# The Family Circle.

"'TIS WINTER'" BY REV. E. E. ADAMS.

'Tis winter: and the snows are spread, In silvery crystals, to the light; The summer's life is hidden, dead, And sober Autumn's dear delight.

II. 'Tis winter; and around the fire We gather, as in days of yore,-The wife, the children, and the sire,-With "Kit" and "Fido" on the floor.

'Tis winter; but within our hearts No cold affection torpid lies: The soul's warm altar still imparts Joy to the season, as it flies.

"Tis winter; but the tyrant FROST Stays not the currents of the mind: In books and converse we can boast . What pleasure's vot'ries rarely find.

'Tis winter; but again we'll hear The voice of spring-time o'er the land; Gay summer, too, will reappear, With all her fresh and flowery band.

Wait but a little .-- and the spring, That breathes on Paradise, is ours! Wait, and some angel hand shall bring The eternal summer's golden flowers.

## A STORY OF THE END OF THE WORLD.

In an out-of-the way New England town, during the famous "second advent" excitement of 1842-3, lived David and Molly Crossman, a simple-hearted old couple, with their little grandson "Jakey." They were, far from church, and rarely went to service even in fine weather, as they had no horse. In the winter the blocked roads and bitter winds, joined to the unusual severity of David's rheumatism, kept them confined pretty closely to the house.

David and Molly were both very religious, and consequently of the sort to mourn deeply any religious privation. Their inability to go to meeting on the Sabbath only added to the fervor of their household devotion. They had, much to their gratification, enjoyed this season a partial substitute for church-worship, in the evening meetings which had been held at various times in private dwellings near them, and once or twice in their own.

These meetings were led by preachers and exhorters of various denominations, all of them thoroughly imbued with the doctrines of "Millerism," and in most instances far outdoing Mr. Miller in their sensational style and extravagance of statement.

The immediate effect was startling. The tremendous announcement of the near coming of the Lord Jesus, fortified by prophecy and described in the gorgeous rhetoric of the Revelation, was received by the honest, Bible-loving population with silent, undisputing awe, and in many cases with implicit

Among these last were David and Molly Crossman. All the hungerings and thirstings of their simple, devout spirits seemed to be met in this new Gospel of the coming of the Lord. Now more than ever their "conversation was in heaven," and they mingled their daily meat and drink with reverent mention of the "great day." One burden sounded through all they talked, or sung, or prayed, and trembled in every greeting to those who crossed their threshold: "The world will end on the 11th of April. Prepare to meet thy God!"

David and his wife, who were never distinguished for being extensively "forehandin their earthly affairs, now easily adopted the fanaticism of "casting themselves on Providence," and in their glowing hope of a speedy inheritance for their souls, began sadly to neglect their bodies. Their growing inattention to the comforts and interests of this life could not but be noticed by little Jakey, who, though bound of course to believe all his grandpa and grandma told him about the second coming, retained yet a lively sensibility to good living and rous-

About the middle of February came on the coldest "snap" of the whole winter, and poor David's wood-pile was burnt down to the last small log. What was to be done? It was in vain that the family tried to make a single billet send out the heat of a stout armful. In vain they strove to eke out their diminishing supply with "chips." In vain Molly set the table nearer, and every day a little nearer the fire-place. In vain she thrust her chair into the chimney-corner. In vain "bed time" was moved up an hour earlier and rising time down an hour later into the day. In vain Jakey was dispatched to neighbor A., and to neighbor Q., and then to neighbor F., and then to neighbor P., and finally to neighbor W. The snow was too deep, and the cold too severe, and David's wood-lot, was too difficult to be got at; nobody could do any thing then with team or ox.

Jakey froze his cars in his exertions to improve matters, and then gave it up. Day after day went by, and still the cold did not materially abate. It crept into the house like a strong man armed, and left its icy tracks upon the cellar-stairs and windowsills, and stood on the nail-heads in the floor and wainscot. The "frosts of age" began to have more truth than poetry to the old couple. How ardently they wished for spring

and the glorious 11th of April! At last, driven to stir himself in spite of his rheumatism, David took his axe and hobbled to his orchard, and after tremendous labor and a good many resting spells, managed to cut down an apple-tree. What did it matter? The Lord was coming, and they would never have any use for appletrees again. The new addition of fuel was trought in, handful by handful, as the old man at intervals carved it toilsomely out,the body and boughs of the fallen "streaked-sweating "-and a respite of a few days more was wrung from the tyranny of king

Winter.

The rye and "Indian" in the meal-chest wood." sank down to the portion of the widow of griddle. The grist mill was two miles off, domestic garrison was driven in upon its re serves of potatoes and pork, and here, for a while, they held their own.

