I can't go out from morn 'till night, And am so cross if in I stay, My mamma says, "children and pigs Are dreadful on a rainy day!

I should think your we'l wou'd be dry, Don't you think 'twould be as much fun, So just turn off this rain some d y And in it's stead turn on the sun?

And Aunt Janet says, if the sun You turn on, why just keep it lit For she's an artist and can't paint, On these dark days one single bit.

We all like you, but we're tired of This rain, still my dear grandmamma This rain, still my dear grad says to find fault is not polite To "scuse" these lines from Edwina.

CAN'T AFFORD IT.

BY GERTRUDE H. LENNON.

Can't afford it Mary! But you might if you would only

think so; pleaded the young wife. Can't do it returned the husband emphatically. It would cost at least ten or twelve dollars to put up such a gate; the old bars will do very well.

No they won't Walter, the neighbor's children very often leave the bars down, and then stray cattle come into the garden. We may lose more than the price of the gate in one hour, if a cow should get in while I am away.

I should like to know who leaves the bars down said Walter threateningly; the same children might leave the gate open. But we could have a gate to shut of its own accord with weights, or a spring, suggested his wife. John Niles has got a gate put up in his

yard. I am not John Niles my dear. I wish you to remember. But his family is as large as yours and his wages are and Ned proposed they should toss up not so high.

Never mind that, I tell you I cannot afford it, at any rate not at present. And with this Walter started off to his work.

Walter Gray was a young man about thirty, an industrious mechanic. He had been married some cight years and had an interesting family. He depended upon him, and in a measure he did so. Yet there were many little comforts of which he felt obliged to deprive them, comforts which at times they really needed and which in the end might prove a saving. And more too, it might have added to his own happiness, had he feltable to grant these little requests but he could not afford it: at least so he thought and whether he

sequel will prove. The gate which his wife had been anxious to have put up was needed at the entrance of the garden circle of the house where there was only a pair of short bars. The children often came She had spoken to her husband several same answer "he could not afford it," the worl i. she must keep her eyes upon the spot and see that the bars were kept in their

Only a tew days after this Mrs. Gray asked her husband it he would not take a pew in the church for the proceeded. following year and he told her that he did not think he would.

But you can afford to take half a everybody should feel like that you had fallen on me. surely wouldn't wish to bring up your instructions. And if you reap the you certainly ought to help to support them.

afford it, but I can't.

seemed to hesitate, as if there was a you? subject on her mind which she felt determined to let it out.

Walter she said, a litt a tremulously, but still resolutely, you have \$15 a week.

Yes. And how much of that does it take to keep us.

I don't know, Lam sure, I only know it takes it all to feed and clothe us and pay the interest on the house.

summer, and I was reckoning up yes terday how much we had spent for the three dollars. I paid the money wilchildren and found it was only ten lingly without even a thought of objecdollars for the last six months. I have tion, and then I went home. When I of the curry comb and brush, worked over some of cousin Charle's entered the hall I heard my wife trying clothes for Johnnie, and Jennie takes to pacify our oldest child. The little Mary's dresses as soon as she outgrows | thing had expected a new dress, which them. That's all very well replied had been promised to her, and she felt Walter, a little testily. I know my bad because she had not got it. Wait business best and I know what I can urged my wife, papa has not got the afford and what I cannot, while I have money now, but he will have it by and not be prime, if not fancy. the paymen's to make on my house, I by and then you shall have a pretty new must economize.

all is not economy that many call so. I child, but I could afford any amount think to rent the half of Mr. Nile's new | for the useless entertainment of others. | You sent it by a messenger boy.

have said enough, I know my duty. Let me say one word urged Mary, listen. If you will give me five dollars dollars to clothe yourself and make your payments on the house.

yourself and the children for the sum | your garden Walter! you have named, he said.

the past year the items were within said poob, then added nonsense, and then he left the house.

