Only from day to day

To climb the unreal path,

The life of a wise man runs;

What matter if seasons far away

We lose the roadway here,

And tunnel the hills of fear.

Our fee on the torrent's brink,

Our eyes on the cloud afar,

Instead of the things that are.

Like a tide our work should rise,

We fear the things we think,

Each later wave the best,

To-day is the special test.

Like a sawyer's work is life;

And the only field for strife

Is the inch before the saw.

The present makes the flaw.

THE RIGOLETTA'S ENGINEER.

"Hetty, wouldn't you like to go

The speaker, a good-looking young

down on the engine to-morrow night?"

fellow of nineteen, leaned against one

of the monster drive-wheels of the

Rigoletta, which stood puffing before

The girl addressed looked up into

"You want somebody to bother

you," she said. "Why, Jule, all the

time I would be in the road, and John

would stop the Rigoletta, and leave

her in disgust. If you know what is

good for yourself, keep away from

"Yes, I know you'll go down with

me on the engine. The ride is so ex-

citing, and, just think, we will take

Governor Knox and his staff down to-

morrow night. John will be glad to

have an angel on the engine, and

Heity McFarland yielded to the en-

fore the Rigoletta threw smoke rings

heavenward, and moved off like a

She knew that conductor Bradley

the engine, for he was the politest

When the Rigoletta, oiled and pol-

Stanton's unpretentious depot.

two rows of pearly teeth.

He laughed, and said:

7 o-morrow forever flies.

We swim the rivers of wrath

Have gloom or have double suns?

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waved her lover good-by, as she turned toward ber home.

city of Hamilton, dwelt Hetty Me-Farland's uncle, whom the girl had long thought of visiting. Therefore, to carry out her purpose, she prompuriou and expounded ised to go down on the Rigoletta the following night.

senson. the was read Tex and John Nixon, the engineer, she is has attained a ciranticipated a pleasant time, and gold, again reached Stanton on her

prepared for her ride. Julius sprang from the engine, reading, such a to the little apartment which he had fitted up anew for her reception. cut ix is one of its tashtons are also domes; and so are to him. "There is a moon, but it does 1 Pages with fifty-six 1 \$1 20 a year, posting 1 repays the cost of 100 by mode from this "That's so, Hetty. We've got to

I've or now one. Knox and his staff are aboard, and we have been ordered to be very careful. I spoke to Bradley about you going THE SEN New York down with us, and he said, 'Certainly,' just as I knew he would." EE'S SALE

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URDAY, JAN. 8th, 1876, ty," he said, and sprang from the en-

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PYON BROTHERS.

gine and disappeared. He walked about the platform, lookretain Piece or Tract of Land

he could not find, "I don't like affairs to-night," he

said to himself. "He looked as if he to slower time?" asked Hetty. had been drinking, and we want a seber man to run the Rigoletta through this terrible fog."

Hetty was sitting on the green-

the tool-box of the engine, and her

lover, talking, leaned against the jamb

"Excuse me for one moment, Het-

Across the track and almost direct- John." ly opposite the depot building stood a groggery to which access could be ob-This was not the sole avenue of ingress, but it was called the secret way, and sometimes the employees of the road made use of it to procure a sly to emanate from beneath the very drink. After a while the young fire- wheels of the engine fell upon the man crossed the track and traversed lover's ear.

the garden to the groggery. He did not enter, for beyond the threshold of such a place he had looked at Nixon. promised a fair young girl that he would never step. He paused at the engineer, looking at him with wild door, which was open, and looked be- eyes that would have made some between the green slats of the shade in- lieve that their owner was a maniac.

to the room. At the counter, with a glass of bran- I'll run the Rigoletta." dy in his hand, stood the man for whom he had been looking—John nal?" said the fireman.

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Nixon, the engineer.

"John, didn't you her nal?" said the fireman.

