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The Nurses' Bower.

A young French girl having been unfortunate in love, resolved to commit suicide. Before going to bed she filled her chamber with the most odorous flowers, and having completely closed the room, covered up her head and went to sleep. She was found in an unconscious state about noon the next day, and although by great medical skill she was recalled to life, her reason had fled. She imagines that she has been transported to the kingdom of flowers, and has become a marigold, &c., &c.—Story in *Waverley Magazine* of Jan. 2, 1875.

Transported.
BY J. W. WELCH.

Overwhelmed by fell deception's gloom,
Despair's resolve her soul pervades;
She seeks the silence of the tomb
To lose her grief amid its shades.

Affrighted by the monster's form,
When clad in garb of flowers she came,
She faint would check his murderous arm,
And find some easy passage o'er.

A happy thought, led odors sweet
Perfume the path my feet must tread;
A painless dart my life-blood freed,
And placed me 'mid the sleeping dead.

Awake I is this land of death,
Nay! See the lilies bud and bow
Their greeting. Ah I feel their breath
In kisses on my fevered brow.

Exquisite beauty steps my soul
In oceans of ecstatic bliss;
Did I a thousand carrels hold,
I'd leave them all to enter this.

'Tis sweet, unburdened, to recline
Upon the grassy hillock's breast,
Communing with the spicy vine
Which wreaths a thorn-grove's tangled crest.

To woo the sportive butterfly,
Whose dewy wings my temples fan;
He lingers ere he passes by—
How like the mocking fairy man?

Ah! he is gone! 'tis very strange
No smiling sight my bosom leaves;
No demon forms my vision range,
And weirdly in my fancy live.

'Tis past, and I'm content to dwell
'Mid floral splendors evermore;
No earth-born grief can e'er dispel
The joys which light this fairy shore.

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CIRCULATION 1800.

MY SOLEMN VOW.

BY BARBARA BAISON.

Charles Lamb has said that "the children of the very poor have no young times." Then we were very poor, in the old grim, crag looking house where I passed my childhood, for we had young times; and I knew nothing of poverty until I was forced to leave it. I know that our landlord lived in a new house, and that his daughter wore fine dresses, but I felt no regret in the comparison; for the squires and his daughter lived alone, while our house was alive with children; and I would not exchange the music of their laughter, the patter of their darling little feet for the wealth of Croesus.

How well I remember the time that Stephen DeGrey drove up to the door for the second time with his prancing horses. (Stephen DeGrey was my father's second cousin.) He did not alight, but seeing my father at the window, beckoned him out.

"Where is the little black-eyed sprite I saw here last week?" he queried.

"My Mary?" returned my father.

"Yes, your Mary."

Then he threw the reins over the dasher of his phaeton, and in his practical way made my father what he termed a great offer.

"No doubt the child is comfortable and happy here," I heard him say, "but wouldn't it be wicker to let such an uncommon chance go by?"

"Mary!" called my father; and I went out.

"Would you like to go to Tangle-Brier to live?" he said, patting me lovingly on the head.

"And you, mother and the children?" I asked.

"No; you alone."

"No, indeed, sir."

"What, not ride away in this handsome carriage, and dress like your beautiful cousin Amy?" said Mr. DeGrey. "Beautiful as the day, and as dull as thunder," he added, in a lower tone.

"Oh, no, sir."

"And then selling a great stirring bed and my trunks, and disdaining to show my tears, I ran in. Soon after I heard Mr. DeGrey drive away. I crept out of my hiding-place only to find a group of sad faces. There I read my verdict. I was going away from everything I loved—Stephen DeGrey had discovered in a previous visit that I could learn (as he expressed it) "with my eyes shut," and possessed the idea that I might be of use to his only daughter, whose lack of brilliancy was a source of constant torment to her indulgent father.