

The autumn night is dark and cold; The wind blows loud; the year grows old; The dead leaves whir and rustle chill; The crickets chirp in long and shrill; The skies that were so soft and warm; Mutter and bode of gathering storm. And now within the homes of men The sacred hearth-fires gleam again, And joy and cheer and friendship sweet Within the charmed circle meet.

DOCTORED TO DEATH.

John Brie sighed. No need had one to ask why. A glance at the untidy room revealed the cause. He looked like a man of pluck, John did, and he was. His shop had grown into goodly dimensions, for he did most of the pumping for a large and rapidly growing village, so that he had taken the whole of the little house in which he commenced life as a married man, for his business, and moved his family into a little cottage not quite a mile away. The people of Laketown talked of John as a rising man, but they shook their heads at sight or mention of Alice Brie, his wife. Alice had been a little beauty at eighteen, and that was ten years ago. Now, she was only twenty-eight, but looking more than ten years older.

shame, and the wonder, all together, had brought sufficient color to her face to give the lie to all her pretension. Hair, dress, surroundings, were all snatched at, and that was all. Nothing could be bettered—dirt, untidiness, sickness, all remain the same, as an awful shadow fell upon her. "Your girl says you're sick. Well, I'm proper sorry. But you ain't looking so dretfully down in the mouth, either. Perhaps you've been John's speak of me. I'm Emery Jane Brie, his oldest sister; fact, I'm his only one now. You see I've been traveling a long time, for once in sixty years, and I ain't set eyes on John for fifteen next Christmas; an' so I had to come. Well, you don't tell me to take off my things, but I s'pose I'm welcome in my own brother's house."

