LANCASTER CITY, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15, 1861.

Sat, by way of entertainment, Lapping off the shining froth;

And in not the gentlest humo. At the loss of such a treat, I confess I rather rudely
Thrust him out into the street.

Then how Benny's blue eyes kindled!
Gathering up the precious store
He had busily been pouring
In his tiny pinafore;
With a generous look that shamed me,
Sprang he from the carpet bright,
Showing, by his mien indignant,
All a baby's sense of right.

"Come back, Harney!" called he loudly, As he held his apron white—

As he held his apron white—
"You shall have my candy wabbit!"
But the door was fast and tight!
So he stood abashed and silent,

In the centre of the floor,
With defeated look alternate
Bent on me and on the door. Then, as by some sudden impulse,

Quickly ran he to the fire,
And eagerly, while his bright eyes
Watched the flames go high and higher,
In a brave, clear key he shouted,
Like some lordly little elf, "Santa Caus, come down the chimney, Make my moder 'have herself!"

"I will be a good girl, Benny,"
Said I, feeling the reproof;
And I straight recalled poor Harney,
Mewing on the gallery roof. Soon the anger was forgotten, Laughter chased away the frown,

And they gambolled 'neath the live oaks
Till the dusky night came down. In my dim fire-lighted chamber

In my dim fire-lighted chamber
Harney purred beneath my chair,
And my play-worn buy beside me
Knelt to say his evening prayer;
"God bless fader—God bless moder—
God bless sister"—then a pause;
And the sweet young lips devoutly
Murmured, "God bless Santa Caus."

He is sleeping; brown and silken Lie the ashes, long and meek,
Like caressing, clinging shadows
On his plump and peachy cheek;
And I bend above them weeping
Thankful tears—oh, undefiled!
For a woman's crown of glory,
For the blessings of a child.

A Yankee among Aristocrats.

the magnates of the British aristocracy the young American was introduced to the fashionable circles of the metropolis, where, in consequence of his very fine personal appearance, or that his father was reported to be very rich, or that he was a new figure on the stage, he attracted much attention. and became quite the favorite of the ladies. This was not at all relished by the British beaux, but as no very fair pretext offered as a rebuff, they were compelled to treat him civilly. Thus matters stood when an Hon. M. P. and lady made a party to accompany them to their country-seat in Cambridgeshire, and the American was among the invited guests. Numerous were the devices to which these devotees of pleasure resorted, in order to kill that old fellow who will measure his hours, when he ought to know they are not wanted, and the ingenuity of every one taxed to remember or invent something novel.

The Yankees are proverbially ready of invention, and the American did honor to his character as a man accustomed to freedom of thought. He was frank and gay, and entered into the sports and amusements with that unaffected enjoyment which communicated a part of his fresh feelings to the most worn-out fashionables in the party. His good nature would have been sneered at by some of the proud py, for it seems to say, Brighter days for support. cavaliers had he not been such a capital shot, and he might have been quizzed had not the ladies, won by his respectful and pleasant civilities, and his constant attentions in drawing-rooms and saloons, always showed themselves his friends. strong combination was at last formed among a trio of dandies to annihilate the American. They proposed to vary the eternal waltzing and piping by the acting of charades and playing at various games, and having interested one of those indefatigable ladies who always carry their point in a scheme, it was voted to be the

thing. of, a gentleman begged leave to propose the game called 'Crowning the Wisest.' This is played by selecting a judge of the game, and three persons, either ladies or gentlemen, who are to contest for the crown by answering successively the various questions which the rest of the party are at liberty to ask. The one who is declared to have been the readiest and happiest in his answers receives the crown.

