POETRY AND MISCELLANY.

From the Episcopal Recorder. A LAMENT. "My heart is smitten and withered like grass."-Psalk on.

> There is a sharper pang than death, A lot more lonely than the grave, It is, to live and draw our breath O'er those we loved but could not save.

There is a yearning for the dead A passion that hath naught of dread, But is the very dregs of wo.

To live when all hath faded quite, In the wide world to be alone And smothered is the cheerful light That gleamed upon our warm hearth-To stand beside the apringing mound.
That closely shranes a wife's dear clay, To lay our little children down In all the bloom of life's young day,

In dreams to see their faces dear. To wake, in darkness and in tears, And find them gone, forever gone,

"To breathe and move mid living men. With hearts close wedded to the dead, To seek to fold them in our arms And clasp a shade instead.

To sigh to join them on the happy shore, And yet in solitude live on, To took for those we see no more. The lovely ones forever gone. To live, to move, to draw our breath

O'er those we loved but could not save. A lot more lonely than the grave. Cease, Oh cease, complaining heart,

And grieve not for thine early dead, From life's dull thraldom, they depart, A better, fairer land to tread, A flowery portal is the grave, Leading to God's own land above.

With all their leanty, all their love,

There shalt thou find them all again,.

THE DRESS-MAKER'S APPRENTICE, or; the Bacheler abroad and at home.

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CHAPTER 1.

"Can you tell me the name of that beautiful girl who has just been dancing with Frank, Ashton?" said Robert said Edith. steed next to him at one of the most brilliant parties there Mary.

she is an heiress as well as a beauty."

"She is really the prettiest girl I ever saw," said Lan-

quainted with Lanson, the reason of this would have been Elden, the dross maker's apprentice, may have oppordifficult to determine; for few gentlemen were more lib- tunity to see people as they really are." erally endowed with personal attractions than Lanson. Besides, though not over six and twenty, he had, by his ker,s trade you lean accomplish the other object you have practice as a lawyer. He had, moreover, recently come into possessiva of a very handsome estate.

Lanson obtained the introduction he sought, and set himself seriously-to work to win the fascinating heiress. She did not seem insensible to his assidnous attention, for her color would sometimes deepen when he suddenly entered her presence; and her eyes often veiled themselves beneath their long, thick lashes when he address-

so filled with tall, flowering plants as to entirely screen her from view. She wished to commune with her' own ing deeply interested in Lanson. She soon became sight. aware that there were persons conversing together near grossed with her own thoughts to mind what was said, cover this light colored hair of mine with tresses made had the effect at once to arrest her attention. "Can that be true?" were the next words which Edith

heard.

plied a voice which she knew to be Sutherland's.

"Lanson is the last person," said his companion. "whom I should have thought guilty of so much meangenerous and noble hearted fellows in existence."

"One whose heart-worship has, like his, always been that of an apprentice girl." lavished'upon mammon and his own dear self, can neither be generous nor noble-hearted. If he assume the her." somblance of either, it must be from interested motives, His sister, who from being the eldest of a large family, two servants ought to, and, what is worse, is treated by about me." him as a more underling."

"Why does she submit to be treated thus?"

"He gives her a home, which I suppose she thinks is better than to be cast upon the world at her time of life, for she is entirely destitute of property. Besides, I have heard it suggested that she really imagines herself infonor to him, and, therefore, submits to his caprices and nover be held dishonorable." exactions with the greatest possible meckness, and does not even seem to know that she has any cause of complaint."

"And can Miss Eldon know anything of this?" "I suspect not." replied Sutherland.

"Would it not be right to give her a hint of it?"

way to let things take their own course."

the existence of qualities which are the greatest orna- who wished to speak with her, twice, a step further this evening than he had ever done I will be there in a few minutes." before, by addressing her in terms somowhat compli- When Miss Lanson entered the parlor, she found a might have made the impression he intended; as it was, call. in her mind in a chrysalis state, that, although his words of Miss Hilton, and having heard that you lodged and

fell on her ear, she imperfectly comprehended their meauing. Lauson was disappointed, for he had carefully marked the different phases-which her feelings had appeared to assume with regard to himself since his first introduction to her, and he imagined that she was fully prepared to listen with some degree of interest, to what. to do him justice, were no idle compliments; but the real sentiments of his heart. Want of perseverance, however, as has been suggested, was not one of his faults, and suspecting that she affected an indifference which she did not feel, he did not suffer his courage to be in the

least damped.