There must be some mistake he said to himself after he had got away from the apple tree and pondered. Bless the house and he really believed there me if he has not put the case down

Have a glass of something Bill? come Tom have somethin z. Don't care if I do said Tom and Bill, Have some Ned, and Ned says yes, so the clerk for them.

Let us have a game of pool for oysters says Bill after the day's work was

The game was played and Walter lost a dollar for the oyster supper and they did not need it, so it did them more harm than good.

Have a cigar Walter? asked Ned. Walter said yes, and in return pald for a gla s of ale. One evening they met after work

who should pay for the beer. Come John, won't you come in he said to John Niles who was standing

No I think not said John. You'd better, it's only for beer for

five if you come in. I can't. "It is no use asking him said Walter in a rather sarcastic tone." meant to provide well for those who He does not spend his money that

> John's face flushed and his lips trembled, but he restrained the bitter words

marks, but did not come back. thought so with sound judgment the and the lot fell on Walter and Tom. mistake that leads thousands in the attained or anticipated. The anancial Then they tossed it off and it fell upon

> Walter who paid for the beer. Walter started for home about nine o'clock and on his way he was overtaken by Niles.

Walter, said the latter, in a kind, through there and sometimes left the but earnest tone, I want to speak to way open behind them. In fact there you, you have wronged me this evening were many ways in which those bars and I want you to understand me. For were apt to be left down and Mary the opinion of the others I care little,-Gray had very often to leave her work but I do not wish you to misapprehend to drive cut the cows. It was only by me. We live so near together and I extreme watchtulness on her part, that | would not like to lose your good opinthe garden was saved from utter ruin, ion. Well, go ahea I said Walter who was sensible of the fact that his comtimes about it, but he always made the panion was one of the best neighbors in

You said I was mean.

No no, it was not I, that said that, Well you said I was as tight as the bark on the tree.

Walter could not deny that, so Ni'es

I refus d to join your little party for three reasons, either of which should have been sufficient to deter me. one; we can get half of Mr. Niles for First, I had resolved not to engage three dollars. I can't afford it was in any such games. Second, I do not Walter's reply and it would do us no drink beer, and third I could not afford good. Don t say that Walter. Suppose | to pay for your extra supper if the lot

children, where there was no religious a slight tinge of disbelief in his tones. Louis XIV. period lay on every table, tenefits of good Christian institutions I used to be ready for any such game tendance. The bride carried white and I thought it would be mean to refuse, but I have learned better. Let roses. So I would be willing too, if I could | me tell you how I first came to see the folly of being afraid to spend my Mrs. Gray looked very serious and money for nothing. Shall I tell

Certainly, returned Walter who delicate about broaching, but it had already began to see something. "Well occupied her mind too long and she said Niles," one morning as I was going away from home, my wife asked me for a few dollars. She wanted to buy some clothes with it. I asked if she could not do without it. I had only five dollars with me and I hated to let one of them go. She said she needed the cloth but if I had not got the money she could wait, I knew she was disappointed but I thought she could get along and I went away. That I have not had a new dress since this evening I went into the saloon and we had a fine social time. It cost me just dress. Poor papa has to work hard. And I would have you economize re The words smote me to the heart, I turned his wife, but do not forget that | could not afford two dollars to dress my

would be a great source of comfort and | The money that my needy wife could lasting good. It would be a few dol- not get when she asked for it I had paid lars laid out to good advantage, sure to away for nothing. But it taught me a return to ourselves and children at lesson. I opened my eyes, and I have heavy interest. Stop, said Walter, you kept them open ever since. On the very next morning I gave my wife the money she wanted, but I did not give There was an earnestness in her tone any for beer that day. I had not which caused her husband to stop and dreamed how I was wasting my money when I stopped that leak and a week, I will agree to furn sh all pro- allowed my funds to flow into their visions for the household and clothe proper channel. I soon fount I could myself and the children. I will do this afford every comfort that my wife and for the year. This will leave you ten children needed. So I stick to the principle which has proved so beneficial to myself and family. Ah! You cannot furnish food and clothe what's that? There is an animal in