"And so it will—if it don't the other thing." "Oh, you've poisoned me." "Oh, Alice, I'm sure I shall die." "Oh, John, John, run for John! I feel as if I were dying already." "Well, my dear, then you'll be nicely out of your trouble," said Emery Jane, soothingly; "which I'm sure life must be a burden to you, and to John, too, poor soul. Then he'll marry some strong, healthy girl, who knows enough to keep out of the doctor's hands, and have some comfort of his life. I've often thought how he might enjoy his home, if he had such a woman as that pretty, happy creature who called to see you yesterday. Such rosy cheeks and bright eyes! I noticed how John looked at her, and I don't wonder."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Behavior is a mirror in which every one shows his image. A latent discontent is the secret spur of all our enterprise. Honesty, like gold, is frequently used to plate base metals. A straight line is the shortest in morals as well as geometry. The greatest truths are the simplest; so are the greatest men. Let not the stream of your life always be a murmuring stream. Resist not the laws; they are the safeguards of the people. Politeness is the just medium between form and rudeness. Never be offended at the presentation of a bill that is business. The more honesty a man has the less he affects the air of a saint. There are always two sides to a story bear both, and then decide. Hope is the dream of a waking man; if hope be lost, all seems lost. An honest man is able to speak for himself, when a knave is not. Borrowing money is a bad habit; and borrowing trouble is no better. Women are afflicted by trifles, but they are also consoled by trifles. The language of women should be luminous, but not voluminous. He who buys what he does not want will soon want what he cannot buy. Characters never change; opinions alter; characters are only developed. An ounce of mother, says the Spanish proverb, is worth a pound of clergy. Imaginary evils soon become real ones by indulging our reflections on them. Difficulties between step-mothers and children are often aggravated by outsiders. The ruin of most men date from some idle hour. Occupation is an armor to the soul. The passionate are like men standing on their heads; they see everything the wrong way. Trust not a woman when she weeps for it is her nature to weep when she wants her will. If the whole world were put into one scale, and my mother into the other, the whole world would kick the beam. Those though in highest place, who slight and dissolve their friends, shall infallibly come to know the value of them. I am often sorry for people who lose half their possible good in the world by being more alive to deficiencies than to positive merits. They that marry ancient people merely in expectation to bury them, hang themselves in hope that one will come and cut the halter. It is through madness we hate an enemy, and think of revenge ourselves; and it is through indolence we are appeased, and do not revenge ourselves. The pleasures of the world are deceitful, they promise more than they give. They trouble us in seeking them and they make us despair in losing them. That mind will be the more vigorous whose physical habitation is kept in the best repair—that is, taxed sufficiently to render it healthy, but not overtaxed. A fine lady is a squirrel-headed thing with small airs and small notions; about as applicable to the business of life as a pair of tweezers to the clearing of a forest. Life in all its various phases is made up of receiving and bestowing, and he who fancies he can do without either loses more than half of life's power and happiness. It is injurious to be in a hurry, and delay is often equally so; he is wise who does everything in proper time. Tardiness and precipitation are extremes equally to be avoided. One great reason why many children abandon themselves wholly to silly sports, and trifle away all their time insipidly, is because they have found their curiosity balked. We should do nothing inconsistent with the spirit and genius of our institutions. We should do nothing for revenge, but everything for security, nothing for the past, everything for the present and the future. Little eyes must be good tempered, or they are ruined. They have no other resource. But this will beautify them enough. They are made for laughing, and should do their duty. Everybody is making mistakes. Everybody is finding out afterward that he has made a mistake, but there can be no greater mistake than the stopping to worry over a mistake already made. Caution in crediting, reserve in speaking, and in revealing one's self to a very few, are the best securities both of peace and a good understanding with the world, and to the inward peace of our own minds. There are many women who have never intrigued, and many men who have never gained, but those who have done either but once are very extraordinary animals, and are more worthy of a glass case when they die than half the exotics in the British museum. To a man who is uncorrupt and properly constituted, woman remains always something of a mystery and a romance. He never interprets her quite literally. She, on her part, is always striving to remain a poem, and is never weary of bringing out new editions of herself in novel bindings. Cleopatra is a real woman—she loves and deceives at the same time. It is an error to suppose that when women deceive us they have therefore ceased to love us. They are only following their native instinct, and even when they have no wish to drain a forbidden cup they like to sip a little at the rim, just to try how poison tastes. We must have a weak spot or two in a character before we can love it much. People that do not laugh or cry, or take more of anything than is good for them, or use anything but dictionary words, are admirable subjects for biographies.