"If you have not already come to a satisfactory conclusion respecting Lanson," said Mary Arnott, Edith's cousin, "I advise you to make all possible haste, as I am certain that he has made up his mind to pop the ques-

Edith sat silent a short time, and appeared uncommonly thoughtful. She at length said-

"I wish you to tell me truly. Mary, if you have ever heard anything to Lanson's disadvantage?"

"Never. On the contrary, all whom I have heard speak of him, represent him as being a young man of correct habits, and as uncommonly attentive to his business, although the property which has lately fallen to him vields so large an income that he might, if he choice give up business altogether."

"A circumstance which may go to corroborate what I have heard," said Edith, and she then mentioned the remarks which she had heard Sutherland make respec-

"Mr. Sutherland has certainly been misinformed," said Mary, "and I should not suffer his remarks to influence me in the least."

"That is impossible," replied Edith. "Unless I can be perfectly sure that they were without foundation, Robert Lanson can never be anything more to me than he

"The difficulty lies in making yourself sure," said Mary. "Mr. Hearsay, who is not the most veracious you can gather any information."

"I have been thinking of a plan," said Edith. "It flashed upon my mind while listening to Sutherland's

" It is a romantic one I hope," said Mary, "and if so, you must let me be an aider and abetter, because you know that a little romance, once in a while, is the delight of my heart." "Without doubt, I shall be glad of your assistance,"

Lanson, to a gentleman by the name of Sutherland, who "What is it then? I am so impatient so hear;" replied

"You know that I told you one day, not long since, "Her name is Edith Eldon," roplied Sutherland," and that I had thoughts of learning a dress maker's trade."

"Yes, but I did not suppose you were in carnest." "I was, however, for although there is certainly no son, "and I must obtain an introduction to her," and as prospect at present that I shall be obliged to earn my he finished speaking, he left Sutherland in order to exe- hving, as strange things as that have come to pass .-Besides there is a monotony in fashionable life which Sutherland followed him with his eyes, and uncon-tires me. I wish to see the world under some different sciously murmared a few words to himself, while a scorn- aspect. Now, wherever I go, I am greeted with smiles ful smile wreathed his lips. To one not thoroughly ac- because I am Miss Elden, the wealthy heiress. Miss

"That may be true, but how by learning a dress ma-

"Miss Hilton, you know, is one of the most fashionable dress maker's in the city, and her shop is within son, as he left the room. five minutes walk of Lanson's residence. Now that pretty, modest girl, by the name of Susan Rowe, who fitted a morning dress for me last week, told me that while she was learning her trade of Miss Hilton, she had morning according to promise. She immediately closed a room in Lauson's house, and that her meals, prepared in the nicest manner, were always sent up to her by Miss wock, somewhat to that lady's surprise, who had felt Lanson, as her brother did not wish to have a third per-Summer's. The air of the crowded rooms had become warm and oppressive, and Edith stepped into a balcony.

Summer's area in that a person in his son at the table. Now if I can have the good fortune to than she could afford.

Won't you look at the could with the state of the crowded rooms had become become the could afford.

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"You will, of course, be obliged to make a confident heart, for she was not unconscious that she was becom- of Miss Hillen, for without doubt she knows you by

"I believe not, yet even if she does there will be no the door of the balcony, though she was too much on necessity of taking her into my confidence, as I mean to till at length the name of Lanson fell on her ear. This into a fashionable wig, dark, as story-tellers say, as the raven's plume."

"But even if you wear a black wig, it will not change your appearance in other respects. Your name too, she "I have but too good reason to believe that it is," re- has doubtless heard of the celebrated Miss Eldon, if she never saw her."

"Perhaps not, and even if she has, she has plenty to attend to without trying to find out if we are related to ness. I always imagined that he was one of the most each other. She might be anxious to discover the origin of a new fashion, but she wont trouble herself to trace

"You may be recognized by other people if not by

"Not at all. When they see me pass they will say, "how much Miss Hilton's little apprentice girl looks like while he is the youngest, is quite old enough to be his Miss Eldon-if I didn't know that it was impossible, I

> to constitute yourself a spy upon poor Lanson in his own menage, where it cannot be expected that he will speak and act by rule."