They had reached the garden fence Mary sat down and made known to and by the dim starlight Walter could him what had been hidden in the mys- | see a cow trampling among his sweet teries of her housekeeping. She was corn. The bars had been either let not long in proving to him that during down or left down and a stray cow had got in. They drove her out. The llmits of expenditure. Walter said, beast had done considerable harm but Walter was not angry for he had something of more importance to think of. He went and sat down beneath about square, he said to himself, at the end of a few minutes meditation. Is it possible that I have been spending over \$20) a year for beer and other nonsense and yet I cannot afford to get a new prepared four glasses and Walter paid gate nor take a pew in a church where my family could receive religious instructions. Walter Gray I think you had better turn over a new leaf. And Walter Gray did turn over a new leaf. On the very next day he did two things that astonished two parties. He had a new gate made, for the entrance to his garden and thereby astonished his wife and he refused to toss up for the beer and thereby astonished a crowd of thirsty ones. For a month he pursu d this course and by the expiration of that time he could fully appreciate the new blessings that were dawning upon him. He discovered that he could a'ford everything that the comforts of his family demanded and arriving at this result, he had only to relinquish

ford. It was a wonder to him how he could have been so foolish; a: the end of the year after paving all his bills, he found he had something left. He thought at made from time to time about the first it must be a mistake, but when financial success of the Paris Exposihis wife went with him over the house- tion are somewhat misleading. If we that were struggling on his tongue, hold expenditures and showed that all are to understand by financial success He is a mean fellow said Tom loud that was needed had been bought and that the outlay was directly relmbursed enough for him to hear. Tight as paid for he saw just how it was, that with a profit. It is evident from the bark on a tree said Walter in an for years he had been wasting his sub- long review of the exposition and its equally loud tone. John heard the re- stance and depriving himself and results by M. Yriarte in Le Figuro, loved ones of the comforts they needed, a summary which was printed in the The four men remaining tossed up not intentionally but through the same Times recently, that no such results was

same course. But he did so no more. can't afford it, and then he says it em- evident enough, but there was no rephatically too, but it is not when his turn to the subscribers of the capital wife or children ask for comforts and contributed, except in the case of the Joy nor when the poor and needy ask Guarantee Association. Nearly threefor help, for he can well afford all fifths of the total funds were contribthat. It is when his wild reckless com. uted by the Government of France and panions ask him to join them and by

A Bower of Flowers.

The house in New York in which one of the fashionable wed lings took place the reception hall on the four sides. Upon the bannisters were tied at close and white chrysanthemums, garlands of canopied the mantels. A gigantic horsegroom took their positions, and a floral ell of the same blossoms hung above Could not afford it, said Walter with their heads. White rose garlands of the No, returned the other, I could not. and were presented to the guests in atorchids and the bride's maids white

The Court's Fool.

John Heywood was fool to Henry VIII, having been introduced to the king by Sir Thomas Moore. Mary Tudor had a great regard for Heywood, who indulged in much audacious talk. Bold as were his sayings, few of them appear witty. A landlord asked him: missions. "How do you like my beer? Is it not wood, "that had it hopped a little further it would have hopped into water." fool," gives several specimen's of Heywood's rymed epigrams. One of them is perhaps worth transcribing.

There is no reason why a good cow should not be kept in as clean condition as a good horee, even by the application

The color of milk does not indicate its quali y any more than the color of the shell indicates the quality of the egg. So says Professor Alvord. There is no good reason but lack of knowledge and skill why every pound of butter made in the country might

A .- I sent you a bottle of wine. Did you get it?

B.—O, yes, I got it. A.—It is very old. B, -Weil, I should say it was now.

LIFE OF SHOOTING STARS. Myriads of Little Meteors that May

Have Wandered for Ages.