"No, nor you either. W

The fireman's face grew pale when he saw him, and he said something which was connected with Hetty McFarland's

He did not move until the engineer emptied the glass and turned to go. Then Julius saw that his face was flushed, and he hardly looked like the same man

He passed very near the young watcher, whom the fog hid, and a minute later was shaking hands with Hetty on the engine.

all appearances, refrained from drink- ahead!" ing. Once liquor had cost him a good situation on the road; but his reformation was so strong and praiseworthy, that the company encouraged him by restoring him to the mastery of the Rigoletta.

Until that night no railroad man had seen him lift the glass to his lips, and Julius Baird, after witnessing what he had, did not know what to do.

There were precious lives on the train that trip, and it would require good engineering to carry them through safely. He knew that Nixon would be discharged before the train could leave Stanton if Bradley was informed of his action. In such an event his duties would devolve upon his face, with a smile that displayed | the young fireman, who doubted his ability to perform them satisfactorily. The responsibility was great, and then John Nixon knew every mile of the road and he could not be spared.

After a long mental debate the fireman stepped upon the engine and sat beside Hetty. He talked with her pleasantly, mentioning not his fears, but watched the engineer without

The train moved off after its usual halt, and was soon rushing through the dense fog. The engineer conversed for a few

minutes when he became sullen and you know what Bradley thinks of stood in the door with his back to the lovers. "What's the matter with John?"

treaties of the young fireman, be- asked Hetty, in a whisper. Her question drew a secret from the young fireman's heart. In a whisper he narrated the scene in the groggery, The sun was setting behind the hills and told her the engine was under the in the rear of the town, and the girl care of a drunken man.

The fair cheeks grew pale at this, and Hetty's hand dropped upon her Fifty miles south of Stanton, in the lover's arm.

"John, we must take the Rigoletta safely to Hamilton!" she said, with firmness, "Think! Our good Governor is on board, and there are women and children in the sleeping cars."

He nodded, and said, "Yes, Hetty," without taking his eyes from the enwould not object to her presence on gineer.

"We ought to find signals in this conductor of the road, and was in- fog!" she said, for, from her lover, debted to her for the many well-chosen Hetty had learned much about the bou-justs he wore during the flower | iron track,

"If there be danger we will find Then, as Julius had said, a ride on them," he answered her. The goverthe engine would be so exciting, and nor's presence insures the extra prewith such good fellows as her lover cautions, and I expect to hear the signals before we reach Hamilton, Why, in this awful fog, which seems like a shroud of triple thickness, we ished till her machinery and mount- couldn't see a headlight fifty feet beings glistened like burnished silver fore us."

At that moment Nixon turned and down trip. Hetty McFarland was looked at the guage. Then he threw open the furnace

door, "Wood!" he laconically said to found her in a jiffy, and assisted her the fireman, who looked at Wetty and turned to the tender. "John, aren't we going fast enough

"How foggy it is to-night," she said through this fog?" she said to the engineer, in a soft, half pleading tone. "I'm the engineer of the Rigoletta," he answered her, not harshly, but with

feel our way. You see, Governor a smile. "But the Governor is on board." "He's no better than John Nixon!" "John, we might collide with an-

other train." "In which event the Rigoletta would be knocked out of shape. I've run plush cushion that covers the lid of through worse fogs than this, and," in a lower voice as he turned away, "I'll run as I please if we burst the

> boiler! Hetty with pallid face saw Julius feed the furnace anew and reseat him-

self at her side. The speed of the engine increased, ing for some person, whom it seemed and John Nixon mad with brandy, watched the pointers of the guage.

"Why don't Bradley ring him down "He's having a good time with the governor's party, and then he's got

all the confidence in the world in On, still on, through the cold fog that made Hetty wrap her shawl about tained through a garden behind it, her shoulders and shiver, even then, went the engine, growing as mad as

its drunken master. Suddenly a strange report that seemed

Julius Baird sprang to his feet. "The fog signal!" he cried, and

"What's up young man?" said the 'Sit down with your doll-faced girl.