"Certainly I do. Stratagem in love as in war, should

The house of Lanson, a large and somewhat stately looking dwelling, was in a retired and pleasant street .-Besides himself and sister, who has been mentioned, was his housekeeper, there was only one inhabitant, a girl of was to take her first lesson in the art of dross-making. "All things considered, I should say no. Interference fourteen, who scoured knives, washed dishes, cleaned in such cases usually produces an effect opposite to what boots and shoes, did errunds and whatever else sho was was intended. It will undoubtedly be the more judicious capable of doing. Miss Lanson's life was, therefore, a very lonely one, and she used sometimes , to think, after Miss Lanson, when she found that she was preparing to a little menial office for the handsome, accomplished and It was impossible for Edith not to overhear this con- Susan Rowe wont away, that she would give a good resistion, and the unamiable light in which it placed deal to have some person to speak to occasionally. She Lanson, gave her more pain than fifteen minutes before felt this want the more as her brother, who had, as he she could have willingly imagined. As she knew on said, talking enough to do in the regular transaction of what slight grounds reports disadvantageous to a per- his business, was, when at home, uncommonly taciturn, was so much pleased with that she should'nt wonder if him, but he sometimes has a good deal to perp'ex him son's character are frequently based, she at once came to seldom speaking except to give some directions relative a determination to satisfy herself as to the validity of the to the manner he wished his dinner cooked, or some other charges against Lanson, to which she had just been an matter which bore directly on his personal comfort.involuntary listener. As soon as Sutherland and his One morning when a sense of lonel ness pressed more companion had withdrawn from its vicinity, she took the heavily than usual on Miss Lauson's mind, her attention first opportunity to leave the balcony. She soon after- was arrested by the ringing of the street door bell. It ward met Lanson, who was evidently seeking her. His was seldom rung by any one but her brother, and as she fal before; and if there was ever a lady in the world, she many persons whose ill-humor by dint of careful nurs-Inamer toward her, from the first, had been marked with was wondering why he had returned so soon after break- is one. And then she is so gay and so lively, and somethe greatest delicacy, a trait which cannot fail to be flat- fast, Hannah, the girl before alluded to, put her head toring to a lady's self-complacency, implying as it does into the room and said that there was a lady at the door

(ments to a female character. He ventured, once or "Wait on her in the parlor," said Miss Lanson, "and

limits of good taste. If she had not overheard the con- ly fitted to her form, which was remarkably fine. Withrestation between Sutherland and his companion, he out any preamble she made known the motive of her

the was so much pre-occupied by a plan already floating ... I am going," said she "to learn a dress-maker's trade

if you would accompdate me in the same way."

"For my own part I should be very glad to," replied take much pains with them." Miss Lanson, "for, as the house is large, it would make it seem less lonely; but what my brother will think about

"If he should be willing," said the young girl, "I shall consider it as a favor, as I know of no house where I can not too distant from the shop. If convenient I should prefer to have my meals in my own room."

"It will be perfectly convenient," said Miss Lanson.not value it, for the sake of having one more human beng live and breathe under the same roof."

the girl, "I will be willing to satisfy you for it." "I will speak to my brother about it" said Miss Lan-

on, "when he comes home to dinner." "And I will call again in the morning to ascertain the result. My name is Eldon, and if you wish to make any

inquiries respecting me, I can refer you to several respectable persons who reside in a neighboring town." care was to study his countenance, that she might "fashion her demeanor by his looks." She imagined that he very high price, so you needn't think of sending any up appeared in better humor than usual, and she felt sure to your boarder. The remainder of those strawberries I that he was, when he voluntarily informed her that he purchased yesterday will do for the desert." had recently several times met with a lady with whom he was so much pleased, that he had serious thoughts of

"She is of course very handsome and very accom-

plished, or you would not think of such a thing." "She is in every respect superior to any lady I have ever met with. The last time I saw her I thought she seemed more distant and reserved than usual; but I expect her object was to increase my arder, by making me doubtful as to my success."

"As it will probably be several months before you are narried," said his sister, hesitating, after a while, "I thought I should like, if you are perfectly willing, for I am sure I should n't think of such a thi g if you are not, personage in the world, being the only one from whom to have a young lady who called here this morning board here a short time."

"Another dress-maker's apprentice, I suppose." "Yes, but she says she shall be willing to pay for any xtra trouble she may give."