A small body, perhaps as large as a paving stone or larger, more often perhaps tot as large as a marble, is moving round the sun. Just as a mighty planet revolves in an eclipse, so this small object will move round and round in an eclipse, with the sun in the focus. There are at the present moment, we find in "The Story of the Heavens," inconceivable myriads of such meterrs

moving in this manner. They are too small and too distant for our telescopes, and we can never see them except under extraordinary circumstances. At the time we see the meteor is is usually moving with enormous velocity, so that it often traverses a distance of more than twenty miles in a second of a time. Such a velocity is almost impossible near the earth surface; the resistance or the air would prevent it. Aloft, in the emptiness of space, there is no air to resist the meteors. It may have been moving round and round the sun for thousand, perhaps for millions of years, without let or arrives, and the meteor perishes in a streak of splendor.

In the course of its wanderings the body comes nearer the earth, and within a few hundred miles of its surface of course begins to encounter the upper surface of the atmosphere with which the earth is inclosed. To a body movmeteor, a plunge into the atmosphere tenuated, yet they suddenly check the velocity, almost as a rifle bullet would be when fired into the water. As the meteor rushes through the atmosphere the friction of the air warms its surface, gradually it becomes red hot, then white hot, and is finally driven off into vapor with a brilliant light, while we those things he could not easily af- shooting star."

Exposition Finances.

The statements which have been Sometimes, even now, Walter Gray tion and to the city of Paris are made the city of Paris without expectation or I can never speak of without feelings so doing rob his family of their sub-tance. Then he says, "I can't afford will have to be kept in mind here in making any calculations based upon a Saturday afternoon he was in attendcomparison with the Paris Exposi-

Apparently the financial scheme of the Paris Exposition has not been recently was a bower of flowers. Pots clearly apprehended in this country, awaited, that a new book might be had. of chrysanthemums were ranged about and it may be interesting to restate it My brother and Mr. Phipps, who have briefly. The entire fund for expenses been my principal business partners was raised in advance, the estimated through life, shared with me Colonel intervals bunches of chrysanthemums requirement being 43,000,000f. The Anderson's precious generosity, and it fastened with ribbons. The door ways whole affair was under Government was when reveling in these treasures of the parlors were arched with ferns direction, and the Minister of Com- that I resolved, if ever wealth came to merce and Agriculture was the Com- me, that it should be used to establish the same were festooned about the walls, missioner General of the exposition. free libraries, that other poor boys white roses, white geraniums and chry- Of the fund above named the National might receive opportunities similar to santhemums filled the fireplaces and Government contributed 17,000,000f., those for which we were indebted to and the city of Paris 8,000,000f. The that noble man." shoe of ferns and white flowers marked remaining 18,000,000', was raised in out the floor space where the bride and the first instance by the Association de Guarantie, which was constituted by the leading railroad companies, banking houses, credit associations, &c., of Paris, Its subscriptions were very promptly made to an amount 4,000,ouof, in excess of its contribution as its agreement with the Government gave it a lien on the receip's of the Exp sition for the repayment of its share in the general fund. As related in our summary of the Figuro article. this association was displaced by the form. In its earlier stages of publica-Credit Foncier scheme of lottery bonds, in order to enable the Government to issue tickets on its own account, mainly for the purpose providing for free ad-

The Credit Foncier undertook to well hopped?" "So well," replied Hey- furnish the Government with 21,500,the Guarantee Association, in return reached 27,000. Dr. Doran, in his "History of Court for the privilege of issuing 1,20,000 lottery bonds of 25f. each. Or the 8.500,000f, over the Government requirement 5,500.00 f. was set apart as a fund for the redemption of the bonds, twenty-five franc bond had 25 coupons many of them were turned in, how reign of George IV. many tickets issued directly by the management were sold, or what were the receipts from the latter has not for admission to the exhibition were to put down our feet.

practically absorbed by the scheme under which 18,000,00 f. of the total working capital of 43,000,000f. was rai ed.