NEWS OF THE WEEK. —Four inches of snow—the first of the season there—fell at Chester, Vermont, on the 1st. The tops of Catskill Mountains on the 2d, were covered with snow. —An effort will be made in Cincinnati to test the constitutionality of the Registry law passed by the last Legislature. A. H. Bugher, who had not registered, voted in a precinct of the Fifth Ward. The election judges of that precinct were arrested on the 3d for receiving the vote, and it is understood a habeas corpus proceeding before the Supreme Court will be brought to test the law. —The Register of the Treasury reports that of the \$1,071,460,262 U. S. registered bonds, only \$11,927,000 are held abroad. —The Governor General of Canada has signed the commission of Sir Leonard Tilley as Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. —Secretary Lamar, acting upon reports from agents in the Indian Territory, has requested the War Department to remove the "Boomers" from the Oklahoma lands. The agents report to the effect that "large numbers of persons supposed to be Boomers, but claiming to be freighters, are crossing the Kansas border into the Indian Territory." —The cases of the men under sentence of death for participation in the Northwest rebellion are now before the Governor General of Canada. —Shortly before 8 o'clock on the 3d, President Cleveland cast his ballot for the Democratic ticket in the First District of the Eighth Ward of Buffalo. It was expected that he would leave for Washington in the evening. —During the election in Baltimore on the 3d, John Hebrew, colored, solicited another colored man to vote the Democratic ticket. He was assaulted by several other colored men, and one of them known as "Sheep" Brown, shot him through the body, inflicting a wound which is likely to prove fatal. —At the election in Philadelphia on the 3d a large vote was polled for an "off year," Judge Biddle receiving the handsome total of 139,310. Matthew S. Quay, for State Treasurer, received 78,261; Conrad B. Day, 64,100. Quay's plurality, 14,161. All the Republican candidates for county offices were elected, their pluralities being as follows: General Kinsley, for Register of Will, 22,320; Frank F. Bell, for City Treasurer, 21,268; W. Ellwood Rowan, for Sheriff, 11,924. In the Fifth Ward David S. Monat was elected to Common Council by a plurality of 482, and in the Ninth Ward Patrick G. Mason was elected by a majority of 338. —President Cleveland returned to Washington on the 4th and expressed much gratification at the result of the election in New York. Immediately after reaching the White House he sent a telegram to Governor Hill "heartily congratulating" him upon his election. The President on the 5th received a large number of telegrams from prominent Democratic politicians in all parts of the country, but principally in New York, congratulating him on the result of the election in New York. —The Morning Sun, which has been issued in Cincinnati for a month or two as a cheap paper, has been sold to a syndicate of capitalists, and will soon be issued as a Republican paper. It is said it will oppose civil service reform and will be opposed to the re-election of John Sherman as United States Senator. —In the United States Court at Cincinnati, on the 4th, four suits for damages against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, growing out of the erection of their bridge and approaches over the Ohio river, at Bellaire, Ohio, were decided in favor of the railroad. —Secretary Manning on the 4th visited Samuel J. Tilden, at Yonkers, New York, and spent about two hours and a half with Mr. Tilden, after which he resumed his trip to Washington. —Captain W. P. McCann, U. S. N., was on the 4th appointed President of the Naval Advisory Board to succeed Rear Admiral Simpson. Captain McCann is also a member of the lighthouse Board. —The President on the 4th appointed as Civil Service Commissioner Alfred P. Edgerton, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in place of Dorman B. Eaton, resigned, and William L. Trenholm, of Charleston, South Carolina, in place of John M. Gregory, resigned. —General Joseph J. Finegan, a distinguished ex-Confederate officer, who defeated General Seymour at Olustee in 1864, died in Orange county, Florida on the 4th. He was a native of Ireland and 71 years of age. Rev. Dr. Samuel G. Crown, ex-President of Hamilton College, died on the 4th in Utica, New York, aged 72 years. General James L. Donaldson, a soldier of the Mexican war and the war of the Rebellion, died on the 4th in Baltimore, in the 71st year of his age. —Thirteen cars were wrecked by a collision on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad, near Talladega, Alabama, on the 3d. One man was killed and three were badly injured. —The monument to Andre, at Tappan, New York, was blown up by dynamite about twenty minutes past 10 o'clock on the 3d. Both the railing around the base and the monument were blown to pieces and the railing around the enclosure was demolished. The shock was sufficient to break glass in houses a mile distant and the glass globes in a hotel half a mile away. Several panes of glass in the West Shore Railroad depot were also smashed. The dynamiters are unknown. —The returns from Illinois show that the new election law has been adopted by a majority of from 13,000 to 14,000. Benjamin D. Magruder, the non-partisan candidate for the vacancy on the Supreme Bench, received nearly all the votes cast. —In Colorado Elbert, Republican, for Supreme Court Judge, on whom the party lines were strictly drawn, is certainly elected by at least 3,000 ma-