"I cannot say that I feel much flattered at the idea of having a person of her class as a boarder, yet if she is willing to give five dollars a week, as we have several rooms which are entirely useless to us, I will not object to her coming provided she, on all occasions, takes her neals in her room."

"That is a condition she seemed particularly anxious about, although she has a face, if the is nothing but a dress-maker's apprentice, which for my part I should like to see at the table."

"What kind of a face has she?"

"I do n't know that I can give you a correct idea of i for I am not good at description-but I know that she has a very handsome nose, beautiful red lips, and the brightest blue eyes I over saw. They made me think of with a desire to please, again ascended the s airs in orthe deep, clear spring I used to love when I was a child. I often amused myself by looking into it, but I could never see to the bottom of the sunshing that poured into i from overhead—that was always unfat

"What colored hair has she?" said Lanson, the descrip ion which his sister gave of her making him think of

"Black, and it struck me that her skin was a little dark ish for a person with blue eyes." "Durk skinned ladies are not to my taste," said 'Lan'

Edith did not fail to call on Miss Lanson the following | sawing, she prepared to go to the shop. with Miss Lanson's offer to board her for five dollars a

afraid that a person in her station would think it more "Won't you look at the rooms, and select the one you shirts. think will suit you best?" said Mis Lanson, wondering as she spoke why she should appear so indifferent about

"It will be as well," replied Edith, and she followed Miss Lanson up stairs, who showed her three rooms, all of which were large and airy, though very scantly fur-

they are already as nice as it is in the power of human Edith selected the only one which had a carpet on the | as yours is, I should give up the attempt in despuir." floor; and Miss Lanson said she would do her best to supply the other deficiencies with articles of furniture be-

longing to the other chambers. "I forgot to mention," said Edith, "that I shall always spend Sunday with a friend who lives in a distant part eve." of the city. I shall always go in season to take tea with her Sunday, and shall not return here till dinner time on that the lady in question would value a smooth temper

Monday. "Then there ought to be some reduction in the price," anid Miss Lauson.

"By no means. I am perfectly willing to give five dollars a week, even if I am absent one, or even two days each week, which may frequently happen to be the case. Edith now rose to go, saying that she should be back in season for dinner.

"Don't be two early," said Miss Lanson, "for I canmother, keeps his house, and performs as much labor as should think it was her and then they will think no more not send your dinner up to you till after my brother has dined, as he is particular to have the first choice of what-"And you feel as if you would be doing perfectly right over may be put upon the table. There is always enough left, however, which is very good, and I shall be careful to select the best for you."
"I am not difficult," said Edith, "and I beg that you

will give yourself no unnecessary trouble on my account."

good quality and properly served.";

to her new lodging, she proceeded to her shop where she pains-taking a shoc-black as there is in the city." Everything went on quite smoothly for more than a

week. Edtih had been absent one night, for the purpose of attending a party, where she as usual met Lauson .-go, very much regretted her intended absence, and tried amiable Mr. Lanson, especially when it would otherwise o pursuade her to remain at home, as she said her brother was going to one of the grand parties he was in the habit of attending, where he expected to see a lady he said Miss Lauson. "Hannah can almost always suit he married her, she should, therefore, be quite alone till relative to his business, and is always obliged to treat his a late hour. Edith excused herself by saying that she had promised her friend to spend the night with her."

"I wish you could see our boarder," said Miss Lanson, one morning to her brother. "If you should, you would home." say that you never saw a person that was really beautitimes so funny that----"

"That," said her brother, taking up the word, "you are so amused that you neglect many things which you boots and shoes properly blacked than forty protty milliners, and it appears to me that if you should attend to it as

meekly replied his sister. "I should be very glad if you would," said he, "and I

"I will do my best," said she, "and I always have done. Miss Eldon saw me ironing some vesterday, and said she never saw any look nicer."

"Then Miss Eldon's ideas of niceness differ from mine," he replied. "It would not be amiss either if you obtain accommodations such as I should like, which is should trust more to yourself and less to Hannah in preparing dinner. I have not been remarkably well pleased of late, but have forborne to say anything, thinking that perhaps matters might be mended. The dress ma-Even if it did put me to a little extra trouble I should ker's lively and funny apprentice I apppose you thought must be attended to whether I am or not."

