leaving the house. I have grown wiser

since then, and have learned that a woman's

was certainly not more than a hundred

the ice with a fierce dash as though I

Up the river I went, over and back,

now dashing off at right angles and now

rushing up in the face of the wind to cool

my heated head. The night was beauti-

ful, a clear, cold, bracing night, with a

moon that almost seemed as though it

hung in the sky as an object of adoration.

tion of my body ceased, until I stood still

save me from a terrible death, and I turn-

time repenting the little folly

from the ice. I thought of my mother in

of my terrible end, and I struck out once

head to see. There they were, at least a

score of them. not forty yards away. I

pushed on, but I knew that they gained, I

knew it by the howls, by the very exult-

ing note as they supposed they were near-

the right or left, and threw more than one-

half of them sliding away upon the ice. -

It was no time to laugh, but I could not

help it; and each turn as I executed this

movement a convulsive chuckle burst from

me. Every muscle of my body was in

play, and the perspiration rolled down my

face as though it was a day in midsum-

by throwing off my coat, and on I sped the

lighter without it. At the next away

It was the most desperate physical exer-

mental strain. I hardly believe I was

and as I struck the shore and sprang, with

the house, there was a desperation in my

As I thought, Marion was watching and

of my terror, the haste was inexplicable

to her. She sprang to the door as I

slammed it, not a moment too soon, for al-

most with its closing three or four of the

fiends were howling within a few yards of

it. In an instant the bolts were drawn

and Marion's arms were around me. She

understood it all without a word, and

without a word, and only one quick

embrace, she brought me the rifle,

with which, within the next few min-

utes, I had the satisfaction of sending

two of the wretches to their last account,

and afterwards of watching the retreat of

the pack across the ice until they disap-

That night, after my relation of the ter-

rible half hour through which I had pass-

ed, all the story I had wished to tell

Marion upon the ice came out, and met

with the happiest response; and now, forty

years afterwards, my wolf race upon the

Delaware is a story among our grand-

movements beyond description.

It was a happy thought,

On they came with their long, yelping

more for life.

ing their prey.

upon the right.

motion.

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SHADOWS.

When the children are bushed in the nursery,
And the swallow sleeps in the caves,
And the night wind is marmuring secrets
Apart to the listening leaves;
Then I open the inner chamber
That was closed from the dust of day,
And gently undraw the curtain
Where my holiest treasures lay.

Sweet spirits that may not slumber; Cool shadows from lights now gone And the echo of voices suunding All sounding for me alone.
And, blending among the others,
One scho is softer yet;
One shadow is cooler, deeper;
And my dimming eyes grow wet. All sounding for me alone

For the image I gaze on longest
Is the image I gaze on longest
Is the image that blessed my youth.
The angel that lit my journey
With her lamp of love and truth.
We traveled life's way together
A little while side by side;
And, when I grow faint or weary
That light was my strength and guide. And dearer it grew-how dearer! I watched it wane and fade

And my angel said, as we parted, Be patient, be not afraid. And when I am sick and weary
With the heat and dust of the day, How the sense of her words comes Her words ere she went away !

And I ask for a patient wisdom, As I journey the way alone;
Till I tread on the golden threshold
Of the heaven where she is gone.
When the children are hushed in the nursery, And the swallow sleeps in the eaves
And the night wind is murmuring seor
Apart to the listening leaves. WAR.

Well met, good friend, I sought thee even now

And wherefore greet me with a frowning brow ? Art not content with what I have achieved? And wherefore greet me with a frowling brow:
Art not content with what I have achieved?
Have I not filled the orders I received?
Have I not scourged the land from shore to shore,
Until its shuddering waters blush with gore;
Until the air is rife with dying groans;
And the earth big with dead men's mouldering

bones;
Till night is weary of the widow's wail,
And human sorrow is an idle tale? THE DEVIL.