Our American, much against his inclination, was chosen among the three candidates. He was aware that his position in the society with which he was mingling, required of him the ability to sustain himself. He was, to be sure, treated with distinguished attention by his host and hostess, and generally by the party, but this was a favor to the individual, and not one of the company understood the character of republicans or appreciated the republic. The three worthies had arranged that their turn for him should fall in succession, and he be the last. The first one, a perfect exquisite, and with an air of most ineffable condescension, put this ques-

'If I understand rightly the government of your country, you acknowledge no distinction of rank. have no court standard for the manners of a gentleman; will you favor me with information where your best school of politeness is to be found?

For your benefit,' replied the Ameriknowledge that God only is Lord, we feel closest to him; elet us go into the kitchen

The murmur was renewed, but still

without any decided expression of the feeling which his answer had been received. The third then rose from his seat, and with an assured voice which seemed to announce a certain triumph, said: 'I require your decision on a delicate

question, but the rules of the pastime warrant it, and also a candid answer .-You have seen the American and English ladies; which are the fairest?

The young republican glanced around the circle. It was bright with flashing eyes, and the sweet smiles that wreathed many a lovely lip might have won a less determined patriot from his allegiance.-He did not hesitate, though he bowed low to the ladies as he answered: The standard of female beauty is, I

believe, allowed to be the power of excit- to see the day when the boy gets his rights; ing admiration and begetting love in our sex, and consequently those ladies who are most admired, and beloved, and respected by the gentlemen, must be the but home cares and home duties soon fairest. Now I assert confidently, that effaced all recollection of either the boys there is not a nation on earth where woman or Betty's wonderful story.

is so truly beloved, so tenderly cherished, We must beg our readers, in thought, so respectfully treated, as in the Republic of the United States, therefore the American ladies are the fairest. But,' he again ton's parlor. A change has passed over now have the honor of expressing my opin-ion, were in my country we should think of elaborate and costly workmanship, and them Americans.'

The applause was enthusiastic, and after judge to be heard, he directed the crown to be given to the Yankee.

THE YOUNG CARRIER:

A NEW YEAR'S STORY. Snowing, snowing, snowing-door steps Not many years ago it happened that a young man from New York visited London. His father being connected with several of perseveringly picking her white chickens, the more queen-like sister, to gaze into until all the earth was wrapped in one undistinguishable color.

There were little feet abroad that night; vou could not hear their patter, but you could have seen the print of their little toes, as they pressed the chilly carpet, on their homeward track. Let us follow them : the little boys (for they were the owners of the bare toes) stopped in front of a streams of light shot out into the cheerless night.

'Ah! Willie,' said the eldest, 'don't it

make you feel warm just to look at those windows? When I'm rich I'll have a big light all over my house, every night, just to make poor folks feel glad when they go by. And Willie, do you know that I think God lights up the sky more for us poor people than the rich? Why, they can't see the stars when they are in bed, the thick curtains keep 'em out; but you know that chink in the wall close to our heads at home-well, every night there's the most beautiful bright star shining right straight through it, and sometimes when we havn't earned anything all day, and mother hasn't any supper for us, I go to bed with something choking in my throat, and if I can only see that star I feel hapare coming, Charley; God will take care

of you." Their conversation was brought to a was at that moment heard in the house, while merry tongues and feet kept time to the music. 'O,' said Willie, 'I do believe they are dancing, climb up and see.'-Charley was about obeying the command, by dexterously swinging himself upon the railing, when, with a sudden cry, he re-linquished his hold, 'Oh! Will, Will, I've

dropped my quarter in the snow.' Well might they be pardoned for crying, when, after groping about for some minutes, the search proved unsuccessful, for it was a hard earned pittance; they had shoveled three loads of coal into a mean man's cellar, and he thought they were such little boys a quarter was pay enough, and so, as he had saved five cents, he treated himself to an extra oigar after dinner. The lamentations of the boys soon attracted to the windows the merry occupants of the parlor, and there, flattened against the window-panes, were three little noses, while six little eyes, shaded by six little hands, were peering out into the the aforesaid hands, eyes, and noses,) approached the steps, and, after a few mo-ment's conversation with the boys, sent them into the kitchen; and, upon opening the front door, was overwhelmed with such exclamations as 'Oh, papa!! 'In the snow!' 'Lost their money!' 'Such a