"Indeed, Robert," said Miss Lanson, "I never trust "If it should cause you any additional trouble," said Hannah to prepare dinner or any other meal. It was not my fault that those chickens were not good yesterday. I knew the moment I saw them that they would not be good roasted, and had not your order respecting seen her look and appear so well, but she received his atthe manner von wished to have them cooked been peremptory, I should have done them some other way."

"Well, all I have to say is, that if you have any judgment, I wish you would have the goodness to exercise it When Lanson came home to dinner, his sister's first for the future. I shall send some green peas home for dinner to-day-only a very few, as they at yet sell at a

> "There is not a single strawborry left." "Not a single one left!"

"No," replied his sister, looking a good deal frighten-"You gave them to your boarder, I suppose; but remember if she wishes for any fruit she will for the future supply herself."

"I thought as she is absent a good deal, we could af-

ford to let her have a little of what is left." "You for excu happened to think wrong then, and . will thank you to remember that I strictly prohibit you from offering her any more. Another thing I have a mind too, and that is, the piece of ice on the butter is much larger than there is any need of. All that is left is of course wasted."

"It is almost always about all melted by the time Miss Eldon finishes her dinner." "Eldon-did you say! I thought your boarder's name

was Alden."

"No, her name is Eldon." "Rather a singular coincidence," said ho. "I did no think that there was another person in town by that name. Where is Hannah? Lot her go and get my oth-

er hat-this is too heavy for this warm morning." "Hannah is gone off on an errand," she replied, "I

will go for your hat myself." "Why didn't you bring the gloves you saw lying or the table when you were about it?" said he, when she

"I didn't know that you wished for them," she replied, "I will go back and get them."

"I wish you would," said he, and his sister, uncon scious of fatigue from the stimulus afforded by fear joined der to procure his gloves.

Lanson took them and left the house.

Edith, the evening previous, had taken a piece of work home with her to finish, so that instead of going to the shop as usual, directly after breakfast, she had remained in her room. What little air there was, was not in the direction to come in the windows; and as the morning girls together, and we have grown old and out of date, self comfortable, been obliged to leave open her chamber door. It might have been proper for her to have closed it when Lanson commenced finding fault with his sister: she did not, however, and consequently heard all that was said. Soon after his departure, having finished her

"Miss Eldon, do step this way one minute," said Mis Lanson, who heard her passing through the hall.

Edith entered a small, back apartment, where her hostess with a sad, care-worn countenance stood by a table, on which were lying a number of very fine linen

"Do, Mis Eldon," said she, " if you possibly can, tell me what I can do to make these look better. My brother feels dissatisfied with them, and says they are not starched and ironed as they ought to be." "I cannot tell you what to do," said Miss Eldon, "for

hands to make them. Had I a brother so hard to please "Robert seems more difficult about his things than he used to." said Miss Lanson. "The truth is, he is anxous to appear uncommonly well, on account of the lady

I mentioned to you a few days ago that he has in his "Could the truth be known," said Edith. "I dare say much more highly than a smooth dickey. Ah, here are a pair of boots-the ones, I suppose, that you are to have the privilege of blacking for him. You have so many things to attend to, and look so worried and fatigued, let

me see if I cannot succeed." "Oh! not for the world." "And why not? I am always pretty sure to succeed n whatever I undertake, and I have no doubt but that I can black Mr. Lanson's boots in a manner which will prove entirely satisfactory to him. Just lend me this apron, and I will polish them so well that no person will

suspect they were not done by a regular shoe-black " Heedless of Miss Lanson's remonstrances, she com-

menced blacking the boots, and did not leave them till she could see her face in them.

"There," said she, placing them in a conspicuous place, and assuming an air of mock triumph, "I know "I shall not consider it any trouble," said Miss Lan- that I could do them as well as if I had done nothing but son, "but rather a pleasure to see that your meals are of black shoes all my life time. I think that even the lady you mentioned, who it seems is the innocent cause of his Edith now bid her good morning, and after giving di- fastidiousness in shirt-bosoms and boots, should she rections to a porter to go for her baggage and convey it | chance to see them will give him eredit for employing as

> "What would my brother think if he should know tha von did them?" "He would probably think that a dress-maker's ap prentice ought not to feel degraded by performing such

> "He don't in a general way expect me to do them," clients with courtesy, let them be tedious and troublesome as they will, or he will lose their custom, so it is not to be wondered at if he is a little out of humor when he comes

"By no means," replied Edith. "I have heard o ing, often rises to so high a pitch that there might be a dangerous explosion were they not able to let it off at home occasionally. Mr. Lanson seems obliged on account of a pancity of servants to select his sister as a safeought to attend to. Now I should much rather see my ty valve, who will doubtless be susceeded by his wife whenever he obtains one."