"John, didn't you hear the fog sig-

"No, nor you either. We're all right-"

"There! the second one!" cried Julius, as a report exactly like the first fell upon his ears. "That means

stop." "If you're running this train I want to see your commission of authority!"

said the mad engineer. "I am not running it," replied the youth, quite calmly. "You know the code of the road as well, perhaps better, than I do. You know all about the fog signals. The first means run slower, the second, stop, the third, For four years John Nixon had, to stop at all hazards-there's danger

> "What's that you're trying to tell me?" roared Nixon. "Curse your fog signals! You sha'nt dictate to mo because you've got your sweetheart with you to-night. Now keep your mouth shut, or-"

He never finished the threat, but laid his band or a heavy wrench, and looked daggers at the youth.

The last word had scarcely left the engineer's lips when the third and last fog signal sounded more distinct than the others. The wheels had crushed the cap on the iron rails; but John Nixon paid no heed to it.

"He's crazed with drink!" said Julius, moving back toward Hetty Mc-Farland, "and he's driving the train right into some terrible accident. The rains may have swept that river bridge away; we must be very near it The minute that followed was one

of agony. At the end thereof, the engineer threw open the furnace, and turning to his fireman said:

"Wood! wood! and be quick about it too!" Julius was leaving the cushion.

when Hetty suddenly sprang to her feet, and drew a small revolver from her pocket. "Stop the train!" she cried, pointing the weapon at John Nixon's

head; "you will not obey the fog signals; you must obey me or die!" The drunkard dropped the wrench, and stared aghast into Hetty's flash-

The new situation seemed to be sobering him.

stop it at once!" He put his hand on the lever, and still looking at her he obeyed the command.

"Stop the train!" she repeated, "and

The speed of the train diminished. and it soon stood still on the track. Then was heard the rushing of mad

voices, and the shouts of men. "I feared it!" cried Julius; "the bridge over the river is gone!"

John Nixon stood erect with his hand on the lever, and almost sober. "Go and tell Bradley," Hetty said to Julius who disappeared.

A moment later the conductor, followed by several passengers and men in their shirtsleeves, appeared at the

"I thank God for such women as you, Hetty," he said. "We are within twenty feet of the bridgeless abutment. An instant more and we would have been in the foaming torrent!" Hetty McFarland breathed a thank-

ful prayer, and saw John Nixon removed from his post. The danger was over. A woman's firmness had saved the train and its precious freight.

It seems that a few minutes prior to the explosion of the alarm caps the bridge had been carried away by the high waters, and the signals were put down to warn the train.

"It's the pistol you gave me Jule. Mother thought I might be safer with it, and made me bring it along."

The train had to back many miles. for the river of course could not be crossed, and valuable time was lost. But the loss was nothing compared to

John Nixon was discharged, and became a confirmed inebriate. The old habit eventually slew him.

Julius Baird took his place, and if the wedding that shortly followed was a quiet one, the presents were magnificent. They came from Governor

Knox and the railway company.

Samuel Houghton, author of a work on "Animal Mechanics," writes to Nature respecting the relative strength of the lion and the tiger:-I have the fore limbs is only 69.9 per cent. of had years of experience." that of the tiger, and that the strength of his hind limbs is only 65.9 per cent. of that of the tiger. I may add that five men can easily hold down a lion, while it requires nine men to control a tiger. Martial also states that the tigers always killed the lions in the amphitheatre.

A CHILD beginning to read becomes delighted with a newspaper, because he reads of the names of things which are familiar, and he will progress accordingly. A newspaper in one year is worth a quarter's schooling to a child, and every father should consider that information is connected with advancement. The mother of a family, being one of its heads, and iate charge of chilcourse, more easily governed.

A GLOOMY NEGOTIATION.