Aye, thou hast done all this, and more, I know, And yet, methinks, thy steps move wondfous slow. The earth has well nigh made around the sun Three revolutions since the work begun In this fair land, and yet there is but little done. What are the boasted trophies in thy train? Bethink thee now; a hundred thousand slain! A path of desolation here and there; The sounds of battle dying in the air; Hair homes despoiled; the voice of woe and wail; These give me no sensation—all are stale; On, on; nor stay thy devastating tread Till thou canst count me a Billion dead. Spoil their highways, burn hamlet, village, town: Back their fair cities, tear their churches down; Where there are homes to waste, or hearts to feel, Send forth the flaming fagot, flashing steel; Plow up their fertile fields with shot and shell; Make their fair land the vestibule of hell. Aye, thou hast done all this, and more, I know Make their fair land the vestibule of hell On, on, I long to see the infernal play— In Hades it shall be a holiday! in Hages it shall be a holiday!
On, over hill and valley, river, plain,
Where there is life pour thou the leaden rain;
Leave them no remnant of their lustful wealth,
No trust, no God, no love, hope, strength, health;
Bring ruin, desolation over all the land,
Till farring stalk from come Till famine stalk from ocean strand to strand; And men shall stand by their uncoffined dead.

## And yex the ear of Heaven with cries for bread AN HOUR ON THE ICE.

It was many years ago; so many, that I find every morning upon looking into the glass, that I am growing whiter and whiter upon that part of my head which I have always been told bears messengers from the tomb, while the incident I am about to relate occurred when I was but mer. At the next turn I relieved myself just reaching my way into the twenties of

I had been spending part of a winter went my vest, and just then I turned the just upon the borders of Pennsylvania and bend of the river, and the white walls of New York, about where the Delaware my home came in sight. makes its headwaters. It was a lonely part of the country, and certainly had little attraction in winter to one who, like myself, had been brought up in the city, tion of my life, and the most terrible but-there is always a but-there was an attraction to me beyond the solitary farmhouse, the leafless tress, the frozen ground, and the icy river. The truth may as well

come out-I was in love. There certainly was no reason that I rnshing on toward the house, with the should have lingered in that cheerless, pack not less than fifty yards behind me, solitary place, but for the fact that Marion Carpenter was there, and that I could not get away.

Among the ways of passing time was that of the frozen river. Almost every evening, to say nothing of the day, we were upon the ice. It was a remarkable winter, and the ice was always in good order. In fact I do not know a day from November until February that we-Marion and I-were not upon it. She skated beautifully, and I cannot see that I am saying anything wrong to admit that the first and most irrepressible passion that I ever felt was born upon the ice.

Well, it was one February day, clear and beautiful, and I had made up my mind that day would bring me to a finale with Marion, for I knew that she loved me as well as I did her, and that it wanted only the formel words to bring the matter to a conclusion. It was my intention to say all that I had to say that evening upon the ice, as I knew that there, there was no chance of interruption, but it is strange peared in the wood on the opposite side. how little we are able to guide even the most simple events to a conclusion. All that day Marion and myself seemed to be antagonistic. We had no open disagreement, nor yet any words that could lead to what is commonly called a lovers' quarrel, but yet there was something that destroyed the quiet understanding we had children. always maintained.

At last night came, and I whispered

There were eighty-one hundred and ice, and was astonished at a refusal. No English work-houses in 1862.

POPPING THE QUESTION. reason was given, but she did not feel like

We have heard of many cases of poppia" under very singular circumwhims must sometimes be humored withstances -the eccentric, the abrupt, the out question; but then I had no argu- business like, the silly, and hundred other ments in my mind but opposition, and styles. Of the eccentric, we would cite that opposition was to seize my skates and the case of a well-known merchant, who, hurry from the house to the river, which one day dining at a friend's house, sat next to a lady who possessed rare charms feet distant. I buckled on my skates, my of conversation. The merchant did not face burning with vexation, and my brain possess this faculty in a very rare degree, prompting all kinds of dire schemes for but he could do that which is next best, getting satisfaction, and was away over he could appreciate, and appreciation which he endeavored to show by the following mode of action: would drive off my annoyance by speed of

Do you like toast, Miss B-'Yes,' responded the lady, slightly surprised at the question.

'Buttered toast?' 'Yes.' 'That is strange: so do I. Let us get

married.' There cannot be much doubt but that On I went, right up in the face of the the lady was taken slightly aback, a fact that did not prevent the marriage from wind, the miles seeming to slip from uncoming off in a month afterwards, nor the any sign of cultivation, and still I kept establishments in the city.

