his own home. His mother was then living. A young lady, Miss Cornwell, was engaged as teacher, to spend a few hours daily with him. She thus describes him on her first visit, April 16th, 1855.

"When I entered the house, George was sitting on the settee with shoes and stockings off, biting his toes, and making a frightful noise. I saw he was enraged, and learned that he had broken the rocking-chair by dashing it against the wall, and had been punished by his mother. I went to him, and taking one of his hands, caressed it soothingly; he soon became quiet."

His characteristic habits at that time are "April 17th. To-day I sat some time amusement seems to be in romping; he turns Her heart was very sad, as she sat there himself swiftly around; extending his arms,

to have invented a set of gymnastics of his She thus described his eating: "He eats in those days people were put in prison as by putting his food in his mouth almost as

> This was the rough, untamed, animal nature to be subdued, trained, and if possible,

ing no knife, fork, nor spoon; and finally

idiotic. His first exercises were of the simplest the work pleased him, and for the time it was After months of imprisonment, during a pleasant occupation. The next was stringwhich time the baby and his mother were ing beads, of which he became very fond, of a system of regular occupation, was sim-

could speak, he would go to his mother, with The next step was to give him beads of any money which had been given him, and two different sizes, and to induce him to string them alternately. This was found to His mother taught him from the Bible, be very difficult, and after repeated failures and he early learned to love the Saviour. to make him comprehend the idea, it was at When he was only seven years old, he com- last successful. His teacher thus records

"Sept. 21st. I was rejoiced to-day. My

the first letter of each line you can form his name:

history, was encouraging. The attempts made to teach him letters were not very successful. His health was not good, and he was soon wearied with everything which he could not comprehend.

On the death of his widowed mother, the little family of four children were scattered; Not very good poetry, you will say, but then George to the Almshouse, a brother to Girard you know he was only seven years old, and College, a sister to Mrs. Burd's Orphan he wrote better verses afterward, as you Asylum, and an infant child to one of the all know, if you have read his name, for it Homes, who has since been adopted into a

An interesting little memoir of George was It was not until he was quite old that he written by one of the pupils of our Institu-

Miss Jane B. Browne, a young lady well qualified by her gentleness, firmness, and perseverance for this peculiar charge, was He kept his word, and wrote very little until appointed. The first, entry in her journal explains his condition at this time, and how

much had been lost in the interval. He was at times exceedingly violent and

there thirty-six years. For the delicate in-fant, whom no one thought would live to be unsubdued animal. Whenever displeased, a year old; lived to be seventy-five years of he was most destructive upon the bedding. ge.

And his mother, by her tender care of was evident that much of the former work him, was probably the means of sparing the was to be done over. He must be reduced life of the greatest hymn-writer the world to obedience and habits of restraint, and to has ever known. I dare say that you will this, Miss Browne energetically and patient-"There is a land of pure delight;" or "When and affectionate to those who are kind to him.

ilt. confining his attention to anything but that I wonder if he thought of the time of which takes his fancy, have prevented much

success thus far in teaching him language. He has, however, acquired the use of many words,—the names of familiar things,—as knife, fork, spoon, beads, &c. The hope of his acquiring language is never abandoned. His lessons are brief, having due reference to his health and comfort.

It is impossible in the present stage of his intellectual development, to know what may be the extent of his idea of a Supreme Being, but it was gratifying to notice, on spelling the name God by the hand alphabet, and pressing him to kneel, that he continued kneeling for several minutes, his hands placed heart?

While the effort to teach George language has thus far been only partially successful he has exhibited remarkable talent in ano ther way. He has shown powers of construcion, and a genius for architectural drawing, eautiful manner.

But curious as are these specimens of his andiwork, his genius for drawing buildings s more remarkable and difficult of explanation. These drawings are made by movable types on the slate-frames used by the Blind. The slate contains square holes over the enbe formed by the types. The buildings are generally of the Gothic or English cottage when I first style, with pointed gables, sometimes prethe young fish senting the facade of a Gothic church, or jet-black specks—the sign that they will bear

sometimes destroys it altogether. As these drawings require corresponding tually be the body. It was already ascertain-spaces and proportions, it is certain that the ed one fact, and this (as the question has fre-

George often exhibits humor. He is fond of playing tricks, and enjoys a little fun. After the Doctor had sounded his lungs one day, he took the kitten on his lap, and sounded her in the same way, laughing heartily. He delights to lock his teacher in a room when he gets a chance. Keys have to be side. In attempting to unlock the door, he, they saw the spoon with which I wanted to C. W., a leading member of the Canadian Parliament. broke the ring of the key, which left him catch them coming near, off they cut with a helpless. Supposing him to be amused with rush and a dart like a full-grown fish using general debility, and for purifying the blood, with very beneficial results, and feel confidence in commending it his situation, no attempt was made to rel only their tails as a mode of progression. beneficial results lieve him for two hours, when I had the lock They have, moreover, a heavy weight to car- St. Anthony's Fire, Rose, Salt Rheum, Scald broken, and poor George was in a sad plight. ry, for attached to their belly is a large bag,

yards in length, and of curious fantastic pat-

He recently examined a watch and chain, and immediately prepared a chain for a toy here appended:watch of his own, by twisting wire into a olerable imitation. George is never idle if or at bead work, taking a lesson in the man- Bon and the island of Malta, when the ennui ual alphabet, or playing with his blocks, building all manner of houses, sewing on his own buttons, mending rents, &c., being con-

stantly engaged in some way.