THE MAN WHO WANTED TO BUY A COFFIN. Mr. Phipps of the firm of Phipps & Hodge, the Danbury undertakers, was on?" sitting in his shop Saturday afternoon ruminating gloomily upon the dull times, when the door opened and in came a stranger. The visitor was a slim-faced man, dressed in a dun-colored sait of rather tight-fitting clothes. He looked clear around the room, carefully avoiding one. a glance at the undertaker until the cir-

cuit was completed. Then he looked curiously at him, and

"Is the boss in ?" "Yes, sir, I am one of them. Is there anything I can do for you, sir?"

"Well, that'll depend on how we kin perfect." deal, I reckon," replied the stranger, in a tone of subdued shrewdness. "I have the afflicted. just had to shoulder a pretty heavy affliction. My old woman went under yesterday." He paused and looked interrogatively over the array of coffins and caskets. "Your wife is dead?" inquired Mr.

Phipps, with professional anxiety. "You've hit it square, boss," replied the stranger, with an approving nod.

"What time yesterday did the sad event

"Pass away peacefully?"

the bereaved. "She'd been sick off an' on pastor was a learned, laborious, amiable, for about two years an' better. Not right and excellent man, he was exceedingly down sick all that time, but then I don't prosy and uninteresting as a preacher. It think she done a square day's work in two was resolved, therefore, that a deputation years. It's been a great expense all should be sent respectfully to ask him to ever. I came in to-day to see about fixin' undertake the difficult and delicate task. her up."

You will want something rather nice, I trepidation, but were greatly relieved by fancy?" said Mr. Phipps.

nothing that's going to upset folks, you acquiesced in their desire that he would know. We are plain people, boss, an' at resign. Elated with their success, they a time like this-with a great affliction bastened to report the results to the peoshouldered on us-we don't feel like riling ple. All were greatly gratified at the up the neighbors. If it was a huskin' bee prospect of such an amicable arrangement; now, or a barn raisin' even, I'd calculate and feeling some sense of gratitude to the to make their eyes prance right around in minister for his many years of service, and their heads. But," and he sighed heavily, especially for his ready compliance with "this is a hoss of another color."

We don't want to go in too heavy, you gratitude for his manifold labors and of know." looking article."

"I can let you have that for \$45."

feelingly explained the widower. the undertaker, hastily pointing to an-accompanied by so generous a gift, he felt other article of common wood, slightly constrained to abandon his purpose, and

"How much is that?"

"Only \$18." much more like it. Still, don't it strike services. you that \$18 is pretty steep for these

one year ago."

"It may be cheap, as you say," ruminated the bereaved; "yet \$18 is a good big course, but I don't want to jump in so His right arm was occupied in holding her never had a funeral before. You get what place for her little head. And they were I mean ?"

your sorrow."

proved that the strength of the lion in the purpose, in my judgment, and I have less trees, and spreading a silver glory

of 'em," said the stranger, in a tone of she returned, "and did you see that Jen a'n't seed you fur a long time?" unqualified respect. "This is a sound one, Clemens at the dance? She had on last I suppose," he continued, tapping the winter's dress, made over, and she's worn

kinds of wood," explained Mr. Phipps. "Just see here a minute," exclaimed the stranger, suddenly and impressively drawto ask you as a man of experience in these Rome Sentinel.

things, and understanding what gref is, if you ain't got a bex of that pattern that's got some sort of a defect in the wood, which you could knock off a little

"I haven't, sir."

"Just think a minnit, please," he anxiously resumed. "Nothing a little rotted?" The undertaker shook his head. "With a wormhole or so in-I don't

mind a dozen?" suggested the sorrowing "No." "Or a little sappy? Don't answer too

quick. Take time. Just a little sappy

where it wouldn't be seen by the public,

you know?" "I haven't such a piece of wood in the establishment. We use none that is im-

"Eighteen dollars it is, then?" sighed

"Yes, sir." "I must take it, I suppose," he observed ; "but when the neighbors see that coffin they'll swear old J--- has struck a gold mine. Now, mark my words." And he passed gloomily out .- Danbury News.