As a specimen of the abrunt, we shall think I must have been at least eight cite the case of a gentleman who had remiles from home, when suddenly I heard tired from business at the age of forty and a sound that perfectly paralyzed my limbs, built him a beautiful house, determined to and left me gliding over the ice without enjoy life to the utmost. One day a friend

gazed with a concentrated vision about few minutes, at the end of which time he me, I began to realize what I heard .-arose, begged to be excused for a short Then I saw, here and there, along the time, and then left the room. He seized dark shore, darker objects creeping slowly out from the trees, and on to the ice, and and was shown into a parlor with the infrom these darker objects came the fearful formation that neither the master nor the half groan, half scream, that had so frozen my blood, and taken from me the power of servant that he wanted neither, and remotion. I had never seen any of the terrible creatures with which I was that night him. She came, and the gentleman thus destined to become acquainted, but I knew addressed her:

in an instant that what I saw coming from 'Sarah, I have known you for many the woods, in at least a dozen directions, years and have just been told that I want were nothing less than wolves. I had, as a wife. You are the only woman I know I soy, had no chance of seeing any of these that I should be willing to entrust my happiness with, and if you agree, we will at last a scarcely suppressed smile appeared them a poem. inhabitants, but I had heard several from be instantly married. What is your up the country say that they were very troublesome, and express the belief that answer.'

before the winter was over we should have Sarah knew the man that addressed her. them down our way.

I don't know how long I stood gazing well-weighed as though considered for a and knew that his offer was serious and upon these objects of terror, but as they year; and she answered him in the same neared me I knew that speed only would

> ' I agree. Will you be ready in an hour.'

ed to fly. I was no novice on the skates, and then I put forth all the swiftness I 'I will.' 'I shall return for you at that time.'

ever had learned. Away I sped over the ice, the terrible cry coming on behind me with a distinctness that curdled my blood, suggested the idea accompanying him to but yet put more force in every limb. I the clergyman's. Many years have passed the idea accompanying him to the clergyman's. Many years have passed and burst into toars of laughter, in the Habakuk.'

Let even thought of Marion waiting at home, by since then, and neither party has seen any midst of which one of the congregation. Let every reader learn wisdom from cause to regret the abrupt proposal had made her treat me slightingly, and acceptance.

gazing from the window to see me coming Of the business style we may cite a case related to us, which we know for a ment. Casting his eyes upward, the mintrue one. A young man who had suc- ister could just discern the animal stand-New York, and the deathly heart-sickness that would strike her when she would hear ceeded to the ill kept and badly cultivated, ing on the end of the sounding board, and though really valuable farm of an uncle, gesturing with all his might, when he saw at a glance that two things were found it difficult to control himself, though necessary to enable him to succeed; the highly exasperated at the occurrence. He first being a wife to take charge of the gave directions to have the monkey recry, and I could not resist turning my woman's department, and the second a few thousand dollars to stock it with. He could not help thinking to himself that, equanimity while the order was being possibly, these two great aids to his bappiness and prosperity might be had together, and yet without attempting to put just then, that I struck off suddenly to his matrimonial and financial ideas into the left, for a half turn of my head alpractice he allowed them to haunt him

lowed me to see at least a dozen of the continually. With this upon his mind our farmer beasts, with a lost footing, sliding, some upon their sides, some upon their backs, and some with sprawling legs, away out I had led them a straightforward race and they had gained; now I saw that every turn I made they would lose, for it panions dined together at a wayside inn, would be impossible for them to keep their feet and turn sufficiently quick upon the smooth ice to keep pace with my movements. I profited by the discovery, and each time as they recovered their feet and the vounger: gained upon me, I made a sudden dash to

the afternoon, which will give you a fair chance to see them and judge."

the young ladies should not be informed of the nature of his errand. This was agreed This gave fresh life to me, and on I to and they separated. went. I shall never forget that last mile.

The next day at the time appointed, the young man dismounted at the door of the nonse of his new made friend, and was heartily walcomed. The hour before dinover twenty minutes in doing the whole distance from the time I first espied the me it seemed like twenty hours. I came and practical remarks of the younger, orinoline was adjusted. when the meal was announced, and the introduced. They were all as the old garity. gentleman had said fine girls, but the 'Monster!' exclaimed the mother, 'how younger, rosy-cheeked, blue-eyed, and could you? and such delicate nerves as skate-bound feet, over the fence toward laughing-faced, charmed the young farmer she has too.' especially. The dinner over, they once

more walked out for a chat. saw me coming, but, not seeing the cause 'Well, how do you like my daughters?' was the old gentleman's first question. rushed up the path and opened it. I 'They are all nice girls, very nice?' said the young man thoughtfully. threw myself in, and with a quick turn