The Paris Exposition involved no outlay for site, all the expenses of laying out, draining and embellishing the groun's, providing the buildings and of administration and management from first to last were defrayed from the fund of 43,000,000f., of which a reserve of 3.0 0.000f, held for contingencies remained untouched at the end. Thus the total cost was 40,000 .-000f., or about \$8,000,000. Of this the 18,000,000f. originally pledged by the Guarantee Association was fully reimbursed by the very process of raising it; for its 8,000,000f, the city of Paris has only the indirect benefits, which were many times greater than its contribution, and against the Government subvension of 17,000,000f, there is to show the 3,000,000f. reserve, 2.000,000f. derived from privileges, whatever receipts there may have been from tickets, estimated at not more than 3,000,-000f, and whatever may come from the sale of material, &c., in the removal of buildings, of which we have seen no hindrance; but the supreme moment France and to Paris are reckoned in estimate. The material benefits to large figures, but in the direct outlay in money there will be a deficit of no disguised in robes of light. great amount, possibly \$3,000,000 in

our money. In considering the scheme for a World's Fair here the financial problem must be squarely faced. The site will require a considerable outlay, and the wind ov tribulashun skatters. ing with the appalling velocity of a the expenses outside of that item will doubtless be much greater than in is usually fatal. Even though the Paris. If a limit were to be fixel to upper layers of air are excessively at- the whole fund required, it could not te safely placed much, if any, below \$20,000,000. The city cannot contribute to it directly, but might possibly reduce it to \$15,000,000 by completing her museum buildings and placing them at the service of the Commission, and giving other aid through permanent pubne improvements. No direct contribution to the fund can be expected from the State, and it is a question what part on the earth, one or two hundred miles | the National Government can be asked below, exclaim: "Oh, look! there is a to take in aid of the finances of the exhibition. That the full return of the money to be expended can be looked for under any circumstances is more than doubtful. The permanent financial scheme must take this into account, and it is a question whether the guarantee fund ought not to be held apart as an insurance against the risks of the undertaking

The Best Gifts.

Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire, writes: "The result of my own study of the question, what is the best gift which can be given to a community? place, provided the community will ed in either. at and maintain it as a public institution, as much a part of the city property as its public schools, and, indeed, an adjunct to these. It is, no doubt. possible that my own personal experience may have led me to value a free library beyond all other forms of beneficense. When I was a boy in Pittsburg, Colonel Anderson, of Alleghany-a name of devotional gratitude-opened his ht- wise than to talk wise, tle library of 400 books to boys. "Every ance himself at his house to exchange books. No one but he who has felt it can know the intense longing with which the arrival of Saturday was

First Issue of "Uncle Tom's

Cabin." The crowning glory of The National Era was that most famous of novels, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, which, began in the say. issue of June 1, 1851, and ended April had created such a sensation that the Jewells, of Boston, had it stereotyped, and immediately after it was completed in the paper it was published in book tion in the newspaper, it seemed to fall dat. The circulation of The National Era was 13,000 when "Uncle Tom" was begun. On the 1st of August, overlook those that they are. 1852, shortly after the great remance was completed, the circulation had gone 000f. in place of the 18,000,000f. of up to 19,000. On Dec. 30, 1852, it

An Eccentric King. A correspondent of The London Globe gives a most interesting account of Norodom, king of Cambodia, one of extending over a period of seventy-five the kingdoms of Inde-China. His have patience when bad, and never years, and 3,000,000f, was pocketed by majesty, it seems, has adopted a style apply violent remedies except in cases the corporation as its profit, Each of dress in vogue in Europe seventy of necessity. years ago. He wears a blue tail coat attached, which were equivalent to ad- with gold buttons, satin kneel breeches mission tickets to the exposition, and pumps. No traveler who has had long before he kan spell a word ov two These furnished 30,000,000 tickets, an audience of his majesty in his palace sillables. which the holders were at liberty to of Ppon-Peul has been able to suppress dispose of as they pleased, and they a smile at the sight of the Asiatic poten- est learned by the child, but the most were sold all over Paris, but how tate in the evening attire worn in the difficult to practice by the man, con-