majority. No definite returns have as yet been received from the interior counties. —The Republican State ticket in Nebraska is elected by over 20,000 majority. The candidates elected are: Amasa Cobb (Supreme Judge); C. H. Greer and Leavitt Burnham (Regents of State University). A late estimate on Dakota returns indicate that in the election Huron was chosen as the temporary capital of North Dakota. —In Mississippi but one ticket was voted for—the Democratic status of the next New Jersey Legislature is as follows: Senate—Republicans, 13; Democrats, 8; Assembly—Republicans, 32; Democrats, 27; Independent Democrat, 1. —Swope, Democrat, has been elected to Congress in the Nineteenth Pennsylvania District by 3630 plurality, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William A. Duncan. —A private dispatch received on the 5th in Portland, Oregon, said that Chinatown, situated near the lower depot and wharf of the Northern Pacific Railroad, at Tacoma, had been burned by a mob, and that the railroad tanks, trestles and other property had been destroyed. —The President on the 5th reappointed Dorman B. Eaton to be a member of the Civil Service Commission. It is understood that Mr. Eaton will serve only for a short time. He takes the place of Mr. Thoman, who resigned on the 1st inst. —A boiler explosion in the pork packing and proprietary medicine laboratory of W. M. Atkin & Co., at Evansville, Indiana, on the 5th, damaged the building and dangerously injured thirteen men. —Ten inches of snow have fallen at Ellendale, Dakota, and the weather there is "extremely" cold. —Patrick Curran, aged 81 years, and dying in the jail at Williamsport, Pa., where he is held for incandensism, has made a confession to the effect that when a young man he murdered a man named Martin, near Howard, Centre county. Both were engaged in counterfeiting, and they had a quarrel. He admits other crimes committed in Ireland. —The Hennepin Canal Commission met on the 5th in Chicago. At an informal session in the forenoon, delegates were present from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and New York. It was decided to give the Commission the name of Lake Michigan and Mississippi River Canal Commission. The session was formally opened in the afternoon, Judge Murphy making a speech of welcome. —John E. Owens, who has been dangerously sick at his home near Baltimore, was well enough on the 4th to ride out. —Bridget Morgan, whose name was connected with the serious illness of Professor White, of Duff's College, from the fact that she was a servant in the Deroy family when their little boy was poisoned, called on the corner on the 5th. She said she had not been out of the city since she left Professor White's house, and gave her address so that she might be found at any time. "She was much excited because of the unpleasant notoriety given her in connection with the matter, although no direct charges had been made against her." —Congressman Butterworth and Henry Wise Garnet, counsel for the Signal Service men recently tried by court martial at Fort Myer, called on the Secretary of War on the 6th, and submitted to him a joint complaint in writing of the conduct of the trials and the action of the court, asking that the matter be officially investigated. —Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, has issued a proclamation designating the 26th inst. as a day of thanksgiving. —General Carr, the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York, said on the 6th to a reporter of the Albany Evening Journal that it was his opinion that "the plurality on Lieutenant Governor will ultimately be found in the hundreds, not in the thousands." He added: "I am not yet sure that I have been defeated. Full returns show a steady decrease." —Vice President Hendricks has telegraphed congratulations to Fitzhugh Lee on the latter's election as Governor of Virginia. —The Secretary of the Treasury has ordered the closing of the Mint at Carson, Nevada, its business having almost entirely fallen off. —The Naval Advisory Board has prepared instructions to the Naval Inspectors at Roach's ship yard in regard to their duties in connection with the completion of the unfinished cruisers. These officers are to hold the same relations to the Bureau of Steam Engineering and of Construction and Repair, under which the work is to go on, that they have hitherto held to the contractors. —The President on the 6th appointed Robert B. Smith, of Montana, to be U. S. District Attorney for that Territory. —The resignation of J. W. Meldrum as Surveyor General of Wyoming, has been accepted by the President. —Secretaries Manning and Whitney have returned to Washington and resumed their official duties. —The agent of the Leech Lake Chipewas reports to the Interior Bureau that those Indians are in comfortable circumstances and not threatened with starvation, as has been reported. —John Knell, his wife and three children, were found at their home in Baltimore on the 6th insensible from escaping gas. Elizabeth, one of the daughters, aged 13 years, is dead, and the eldest daughter, Mary, is in a precarious condition. The rest are expected to recover. —E. W. Haskett, ex-United States District Attorney for Alaska, was killed at Needles, California, on the 5th, by falling from a train. He was on his way home, having been removed from office.