The following extracts from Miss Browne's difficult circumstances.

came an inmate of the Institution, were spent hook baited with pork; the three fish observin taming the wild, wayward boy, during which I had received many blows, scratches, bicks bites and torn garments.

But I hook patted with pork; the only blows the clebrated with pork; the bait stopped. The two pilots advanced as if to examine the cause; which he is sole agent.

N.B.—Dealers will please leave orders with him. kicks, bites, and torn garments. . . But I while they were gone the shark was seen have had the pleasure of more than accomplaying upon the surface of the level sea, now plishing my expectations. He is now like a

most offensive, he has become perfectly clean was pointed out to him by the pilots, he then and regular in his habits. His neatness in made a rush at it and was hooked and hoisted eating and dress is scrupulously nice. . . . In the morning he washes and dresses himself with as much care and precision as others. His

mental faculties have developed as rapidly as the physical, although an invalide to "He learns the letters which the Blind use quite a number of words, by my spelling them out for him, such as 'get hat,' 'get cane,' 'new boots,' &c. He does what I call for in

"What a change has taken place, from wild and reckless being, to a patient, docile, and obedient boy. At first, it was impossiwill sit at his lesson or work for half an hour wake of the ship, his dorsal fin being distinct or more. Patience and gentle treatment ly visible above water for a long time. When, have caused this change. He is very happy, however, he had gone a considerable distance, full of fun, and enjoys playing tricks, such as fastening the doors, hiding some article of clothing, and then he will laugh to think he him, snapped at the bait and was fast. On has done something funny. . . He likes to hoisting him up one of the pilots was observed wait on himself, and is fond of being dressed ed clinging to his side until he was out of well. When he feels well he enjoys a good romp with the boys, -so his time passes plea-

remarkable change alluded to, showing also ly down into the depths of the sea. the power of a gentle and persevering system of training, in converting a nature as wild and repulsive as if he had been an uncared for child of the forest, to a kind, affecthe acquisition of language and in artistic contrivances. What has been done is eminently due to those kind ladies who provided instruction in the Institution.

OLDS TIME.

Miscellaneous.

ABOUT FISHES.

The cultivation of fish (pisciculture) is an art which has been introduced of late years racy. I like to see a man who will conquer and has been attended in foreign countries circumstances instead of yielding to them.—with good results. Efforts have been made The Churchman's Family Magazine. to re-stock some of the exhausted streams in this country with salmon and other fish which were formerly abundant with them, with what success we cannot say. At one time the salmon were so plentiful in the Merrimac salmon were salmon were so plentiful in the Merrimac salmon were salmon were salmon were salmon which were salmon were kneeling for several minutes, his hands placed together as in silent prayer; and that when ever the same word is spelled, he assumes a that salmon should not be put upon the table distance of about fifty miles. kneeling posture as in prayer. He also kneels by his bedside every night before retiring to rest. May he not when a child, before the fully demonstrated by Professor Buckland, loss of sight and hearing, have been taught of England. This gentleman recently fitted by his pious mother to hisp a prayer to God, and this simple association have revived the paper published in Lordon), wherein a very earliest sacred impressions on his infant simple apparatus is placed, in which any one interested may view the process by which nature brings forth the fish from the eggs or spawn. The professor says:-

The apparatus consists of a large earthenware tank, fitted with a stop-cock, from which stream of the ordinary water-supply water tion, and a genius for architectural drawing, if it may be so called, truly original. He has made up almost without instruction, many articles of bead work, copies of baskets, pitchers, vases, &c., in the most skilful and leaves to be made of glass, in order leaves to be most skilful and leaves to be made of glass, in order leaves to be my divisor of the ordinary water supply water fast as ourpeople try it, they agree there has been no medicine like it before in our community."

Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches, Pustules, Ulcers, vases, &c., in the most skilful and leaves to be made of glass, in order leaves to be my divisor and the relation to those who took it. As fast as ourpeople try it, they agree there has been no medicine like it before in our community."

Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches, Pustules, Ulcers, Scores, and all Diseases of the Skin have caused to be made of glass, in order leaves and order leaves to be made of glass, in order leaves the control of the ordinary water supply water fast as ourpeople try it, they agree there has been no medicine like it before in our community."

