

LAUGHTER.

Laugh merrily while life is here,
For death cuts short all laughter;
Laugh all thy life, and let the tear
Come if it will hereafter.

SACRAMENTO.

It was an odd name for a girl—Sacramento.
So the girl herself thought as she
stooped down beside a spring at the
foot of a cotton-wood tree and lazily
dropped her pail into the water.

very wicked or very dangerous. He
was not much more than a lad, and
had an air of gentleness and good breeding
about him that six months of western
life, and the miserable plight he
was in at that moment, had by no
means destroyed. He seemed to be
short for breath too, and was trembling
as if he had been running.

her own little room that led off from it.
Then she hurriedly cleared the table
again, barely finishing the task as the
horsemen halted at the door.

room, and in a moment more came out,
went about her work in the kitchen,
and took up a pail apparently to go to
the spring for water.

Ornamental Trees.
The judicious and tasteful planting of
fruit and ornamental trees enhances the
value of real estate more than an equal
amount of money invested in any other
way.

The Canoe Season Opening.
Charles E. Chase, the canoeist who
did several thousand miles up the Hud-
son and on the Northern Lakes, says:
"The canoe season is just beginning.

She did not, however, express any
surprise as she saw him. She was ac-
customed to the sight of rough, evil
men; and at the first glance she had
felt that this one could not be either

And there the poor fellow fairly broke
down.

And she went hurriedly to the house.
The three men were still sitting at the
table, and Sacramento felt rather than
saw that one of them still regarded her
suspiciously as she came in. She did
not speak to them at all, but went di-
rectly through the kitchen to her own

Russia has ninety-four millions of
people and the population is now in-
creasing at the rate of a million and a
half per year. The increase is large in
the southern districts. The average of
life in Russia is twenty-six years in
Europe and thirty-one in Asia. Sixty
per cent. of the children die under five
years of age. There is a birth in the
Russian empire every eight seconds and
a death occurs every eleven seconds.
In St. Petersburg there is a death every
fifteen minutes.

Wounds and hardships provoke our
courage, and when our fortunes are at
the lowest, our wits and minds are com-
monly at the best.

Every action done to be seen has lost
its freshness in the eyes of God. It is
a flower already withered by having
passed through several hands, and has
become scarcely presentable.