"Oh! no," said Miss Lanson, "for he has always been mentary, yet always in a manner so as not to exceed the young girl whose dress was plain and simple, yet exact- you ought, that Hannah could be made to do them so so used to finding fault with me that it will be a great deal more natural to him than to find fault with his wife. them so badiy-I will do them myself for the future," wife, especially if he is so fortunate as to obtain the lady

he is so much pleased with." "How happens it?" said Edith, as she poured a little false and real side to your character—a rough and smooth now!"—N. Y. Atlus.

boarded one of her girls last summer, I have called to see wish you would also be a little more particular about cologne water upon her hands, after having subjected them | side to your temper. Now as the noble or rather apparatus ironing my shirt bosoms and collars-I don't think you to a more thorough ablution than usual, even though | rently noble side of your character, and the smooth side performing what was to them a very novel employment -"how happens it that you have never seen the lady you

speak of? Don't you ever attend any parties?" "No, indeed, Robert says my manuers are too much out of date for me to mix in fashionable society. I received a few invitations when I first presided over his es ablishment, but there is a general understanding now that I never go out, so people have ceased to invite me, "I shall be absent again to-night," said Edith as she put on her bonnet.

"How strange that you should always be absent on the same evenings that my brother is. He is going to a party this evening, I can tell by his appearance.'

And Miss Lauson was right. Her brother did attend a tentions with a coldness which he could not possibly misconstrue, for that which is sometimes assumed as musk to cover the real feelings of the heart. He could have borne this with a better grace had she treated all all that she has so meekly suffered." with similar indifference. It was impossible, however, not to nerceive that Frank Ashton, the gentleman who had paid her particular attention the first evening he ever saw her, and who had since modestly kept somewhat in the back-ground, had more than regained his original place in her favor. To be supplanted by Frank Ashton was in his estimation too humiliating, for, though he was well educated and possessed talents of the highest order, he was poor. Neither could he, thought Lanson, compure with himself in personal advantages. In this he was right as respected those which generally pass for such in the eyes of the multitude; but persons who prefer an intellectual expression of countenance to a brilliant complexion, and some other advantages of a showy hature, would have been better pleased with the looks of

That which added to Lanson's chagrin was, he had within a few days purchased a high priced piano, which was that very moment standing in silent dignity in one of the parlors, with Miss Eldon's favorite songs and nirs reposing on the top of it. He began now seriously to apprehend that the roll of bank-bills he paid the manufac urer of the instrument, would have been more judicious ly employed in purchasing stock.

"It is a delightful morning," said Edith to Miss Lanson, "and if I were you I would walk out, if it were for nothing but the novelty of breathing a little air, which has not first been enclosed within four walls."

tot gone to make her sister a visit to-day. " "If that is the only thing that prevents you, " said

Edith, "I will take Hannah's place-I can easily apologize to Miss Hilton for being absent from the shop. " After some hesitation, Muss Lauson concluded to go. "You will be in no danger of being disturbed," said sho, when she was ready for her walk, " for except the boy my mother sometimes sends with the meat and veg-

ten times a your that does not belong to the family. " Edith, "so don't be in a hurry to return." "I should like to call on Miss Hinckley " said Miss Lauson. "If she did not live so far from here. She is

seem out of date to each other." "Why don't she call on you?" inquired Edith. "Her health is delicate, so that she is not able to walk

to pay for a scut in an omnibus.

"I can spend an hour with her, " said Missa Lauson.

to prepare diquer, " and as she spoke, her countenance rose to be a lieutenant. brightened up with quite a holiday look. "I cannot imagine what makes Miss Lanson think you are so handsome in this horrid black wig, " said Edith, looking into the glass and addressing the light, sylph-like figure which it reflected. As she spoke, she playfully entwined her fingers with the curling locks and cast it upon the floor. "Worse still," she continendsuch sunny hair and such a dingy skin, " and running into the kitchen and nouring some water into a basin

her nut brown complexion soon took the hue of snow wreath bathed in the beams of a rosy twilight. She returned to the parlor and amused herself by look-