'And which of them do you like best,' knew, therefore, too much about military truth of the above, and it is only one inciwas the next question. ' The youngest, Kate, she is charming, and if I am to be your son-in-law, you

must give me Kate! 'This will never do to take the youngest and by all odds the prettiest,' said the old gentleman seriously. 'I must have her or none,' was the

wanted? ' Five thousand dollars will put my farm her. in excellent order, and make it worth

twenty thousand to-morrow. I must have bear up, darling.' five thousand dollars.' 'l'll give you the sum, with either of

and with Kate.'

my mind upon it.' the usual invitation to come out upon the fifteen illegitimate children born in the the old gentleman's reply; so I suppose what I want know. the matter is at an end. However, we

will be good friends, and you must some- mistake,' said the head of the family; times run over and see me.'

Thus ended the conference and they young ladies in the room, I don't think I'd The young man mounted his parted. horse, and rode down toward the road, but of the city are too delicate for such vulgar just as he was about opening the gate, names.' stooping from his saddle, the laughing faced Kate sprang through the shrubbery to save him the trouble. 'Can't you accept my father's terms !

'Yes, by George I will, if you say so ?' was the instantaneous response.

the girl vanished like a fairy among the The young man rode slowly home, but he was on hand next morning, according to bidding, and married the fair Kate in

two months after.

Monkey in Church. There was once an eminent clergyman by the name of Cassaubon, who kept in his family a tame monkey, of which he was very fond. This animal, which was allowed was far out of sight of the house, or of accession of the lady to one of the finest its liberty, liked to follow the minister castic remarks, one great lord commanded, when he went out, but on the Sabbath was for a moment, universal attention by his usually shut up till his owner was out of asserting in a round voice, that the Bible sight, on his way to church. But one was not only a piece of arrant deception Sabbath morning, when the clergyman, but totally devoid of literary merit. taking his sermon under his arm, went out, the monkey followed him unobserved, and nodded a hearty assent to the sentence, was dining with him, and said, half-jok- watching the opportunity while his master Franklin gave no signs of approval. Being was speaking to a gentleman on the steps, at that time a court favorite, his companran up at the back of the pulpit and ions could not bear even a tacit reproof jumped upon the sounding board. Here from a man of his weight of influence. 'That's true. I must think of it, said be gravely seated himself, looking round They all appealed to him for his opinion. in the centre of the glassy stream, and he; and then relapsed into a silence for a in a knowing manner on the congregation, Franklin, in one of his peculiar ways, rewho were greatly amused at so strange a plied, that he was hardly prepared to give spectacle. The services proceeded as them a suitable answer, as his mind had usual, while the monkey, who evidently been running on the merits of a new book his hat and went instantly to a neighbor's | much enjoyed the sight of so many people, occasionally peeped over the sounding pened to fall in with at one of the city board to observe the movements of his mistress were at home. He told the master, who was unconscious of his presence. When the sermon commenced, the Bible, perhaps it might interest them quested that the housekeeper be sent to many little forms were convulsed with to compare with that old volume the merits laughter, which conduct so shocked the of his new prize. If so, he would read good pastor, that he thought it his duty to them a short section. All were eager to administer a reproof, which he did with have the Doctor read a portion of his rare considerable action of his hands and arms. The monkey who had now become familiar he took an old book from his coat pocket,

> upon the countenance of most of the audience. This occurred, too, in one of listeners pronounced it the best they had kindly relieved the horror of the the irreverence and impiety of his flock, by pointing out the cause of the merri-

moved, and sat down to compose himself, and allow his congregation to recover their

obeved. Consternation in a Respectable Family.