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When I first received the eggs the eyes of the young fish were just visible as two small jet-black specks—the sign that they will bear transport; the oil globules could also be seen in the spectators outside may see what is going on in the box. The stream of water is add my testimony to that you publish of the medicinal virtues of your Sarsararilla. She has been well for some months." From Mrs. Jane E. Rice, a well-known and much estemed lady of Dennisville, Cape May Co., N.J.

"My daughter has suffered for a year past with a scrollous eruption, which was very troublesome. Nothing afforded any relief until we tried your Sarsararilla. Which soon completely cured her."

From Charles P. Gage, Esq., of the widely known fage, Murray & Co., manufacturers of enamelled papers in Nashua, N. H.

"I had for several years a very troublesome humor in my face, which grew constantly worse until it distire surface, in which continuous lines may which I have placed well-washed common

senting the facade of a Gothic church, or other public building. The symmetry and proportions of these structures are correct. Of some thirty drawings, no two are alike. The work is to him a pleasant pastime. He will be earnestly engaged on a plan for several days, during which he allows no interference. Every interruption disconcerts him, and if the drawing is middled with, he sometimes destroys it altogether.

Jet-black specks—the sign that they will bear transport; the oil globules could also be seen in my face, which grew constantly worse until t disfigured my features and became an intolerable affliction. I tried almost every thing a man could of both advice and medicine, but without any relief whatever, until I took your Sansaparilla. 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 Sansaparilla."

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George often exhibits humor. He is fond

to a closet, and locking the door in the in- babies, not yet two hours old. The moment Failing to get out, he had become excited, nearly the size of a lemon-pip; but more ob-and torn every shred of clothing from his long in shape, which comains the nourishment

anecdote illustrating its peculiar instincts is Rheumatism, Gout, Liver Complaint, Dyspep-

"In the month of May, 1797, the ship when caused by Scrofula in the system, are rapidly cured by this Ext. Sarsaparilla. which bore the celebrated French zoologist, well. He is engaged on his slate drawing, M. Geoffey, waslying becalmed between Cape of the passengers was dissipated by the approach of a shark. He was preceded by two pilot-fishes that had directed their course towards the ship's stern, which they inspected wards the ship's stern, which they inspected by two to the best it ever has been, and that they may be dependent on to do all that they have ever done. The tollowing extracts from Miss Browne's twice, swimming from one end to the other. journal will exhibit his condition, and the change that her persevering and mild treatment has wrought under such trying and mild treatment has wrought under such trying and all that they have ever done. The shark, it is asserted, never lost and at retail by FREDERICK BROWN, and all and the condition of the con ment has wrought under such trying and sight of the pilots, and he seems to have followed them as if he had been iron and they magnets. The sailors threw overboard a large hook haited with pork the three fish observed by BROAD street, above VINE, who "The first few months after George be- magnets. The sailors threw overboard a large

diving, now reappearing in the same place. child eight years old,—so perfectly gentle, affectionate, and trustful has he become."

"Another striking improvement has been the great change in his habits; from being most offensive, he has become perfectly clean was pointed out to him by the pilots, he then on board. In this case the pilots seem to

have led their friend to his death. "The next witness, a captain in the royal navy, gives these bleaders' credit for greater sagacity. Captain Richards, while on the Mediterranean station, saw following the ship and the manual alphabet, and understands a shark, attracted probably by a corpse which had been committed to the deep: A shark hook, baited with pork, was thrown out. The shark, attended by four pilot-fishes, repeatedly approached the bait; whenever he did so, one of the pilots was distinctly seen from the taffrail to run his snout against the shark's head as if to turn it away. After ble to keep him quiet five minutes; now he some further play the shark swam off in the water then he fell off. All the pilot-fishes then swam about awhile, as if in search of antiy.

More could be added, demonstrating the ty and distress; but soon after darted sudden-

An Ingenious Workman in a London Hospitar.—In the next bed lies a carpenter whose axe had slipped and nearly cut his left tionate, and rational being, developing a hand in two. He is a quiet old man, and ingenius which has elicited the surprise and wenions withal and while the surgeons are admiration of all. The ill health of the child has been the only barrier it is thought of more remarkable achievements, both in the acquisition of larger and larger and genious withal, and while the surgeons are dressing his wounds he is mighty inquisitive about the anatomy of the injured part. He asks for some machine which will render his hand servicible for work, and finding that no | B one had contrived anything that will suit his a the way and the means of his admission and invents one for himself to reflection, and invents one for himself—a simple but effection. tive combination of buff leather and watch-

the work undoable without the perfect use of both hands, and he had it. I have seen him making a delicate wooden frame for a fancy cabinet, and working at it with perfect ease, the watchspring slips supplying the place of the severed tendons with astonishing accu-

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He amuses himself sometimes in cutting a newspaper into a long fringe-like line, many purpose than to guide and counsel those of purpose than the guide and counsel the guide and cou greater ferocity but less cunning than they. healthy and fair as any other. The whole neighbor-hood predicted that the child must die."

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