One evening the three sat at supper, their table drawn to the edge of the hearth, where the green apple-tree wood smoked and sizzled, with a forlorn pretence of troy the world on the 11th of April? warmth. They were talking of what they had heard the night before at a meeting. The inclemency of the season had suspended the meetings for awhile, but one had been them, and a glowing time the brethren and sisters had had of it there, celebrating the approach of the millenium, and singing, with an exultation of wild expectancy, the popular advent hymn,

"Don't you hear the Lord a-coming, don't you hear the Lord a coming, Don't you hear the Lord a coming in the church-

The hearts of the old couple had not come down from the exaltation to which the meeting and that rude song had wrought them. But thoughts of certain uncomfortable physical necessities would cross their minds, as they sat at their plain repast, and their con- promise that seed-time and harvest should versation was not very rapturous. The "wolf at the door" was growing larger, in spite of the faith inside. Try as they might to absorb themselves in pious contemplations of the coming of the Lord, David and Molly Crossman could not wholly resist the very

in the shape of a genuine south-west thaw or neighbor A.'s ox-team. "Grandma," spoke up Jakey, "you've got a visitor in your tea "—as the old lady pour-

earthly wish that He would come just now

ed out her third cup. ... Molly was not out of tea yet. She would have borrowed from place to place till "the 11th of April" rather than go without that. In that particular, at least, she meant to 'occupy" till the Lord came.

"You've got a visitor, and you're going to have company."

Grandma merely remarked that she couldn't have any idea who the "company" would be. "I guess it's the millennium, and it's going

to bring us some wood," said the child. To-morrow came—cold and stinging—all the weathercocks frozen to the north-west them, a common theme of remark. They and about noon a loud knock with a whip- "will never trust those canting knaves." handle sounded on the door. It was opened Yet, when there comes a necessity for by Molly, and there who should she see but trusting in men, it is remarkable how often big, square-shouldered Captain Straight, in the infidel turns to professing Christians, heavy cap and surtout, and great woollen and especially to those who most fully ilmittens, come all the way from his farm- lustrate that religion which is the object of speciable Druggist throughout the world. Price only 25 cents. nouse, four miles off, to make them a call! bitter hatred and scorn.

Here was a visitor indeed—and the voluble old lady proceeded to tell him at once, years and ten in reviling religion and its as she invited him in to a chair, all about followers. Revival after revival had taken the "sign" in her teacup, and the bon mot of place in the village in which he lived. One the boy Jakey about the "millennium."

-but the boy was right about the wood. make arrangements for the distribution of Give us a shovel or two, Uncle David, and his property after his decease. His children lend us a lift yourself, if you can, we're he could not trust. They had adopted his stuck in a drift back here at the corners faith, and illustrated it in their lives. He with a whamping load."

son had suggested to him, knowing as he keeping a large amount of hoarded gold. In did the somewhat behindhand habits of the no way could he have borne stronger testigood old man, that he might find a load of mony to his confidence in Christianity. wood acceptable. Hence his present expedition through the drifts, and his unexpected

heard echoing round the house, and looking landlord advised him to avoid stopping at a out of the window the inmates saw—sure certain place, about a day's journey distant. enough—such a load of wood as had not "Either go beyond or stop this side," said gladdened their eyes for years. Eight feet the landlord; "for several drovers have dishigh upon the broad sled lay snugly packed appeared there." and fastened with log chains, the two cords of hickory and oak, and drawn by two yoke and his life were not the less dear to him on of brawny oxen, and the farmer's great that account. He resolved to push on, and raught bull ahead for a leader.

coming.

after hearing Elder H. and Elder C. explain He was a very rough-looking, athletic man. the prophecies, and reading Mr. Miller's His huge beard and matted locks gave small book, and the 'Signs of the Times!'"

thing. 'Tain't the Lord's way o' doing things. If He'd been agoing to end up the world as more warnin' on't than He's done yet by a great deal"

Molly, of course, undertook to fasten upon him the words, "Where is the promise of apparently asleep; but the drover could de-His coming?" &c., and remind him of the tect him watching him from the corner of His coming?" &c., and remind him of the teet him watching him from the corner of conduct of the antediluvians, but the bluff his eyes. He had small appetite for his farmer put in his disclaimer at once.

"Now don't go mixing Scriptur', mother. Them words hain't nothin' at all to do with early to his chamber, barricade the door as it, as I see it. I expect to die, and don't strongly as possible, put his pistols in order know how soon, and I hope I'm ready when and remain wakeful. Soon after supper he that comes, and I'd be the last man to try to argue it off, but I tell you, when the Lord does come for me I intend He shall find me with my lamp trimmed and burnin' and me with my lamp trimmed and burnin' and slumber, "I don't know how it may be with anson JEWELL, 1103 Vine Street. a good fire. Go to work and enjoy your you, but we worship God here. We read a wood-pile, for from all I can see I reckon it's chapter in the Bible and pray before we go the hand o' Providence that sent me to ye to bed. You can do as you please; but we with it, sure enough. You'll find enough would like to have you join us." there to last you till the middle o' May, and and straight for ye then."