A PARISH INCIDENT .- In a rural Presbyterian congregation in the western section of Canada, the people, for various "About 5 P. M., as near as we kin reck- reasons, were desirous of a change in the pastorate. A meeting was called to consider how the desired change could be ef-"Lit out without a groan," explained feeted. All were agreed that, though the through, but I don't complain, howsum- demit his charge. No one was ready to At last two elders were induced to go and "Ah, yes; you wish to secure a burial talk with the minister about the matter. case. We have, as you see, various kinds. They went on their mission with no little the cordial manner in which the good min-"Well, yes, I want something that will ister received them. He listened quietly show considerable grief and sorrer, but to their hesitatingly told story, and at once their wishes, they determined to present "How would this do you?" suggested him with an address and a purse. A pub-Mr. Phipps, indicating a plain resewood. lic meeting of the congregation was held, "What's the price of that? You see, at which the pastor was invited to be presboss, we live over in Baxter Plain. It's a ent, an address was read to him containing small place, an' there ain't much style, strong expressions of appreciation and strong personal affection for himself, and "Certainly not; but this is a very neat the purse was handed to him as a token of their continued esteem.

"Yes," coincided the widower, "It does On rising the pastor was deeply moved seem as if one needn't feel uneasy with and spoke with a faltering voice. He that coffin in the front room, an' the room stated that, influenced by the statements of the elders who had called on him, he had resolved, at much expense of feeling "Jee-Oh, I couldn't think of paying to himself, to resign his charge. Pausing that. Forty-five dollars! Why, you kin for a minute, as if overcome with emoget a wagon in two colors for that money. tion-not a few of the tender-hearted be-You see, boss, this is a plain country traying their sympathy with him-he funeral, an' not a torchlight procession," | went on to say that in view of the affectionate and touching address he had just "How will this do, then?" next inquired received, so very numerously signed, and would therefore remain with them, and devote his future life to the best interests of a people who were so warmly attached to "Eighteen dollars, hey? Well, that's him, and who so highly valued his humble

The reply was so obviously dictated by genuine simplicity that no one at the time "Not for an article like that, sir. I can had the courage to rise and explain. That assure you that such a coffin could not minister is still paster of the same parish. have been bought for a cent less than \$22 | The incident transpired some ten or twelve years ago, and contains a good moral.

THEY were standing in front of her pile of money. I want something nice, of gate, having just returned from a dance. mighty heavy as to make people think I up, while his shoulder furnished a resting watching the bright and glorious moon. "Oh, yes, perfectly. You want an arti- It was the same old moon which had lookcle that will look respectable and in keep- ed down on so many similar scenes, but ing with your circumstances, but yet you somehow it had a different appearance todo not wish to be too demonstrative in night. It influenced the young man to such a degree that he said : "With what "By jinks, I guess you've got it square refulgence does bright Luna shed her on the head," said the pleased sufferer. rays upon all inanimate creation, weaving "Now this is an article that just answers | weird, fantastic shadows among the leafover all. Do you observe the magnificent "Yes, yes, you must av tucked in a heap effect, Mamie?" "Yes indeed, Henry," that blue waist ever since I can remember, "Perfectly so; we use the very best I never saw such a looking thing." Henry gasped .- Rockland Courier.

ing the undertaker to one side. "You say ging; verily it is in front of the house of hog killin' times, and meat's lyin' round that coffin is sound as a nut, an' you want the slothful man. He sitteth by the fire regardless ob de perlitikil condishun ob af-\$18 for it? Now, I want you to under- to keep himself warm, neither will be de- fairs, an' ef a nigger don't lay in some ob stand there ain't anything small about me, part for a scattle of coal. When the dem perwissuns desc nights, he's gwine to an' that I've got just as much respect for housewife crieth aloud for a pail of water, smell der grabeyard 'fore de next 'lection!' the dead as any other man living, I don't he hath not his boots on. In the day "Den I'll 'skuse you till yore meat's all care where you snake him from. But win- when the storm fulleth he secladeth him- in!" said Jake .- Atlanta Constitution. ter is coming on, you know, an' we owe a self; he saith to the snow shovel, "Ha, ha. dren, should herself be instructed. A mind little to the living as well. That's a sound Let us rest in peace." So his sidewalk is

TEN MINUTES TO LIVE.