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Trade follows the march of the drum-

Better lose an anchor than the whole

To spoil a wife, snub ber in company. A pet lamb always makes a cross

ram. Pra'se undeserved is satire in dis-

Adversity is the first path to truth

He that has no shame has no conscience. Be kind and gentle to the poor and

destitute. Value character above all other pos-

A coward never forgave. It is not his nature.

He that liveth wickedly can not die honestly. Great iniquities seem to haptize

hemselves. Many an old flame has caused a run-

away match. He is the wisest man who does not think himself so.

The worst resolution one can take is not to come to any. Good words cost nothing, but they

are worth very much! Hypocrites are beings of darkness

The weakest pot in man is where he thinks himself the wisest. It is no sin to be tempted, the wicked-

ness lies in being overcome. Dispair iz the ashes ov hope, which

Rememberance is the only paradise out of which we cannot be dr, ven. There is nothing so bad that will not admit of something to be said in its de-

He who puts a bad construction on a good act, reveals his own wickedness of heart.

Vanity keeps persons in faver with themselves, who are out of favor with all others.

The trouble with a man covering up his tracks is that he makes new ones in doing it,

Prid livs on itself. It is like a raccoon in winter-keeps fatt bi sucking its claws.

We should awl aim at perfeckshun, but no one but a phool will expekt tew reach it. A lie iz good for a short race, but it

takes truth tew run the heats-"blood will tell." Hear both sides, and all shall be clear; hear one and you may still be in

the dark. Do not persecute the unfortunate, as it is like throwing stones on one fallen into a well.

A man is femous when he is listened is that a free library occupies the first to in both Hemispheres and not believ-

> thare iz four quarts ov stone to one ounce ov gold. The habit of looking at the bright

side of things is worth more than a thousand a year. A big opportunity and a little act

are as ill-mated as an elephant yoked up with a toad. If you pass for more than your value say little. It is much easier to look

Reformers had first need to practice on their own hearts that which they

purpose to try on others. Resignation is an invaluable treasure. which cannot, by the most violent

evils, be taken from us. The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well; and

doing well whatever you do. He who laughs last may laugh best, but he is in danger of being accused of being very slow to see the joke.

We are so avaricious that even when we trade with ourselves we go for gettiny the best end of the bargain. Genius scems to be the faculty of

doing a thing excellently well that nobody supposed could be done at all. There is no man whose kindness we may not sometime want, or by whose malice we may not sometime suffer.

Virtue wants more admirers, wisdom more supplicants, truth more real friends, and honesty more practitioners, It isn't wise to say always all that you think, but it is wise always to think carefully over every thing you

There is sometimes a period of wait-1, 1852. Before it was half finished it ling and perplexity before prosperity, like the de se d rkness that precedes the dawn.

The sympathies of people are always with the unfortunate, because the people kno v they are so liable to be unfortunate themselves. There iz lots of folks who are in sich

a great hurry tew git religion that they confess sins they ain't guilty ov, and There iz a huge number of souls per-

ambulating around the world who hav bin straining for years after a camel, and finally had to swallow a nat, What a comfort a dull but kindly person is, to be sure, at times! ground-glass shade over a gas lamp

does not bring more solace to our minds. We should manage our fortune like onr constitution-enjoy it when good,

Give a smart child a pack ev kards and a spellin look, and be will learn

The monosyllable no, one of the easitains within it the import of a life, and the weal or woe of an eternity.

Pleasures are not of such a solid A man haz got about done goir nature that we can dive into them; we down hill when he gits whar he bras the receipts from the latter has not been clearly stated. It does not greatly matter, as in point of fact the receipts we must run lightly, without stopping than a frozen-tew-death rooster in a