There was no reasoning against the solid | the stranger that sojourneth for the night.

But now the larder began to show dis- captain's good-natured, breezy assurancecouraging signs of depletion. The flour-bar to say nothing of his logic. The old couple rel gave unmistakable echoes of emptiness | felt the contagion of his manner in spite of as Molly explored the bottom of her scoop. themselves—and were "mighty glad of the

"Now good day to ye," said the visitor, Sarepta. Unfortunately, it did not possess the same quality of reproducing itself, and inevitably the last johnny cake went to the half o' these folks that sing, and talk, and shout so much about the great day comin', and going there was not to be thought of have a kind of a secret hope that 'twon't come, in the present state of things. The little afterall! Now you jest go and take the good o' your life so long as God gives it to ye, and He'll never think any worse of ye for lookin' a day or two ahead."

How oddly it sounded! Would God send them wood enough to last till the middle of their consciences. May when he intended all the time to des-

Much staggered in mind were the good old people by his puzzling view of the case. materially.

Again their hearthstone glowed and crackled with the old merry blaze. Some grain was sent to mill by a neighbor, who took advantage of the path made by the stout farmer with his shovel and heavy team. The wolf wit drew from the door, and David and Molly began to appreciate the world

The predicted day of doom came and passed, and they awoke from their foolish dreams of millennial glory to see the earth, as of old, opening her bosom to the labors of the sower, and repeating the ancient not fail.

The summer of 1843 went by, but to pious, simple-hearted David Crossman it brought the end of the world indeed-not as he expected, but the day found him as glad and more intelligently ready than he had been in the spring. Before the fall he departed in peace to the home where he will never know the chill of winter, and never be mistaken or disappointed in looking for his Lord:

The boy Jakey is now a minister of the Gospel, and holds the same belief that his early experience taught him, that the true way to wait for the Lord and prepare for His coming, is to make the most of His providential gifts while we have them.— Watchman and Reflector.

## THE INFIDEL DROVER.

Infidels pretend to have no confidence in Christianity. They regard all who profess to have experienced its power as hypocrites. The hypocrisy of church members is, with

I once knew a man who spent three-score after another of his associates left him, and "Pooh, pooh," said the big man, laughing became members of the Church, till his own heartily, but declining to take the offered chair; "the millennium ain't coming just yet place. As death drew near, he desired to appointed as his executor, a member of the Capt. Straight had been owing David a church; one, to use his language, "of the small amount, and the severity of the sea-strictest sort," and delivered to him for safe

Another incident: In a certain part of the country, a drover had disposed of his cattle, and was on his way home, with a large sum
Half an hour or more passed, and the loud "Get up! Gee-ee!" of the captain was the night at a tavern, in the morning the

The drover was an infidel; but his money raught bull ahead for a leader.

The sight made Jakey's eyes shine. Just mightfall. But it so happened that he lost a twinkle of the same shine showed itself in his way, and at night found himself in the the corners of David's and Molly's eyes | very place he had been warned to avoid. When the load was off, and Capt Straight He alighted at a log house, and asked if he had come in, the old lady took him to task could stay over night. The woman told for his incredulity regarding the second him her husband would be home soon-that she had no objection to his staying, if her "You said the millennium ain't coming husband had none. He entered the house just yet! It can't be you could think that and sat down. The husband soon came. ook, and the 'Signs of the Times!'" indications of gentleness. A request to remain for the night received a curt affirmations of gentleness. elders, and I'm dead set agin' the whole tive reply. The horse was then taken care of with an alacrity which the drover thought was prompted by the thought that the soon as the 11th of April He'd a' gin' us means of escape were now removed. He felt decidedly uncomfortable. He had run nto the very jaws of the lion.

While food was preparing, his host sat supper. He felt sure that he was in the house of a robber. He resolved to retire

"With all my heart," said the drover. His I'll venture the world'll be standin' all right host got his Bible, read a chapter, kneeled down and prayed-among other things, for

The stranger was delivered from all fear. He felt perfectly safe under the roof of a praying man. He was shown to his chamber; but he took no precaution to avoid surprise. He did not look at his pistols. He lay down and slept soundly till morning.

The events of that night awakened reflec tion. Reflection led to conviction of sin Finally, he was led to the Cross and ultimately became a preacher of the Gospel.

Infidels have really confidence in religion and in religious men. If all professing Christians were consistent, the occasions of fault-finding would be removed, and the confidence the unbelieving unwillingly repose in good men would have its effect upon

The performance of family worship led to the conversion of that infidel. If it had, from any cause, been intermitted that evening, the drover might have gone on his way, But with ample comforts of body, they did with his suspicions unremoved and his heart not find that the seeming contradiction of unaffected. The faithful performance of held the night before at the house nearest | Providence and prophecy worried them very | that duty was rewarded by the salvation of

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