cold night! old night!'
'Whew!' he cried, 'what a tempest in a teapot. I suppose it is no greater hardship to lose money on a cold night than on a warm one, but get out of the way until I shake my coat or you will all be powdered. And now, said Mr. Carlton, consequently you his easy chair beside the fire, who is exwhen in a few minutes he was seated in pected to replace this immense sum which has been lost on my pavement? Christmas is coming, and I really don't think I can afford it, you had better open your but little did we think that the sweet face money-boxes, little girls; how much can which lighted up with joy at the promise can, smiling calmly, 'I would recommend you spare for charity? Why, really the Falls of Niagara; a contemplation of that stupendous wonder teaches humility like to, but you know I want to make so to the proudest, and human nothingness to many presents? 114 Well my little Alice, the vainest. It rebukes the trifler, and and what do you say? said Mr. C., laying arouses the most stupid; in short, it turns his hand with a caressing movement upon

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but on the present occasion she had a story to tell, and so without any preface recollect that the old woman, Miss Evans, she began with:

'I've been about to see the boys, ma'am, that were here t'other night. I knowed that one Miss Alice gave the money to, with his splendid black eyes, was no poor white folks' child. There's a regular story about him, ma'am. He's a regular gentleman's son, and his nurse stole him away when he was little.'

'Oh! Betty,' said Mrs. Carlton, laughing, 'the day has long gone by since babies used to be stolen away. I suspect the woman was imposing upon you.'
'Indeed, ma'am,' answered Betty, with

as much indignation in her tone as she could feel toward her gentle mistress, 'I to take care of her ever since he had believe it's all true, and I hope I may live earned anything. They've moved away

'Perhaps I may,' said Mrs. Carlton,

to glide gently down the stream of time, and stand once more with us in Mr. Carlbowed low, 'if the ladies, before whom I all. The free and easy settee of earlier days has given place to chairs and lounges the little girls we left there, one winter's night, are lovely maidens now, just blushthe mirth had subsided so as to allow the judge to be heard, he directed the crown day, that day of all the year when women are supposed to pay most attention to the becoming in their toilettes; but no mysteries of dress were needed to adorn sweet Alice Carlton. She stood beside her naturally fine intellect, he had acquired mother's chair, clothed with the beauty of an education of which many an addlepated the street below, where, over tree and railing, the frost-king had thrown many a

beautiful garland in honor of the day. Suddenly she exclaimed, in a low tone. Mamma! here is the same young Carrier look at him, Col. Mowbray,' addressing an house, through whose windows bright elderly gentleman who stood near. At and the rest of our lives must show forth that moment the Carrier ran up the steps, our gratitude.' and Alice throwing up the window exclaimed, 'I will take your paper,' (pardon her, elderly ladies, she was only sixteen) at the same time placing a piece of gold in his hand.

The young man gazed for an instant. and then with a graceful inclination of the head replied, 'thanks, fair lady, you know that God loveth a cheerful giver.'

With a blush of pleasure and surprise Alice closed the window, and turning to her mother said, 'oh! mamma, I know him now; he is the same boy who lost his money on our pavement years ago when I

'Are you ill, Colonel?' interrupted Mrs. Carlton, turning to the gentleman before alluded to, who had turned deadly pale, and was leaning on the back of his chair

