

The Jester Sings.

"Love is but a passing passion, Life, of things a foolish fashion, Death, a sound of empty knells; Take, O take my cap and bells! Take, the Jester sang, Loud his clear voice rang, "Take my cap and bells!"

JENNY'S HOUSEKEEPING

"My board raised to seven dollars a week," said Jenny Field, "and my salary reduced to nine! This is never going to do—never!" These were the thoughts that flitted through the shop-girl's mind as she stripped along the brilliant streets, on her way to her daily work; for Jenny persistently objected to the term "sales-lady."

look out upon the Harlem river. It won't cost anything to ask the rent, at all events." It turned out to belong to a little, old silver-smith, who would only let it on condition of being allowed to "take out" a portion of the rent in board. "Of course," said he, "I don't want the whole house, but at my age, it's hard to be turned out of my own premises."

home," sobbed Angeline Fay. "And now—" "It won't be any different now," said Jenny, flinging her arms around Ruth's neck. "I couldn't part with one of you, not for untold gold. You are to stay here just the same. I must have something to do while Jack is away, so I shall turn housekeeper for the lot of you."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1887. The Call of Moses. LESSON TEXT. (Exod. 3:1-12.) LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Bondage and Deliverance. GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: There is no other God that can deliver after this sort.—Dan. 3:29.

row the lot of man; (2) Sympathy to the act of God. (1) The end sought; (2) The worker engaged; (3) The means employed. (1) The king of heaven; (2) The king of Egypt; (3) The mediator between both.—(1) The two sovereigns; (2) The one mediator. LESSON BIBLE READING. CALLS TO DUTY. Noah to build and use the ark (Gen. 6:14; 7:1).

a man so gifted, and intended for the accomplishment of so great a work should pass so many years not only in retirement but in solitude, his pastoral occupation requiring him to spend most of his time by day alone with his flocks. But the years were not wasted any more than those which John the Baptist spent "in the deserts" (Luke 1:80), or those which Paul spent in Arabia (Gal. 1:17). A strong character is disciplined and made yet stronger by the opportunities for meditation and communion with God afforded by a withdrawal from the stir and bustle of daily intercourse with men. And no region on the face of the earth is better fitted to lift the soul to God than the bleak solitudes of the Sinaitic peninsula. FOOD FOR THOUGHT. A great many of us are like Falstaff's soldiers, afraid of nothing except danger.