ing at the music lying on the piano. "Oh! here is the song I love above all others," said she, "I have a half a mind to sing it-besides I do so

want to know if Lanson was cheated in this piano. ? The next minute she was sented before it with her fin-

gers lightly running over its keys. "It is certainly a very tolerable instrument, " thought she, as she finished the song and turned to another. She then went on playing and singing till she began to think that it was nearly time for M iss Lanson to return She gave a glance at the time-piece and concluded that she might venture on one song more. She was in the nidst of the second stanzas when Lanson, who had returned home to procure some papers which he needed. ascend the front door-steps and was about to pull the ball, when the sound of music caused him to hesitate,-He imagined that his sister had invited some person who had called on her to play upon the piano, a liberty which he felt disposed to highly resent, and one he was quite sure she would not presume to repeat. He suspected there would be a slipping out at side-doors the moment he latch-key in his pocket, he admitted himself without noise and stole softly into the room containing the plane He had proceeded only a few steps when he stumbled over something he took to be the cat, but which on ooking down-proved to be a lady's wig. The noise thus produced, though slight, as it happened during a momenary pause in the music, reached the ear of Edith. She turned her head, and when she saw who it was quickly rose from her seat.

"Do I see Miss Eldon ?" said Lanson. "Yes, my name is Eldon, and I board with Miss Lanson. "

"I am unable to comprehend what the meaning of this can be. " said he. "One very plain meaning is, " she replied, "I wished to learn the dress-maker's trade of Miss Hilton, and

there was no other place where I could board that was

within a convenient distance."

"Cun'I then have been deceived? I thought and others thought with me that you were the heiress of half a million. "

"You have not been deceived in that respect," said Edith. "but as every person is liable to a reverse of fortune, I some time since came to a determination to prepare myself to meet any reverse that might happen to

"This is one meaning, you say-may I presume to inquire the others."

that they would look a little more decent."

deal more natural to him than to find fault with his wife.

"I am sure I am sorry that I didn't mind that she did I have no doubt but that he will be very indulgent to his it that I was not—to say the least—displeased with your appearance. I, however, by a circumstance which is not worth repeating, was led to suspect that there was a over seed in my life, but he has got a very bad c

they had been encased in a pair of thick gloves while of your temper were always presented when you were abroad, I naturally concluded that the mean side of the one, and the rough side of the other were kept for home use. I wished to prove the truth of my suspicions, and I have.

" Espisonage is not mean, I suppose." "I have been guilty of none, " she, replied. " The enowledge I have contained will be converted to my own benefit-I shall not report it for the benefit of others .-Good morning, sir," and curteseying, she retired to her own room.

" Poor Lanson, " she thought, as she turned the key, of her door, "you have been tested by a rather severe ordeal—there are few I suspect, who would pass it without a slight singe, yet while I pity you I have much reaparty, and so did Edith. Lanson thought he had never son to congratulate myself, for so infatuated had I become that nothing short of hearing and seeing could satisfy me that you were not as estimable as you appear. The fury of the storm will, I am afraid, burst upon your sister, but I will find a way, and that soon, to indemnify her for

And she did indemnify her. In less than a week afterward Miss Lanson received a letter informing her that ten thousand dollars, not transferable during her life-time, had been placed at her disposal. Lanson's reason's were too good for not wishing to identify Miss Eldon the heiress as Miss Eldon the dress-maker's apprentice, to permit him to gratify his revenge by disclosing what he did not fail, when no person was within ear-shot, to call mean, unlady-like, and bold.

In three months afterward he was married to a rich widow, ten years older than himself, who did not hesitate to tell him that it would be more agreeable to her fer his sister to find a home elsewhere Fortunately Miss Lanson thought that she should prefer to go, and within a few days after her brother's marriage she was comfortably settled with her old friend Miss Hinckley, the handsome sum given her by Edith being ample for the maintenance of them both, in as much comfort as they desired at the small and neat establishment owned by Miss Hinckley.

Among the ladies who attracted the most attention at me of the fashionable watering-places, the next season. were Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Gilmore formerly Edith Eldon and Mary Arnott. Miss Lanson and Miss Hinckley were present at Edith's bridal party, and the young bride's eyes never rested on the happy and tranquil countenance of the former without a thrill of pleasure visiting her heart. Removed from the chilling and depressing atmosphere which surrounded her when her home was with her brother. Miss Lanson did not feel herself to be "I would," replied Miss Lanson, "if Hannah had out of date, nor was she considered so by others.