'Oh! no, a mere trifle, madam; but my nerves have been somewhat shaken of close by the lively strains of a piano, which young man's face set my busy fancy to work.' 'My dear sir,' said Mrs. Carlton, if not too painful to yourself, do tell us this singular history of yours; my husband intimated that it was one of deep interest.' The parlor being at this time free from visitors, the Colonel seated him-

self and began his recital: ' Some twenty years or more ago, we had living with us, in our Southern home, a mulatto woman named Cynthia and her son Alfred. The woman was my wife's maid, and of course enjoyed all the privileges and immunities of that favored class of servants. When our little boy was born, Cynthia attached herself to him with that excess of devotion which I think is rarely found, save among the colored nurses of the South. Her life and love seemed to be bound up in our son, and her own, who was the veriest imp of mischief that ever tormented a family. Alf. was always in trouble, and always did Cynthia's tears and my wife's pleadings prevail to prevent his being punished. 'She loves our child darkness to discover the cause of such so well, was an unanswerable argument. woeful sounds. At the same moment Mr. At last, when our Charley was between Carlton (the owner of the mansion and of three and four years old, forbearance the aforesaid hands, eyes, and noses,) aphis constant escape from punishment, were exerting a most pernicious influence upon the other servants, and in spite of his mother's entreaties I banished him to my brother's plantation, a few miles removed from us. But no explanation would con- I N C O R P O R A T E D 1810 : HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, vince Cynthia that he was not sold, and that after a few years of kind and firm discipline he should return to us. She brooded over her loss, and though outwardly the same devoted servant she was nourishing in her heart a deep plan of revenge, which has cast its blighting sor-

row over our whole lives.

'About this time a dear friend of my wife's being near death, she went to spend a few days with her. I accompanied her, leaving our dear son in Cynthia's care; which lighted up with joy at the promise of a speedy return, would never more be

seen within our darkened dwelling.

When we returned, Cynthia and our boy were gone, in company with some of the servants from a neighboring plantation.

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and my old head gets confused; but I do said that one time late at night some colored folks stopped at her house, and they had a beautiful little boy with them dressed ever so fine, and they was afeared the officers was after them, and so the woman who had the care of him coaxed her to keep him, and promised to send for him soon, or, if she didn't, his father would come for him. She said he was a rich man, and would pay her a great deal of money. Miss Evans said she always felt sorry for the poor slaves that was runnin' off, so she promised not to tell on 'em, and in a little while she got to loving the child like her own, and he had helped

from where they used to live, and that is 'And that young carrier you saw this morning was that little boy, and your son, Colonel Mowbray,' said Alice Carlton, taking both his hands and mingling with

his her tears of sympathetic joy. New Year's evening closed upon a happy circle around Mr. Carlton's hearthstone. The father sat beside his new-found son, for we may be sure no time had been lost discovering the widow's abode, and the idontification had been made perfect by her producing the little bundle of clothes which Charles wore on the night of his arrival at her house, on which the letters C. M. were carefully worked. And he was a son of whom any father might feel proud; he had been mercifully kept from the temptations of a large city, and thanks to our common school system, aided by a said Mr. Carlton, the honor must be equally divided between Alice and Aunt Betty, their love of the sentimental and marvelous enabling them to retain incidents we, more common-place people, had forgotten.' 'I think it was the utterance who came last year; you know his sad, of a mystical sentence which passed bedark eyes have haunted us ever since as tween Alice and Charles,' said the Colonel, something more than half familiar. Do laughing; then added, in a graver tone, 'it was one of God's good providences,

One more scene, and we have done. It was October, glorious October, the very queen of months, and right royally she came, appareled in her robe of many colors, and the balmy breeze that fluttered in her train waved the bridal vail that shaded Alice Carlton's cheek, as leaning on her father's arm she entered the vestibule of old St. James' Church. Three years have developed her budding, and she stands before us the realization of a poet's dream: at least so thinks Charles Mowbray, as after months of travel in a classic land he returns to win the bright star of was a little girl, and Betty used to say '- his boyhood, and now stands with his fond parents to receive her hand at God's own altar. 'No regret now, Ally,' said Mr. Carlton, gaily, as the young pair stepped into their carriage at the church door .-'No fear, sir,' replied Charles, 'you must remember our Alice is a 'cheerful giver.'

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