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On board an English steamer, a little ragged boy, aged nine years, was discovered the fourth day out from Liverpool to New York and carried before the first mate, whose duty it was to deal with such cases.

When questioned as to his object in being stowed away, and who brought him on board, the boy, who had a beautiful sunny face, and eyes that looked like the very mirror of truth, replied that his step-father did it because he could not afford to keep him nor to pay his passage to Halifax, where he had an aunt who was well off, and

to whose home he was going. The mate did not believe the story, in spite of the winning face and truthful accents of the boy. He had seen too much of stow-aways to be easily deceived by them, he said, and it was his firm conviction the boy had been brought on beard and provided with food by the sailors. The fellow was very roughly handled in

Day by day be was questioned and requestioned, but always with the same result. He did not know a sailor on board, and his father alone had secreted him, and

given him food which he ate. At last the mate, wearied by the boy's persistence in the same story, and perhaps a little anxious to inculpate the sailors, seized and dragged him to the fore deck. where he assured him that unless be told the truth in ten minutes from that time he would hang him to the yard-arm. He then made him sit down under it on the deck, while all around him were the passengers and the sailors of the middle watch, and in front of him stood the inexorable mate with his chronometer in his hand and the

officers of the ship by his side. It was the finest sight, said our informant, that I ever beheld, to see the pale. proud, sorrowful face of that noble boy, his head erect, his beautiful eyes brigh through the tears that suffused them When eight minutes had fled, the mate told him that he had but two minutes to live, and advised him to speak the truth and save his life; but he replied with the utmost simplicity and sincerity, by asking

if he might pray. The mate said nothing, but nodded his head and turned pale as a ghost, and shook with trembling like a reed shaken by the wind. And then all eyes turned on him, the brave and noble little fellow-the poor boy whom society owned not, and whose own step-father would not care for, There he knelt with clasped hands and eyes turned up to heaven, while he repeated audibly the Lord's prayer and implored the Lord Jesus to take him to heaven.

Our informant adds that there then eccurred a scene as of pentecost. Sobs broke from strong, hard hearts, as the mate sprang forward to the boy and clasped him and blessed him, and told him how sincerely he believed the story, and how glad he was that he had been brave enough to face death and sacrifice his life for the truth of

Man-A bubble on the ocean's rolling

Life-A gleam of light extinguished by Fame-A meteor dazzling with its dis-

Wealth-A source of trouble and consu-Pleasure-A gleam of snashine passing

Love-A morning dream whose memory gilds the day. Faith-An anchor dropped beyond the vale of death.

Hope-A lone star beaming o'er the barren beath. Charity-A stream meandering from the

fount of love. Revelation - A guide to realms of endless Religion-A key which opens wide the

gates of heaven. Death-A knife by which the ties of earth

Earth-A desert through which pilgrims wend their way. Grave-A house of rest where ends life's

Resurrection-A sudden waking from a quiet dream.

Heaven-A land of joy, of light and love HIS FIRST DUTY,-Jake saw an old acquaintance by the name of Amos on the street the other evening and accosted him:

"W'y, Amos, whar you been so long; I "Ise been down de country far two weeks

to my brudder's house." "Well, can't yer come down to my house to-night? I wants to hab a good long talk

wid you'bout der p'literkil sicherwashnu!" "It'd be a mighty pleasure to do so, Seest thou much snow left on the flag- Jake, but yer see, ole feller, dese ben's

WHAT with stocking-darners, knitting occupied becomes fortified against the ills of life, and is braced for emergency. Children amused by reading or study are, of in the right place, you know; but I want and his name is in every man's mouth. - ers and wringers, woman as a necessity is fading from the face of the earth.