NELSON.

Human nature is ever very frail. No man ever had a stronger sense of it under the influence of a sense of justice, than Lord Nelson, He was loth to inflict punishment; and when he was obliged, as he called it, " to endure the torture of seeing men flogged, " he came out of his cabin with a hurried step, ran into the gangway. etables for dinner, no person enters the house half a do- | made his bow to the General, and, reading the articles of war the culprit had infringed, "Boatswain do your du-"I shall enjoy myself very well, I dare say," said ty." The lash was instantly applied, and, consequentty, the sufferer exclaimed, "Forgive me, Admiral, forgive me!" On such an occasion Lord Nelson would look around with wild anxiety, and, as all his officers all the friend I have in the city. We used to be school- kept silent, he would say, " What!! none of you speak for im ! avast ! cast him off ! " and then add to the suffering together; but then, you know, it isn't natural for us to culprit, "Jack! in the day of battle remember me!" and he became a good fellow in future. A poor men was about to be flogged-r landsman-a few pitied him. His offence was drunkenness. He"was being tied up; the mile which separated us, and she can seldom afford a lovely girl contrary to rules, rushed through the officers, and, falling on her knees, clasped Nelson's hand, in "Make her a good, long visit now," said Edith, "and which were the articles of war, exclaiming, "Pray, fortalk over everything that has happened since you last give him, your honor, and he shall never offend again." Your face, " said the Admiral, " is a security for his good behavior. Let him go; the fellow cannot be bad looking at the time-piece, "and then be back in season | who has such a levely creature in his care." The man

N. P. Will's bought a pair of garters at a German fair. painted in imitation of a wreath of flowers with a verse

inscribed on them, which he translated as follows . "When night with morning lingers,. · Awake and stirring be And with your pretty fingers Clasp this about your knee, When day with eve reposes And stars begin to see ; And dearest, think of me.

TALE OF A TUB. The following droll story appears in the St. Joseph's Times: On the passage of the ship Alexandria from Now Orleans to New York, a young lad of about 14. from a naturally frollicsome disposition, became so troublesome that he was threatened by the captain that he would confine him in a water cask. Our youngster took no heed, and at his next offence was put into the cask, which was headed up, leaving a large bung-hole for the admission of air. The ship encountered a violent storm, and in a sudden lurch, the cask containing the boy rolled into the sea. The circumstance was not noticed by those on board. Fortunately the cask struck bung up, and floated about 30 hours, when it was blown upon the beach off Cape St. Blas. Here the boy made efforts to extricate himself from h's prison without success, and in despair, gave up to die. Some cows strolling on the beach, were attracted to the cask, and one of thenumber, it being fly time, switched her tale into the bung hole, which the boy grasped with a desperate resolution. The cow hellowed, and set of for life; and running some 200 yards with the cask, struck it against a log on the beach, which knocked it into a cocked hat .rung the bell, but finding that he fortunately had his The boy, thus providentially released, was discovered by some fishermen on the Point, and taken into Apalachicols, where a small collection being made for him he was enabled to proceed north by way of Columbus.

IF A Dutchman, up at Scaughticoke, by the name of Kendrick, had a son by the name of Jacob, or Yaupy, as the Dutch usually called it, with whose education, he had taken much pains, instructing him in all the rudiments of good breeding, &c., until he became satisfied that his boy Yaupy was a perfect patern of obedience and good manners; and he took every occasion to show off Yaupy's accomplishments, and sound his praises among his neighbors. He said that "Yaupy had more larnin" den most all de boys in de school; he can read all trough de spelling-book, and spell all through all reading books, and could tell all de pictures in de big Bible."

Kendrick was visited one day by his domini, who call ed to enquire into the state of his moral and religious affairs, and to give instruction to his family. Kindrick. thinking it a good opportunity to show off his paragon of a son, and wishing, at, the same time, to be kind and civil to his domini, called out to his boy in an adjoining

"Yaupy, you go down in de cellar, and draw de domii a pitcher of citer, but—**

"Go to the devil, father, said Yaupy, and draw the c.der yourself; you know where it is as well as I do." This was rather a stumper to poor Kindrick; but being unwilling that his domini should go away with an unfavorable impression of Yaupy's manners, undertook to

apologise for him. "Domini," said he, "dat is von of de best little boys