We regret to say that through the blundering of a country cousin, one of the first families in Boston was recently thrown started upon a horseback journey to a into a state of consternation and indignadistant part of the country, and upon his tion, which is impossible to describe. For return made an acquaintance upon the a while serious consequences were appre- and in a loud voice commenced anatheroad, in the person of an old gentleman hended, but after proper restoratives were who was jogging the same way. The com- applied and explanations made, the family were enabled to take their meals with the and fraternized pleasantly, during which accustomed regularity and relish. The the young man opened his heart to the misunderstanding was caused in a singular elder, telling him all his plans and aspira- manner, and can, in a measure, be at- marks, and he grew more vituperative and writing desks, tions, when the old gentleman addressed tributed to the number of military heroes

who infest the city. It seems that the cousin who caused the honest way of telling your story, and if trouble is a native of Vermont, and now that was pretty language for a gentleyou will come and see me I shall be glad. on a visit to an uncle in the city. One have three daughters all as good girls as evening during the recent spell of cold ever lived. Now, perhaps, one may be weather, the only daughter of the house, the very one you are looking for; if so, I a lady of seventeen, whose delicacy is a Copperheads and all who sympathised with will do my best toward making the balance part of her nature, and whose mind was them.' This was too much to be endured, of the matter agreeable. Ride over and entirely above earthly things, with the ex- and the other lady—the one dressed in see me to-morrow, take dinner and stay in ception of the obera, new dresses and a mourning—turning upon her heel, swept carriage, remarked one evening in the up with a sort of indign nt movement presence of her cousin and her family, towards her insulter, and looking the The young man instantly agreed to the without a word of warning, that she was proposal, making only one condition that fearful of freezing if she went to bed.

Her mother was about to utter some expression of consolation, when the cousin he is now on the battle field with a musket (rude that he was) remarked in a loud in his hand. My only brother was a tone, so loud that every one heard him- Democrat, and he laid down his life at 'Why don't you take a major to bed

with you? There was a faint shrick, and Henrietta ner was consumed in looking over the farm, was observed to fall senseless on the plush sitting by the stove cursing at men whose the young man in admiring its keeping, sofa. Her position was noted, however, for wolves until I reached my home, but to and the old one approving of the sensible its grace and careful manner in which her

'Wretch!' cried the father, you have three young ladies and their mother were murdered my daughter with your vul-

'I swow,' yelled the Vermonter, with

doleful look, 'I didn't mean ---' had attempted to obtain a commission as chawing, and scratching his head in vain brigadier general, and failed only because he once belonged to a home-guard and affairs.

'Darn it, won't you ---'No, sir, we will not,' cried the enraged parents. 'A man that recommends my daughter to-

words.

'It was a cruel blow, but you must no matter whether it was in the church or in the street. One day Mrs. Deacon Wheeler left her Darnation, won't somebody listen to me?' cried the perplexed Vermonter, 'I house and husband, for the purpose of the other girls,' said the old man, positive- didn't mean that Hen. should sleep with visiting a friend, leaving her children in ly; but I will only give you three thous- a real live major-one of them malicious the custody of Nancy Skellets, a good-

officers. In course I didn't. I wanted looking but rather simple girl, who lived Then I may as well go to my home. - her to do as our gals do on cold nights. in the family. Five thousand I must have—I have set They heat bricks and put them to their. The afternoon that Mrs. Wheeler left feet, and up in our parts the gals call the house, the deacon was at home, doing And I have just as strongly deter- them majors. That's what I mean, and some work about the building, and while mined to do only what I have said, was what's the use of a fuss about it; that's thus employed he heard his youngest child

The Prayer of Habakuk.

It is said of Dr. Franklin, that during 'Then come over to-morrow morning his long residence in Paris, being invited pefore ten o'clock and tell him so,' and to a party of the nobility, where most of the court and courtiers were present, he produced a great sensation by one of his bold movements, and gained great applause for his ingenuity.

well.

According to the custom of that age and country, the nobles, after the usual cere- case was likely to prove troublesome, for monies of the evening were over, sat down to a free and promiscuous conversation. Christianity was the great topic. The church was always ridiculed, and the Bible was treated with unsparing severity .--Growing warmer and warmer in their sarthough the entire company of Frenchmen of rare excellence, which he had just hapbook stores; and as they had pleased to make allusions to the literary character of book. In a very grave and sincere manner, with the scene, imitated every motion, till and with propriety of utterance read to

The poem had its effect. The admiring the most solemn passages in the discourse; ever heard read. 'I hat is pretty,' said and so horrible did the levity appear to one; 'That is sublimity,' said another. the good minister, that he launched forth 'It has not its superior in the world,' was into violent rebuke, every word being en- the unanimous opinion. They all wished forced by great energy of action. All to know the name of the new work, and this tims the little fellow overhead mim- whether that was a specimen of its conicked every movement with order and tents. 'Certainly, gentlemen,' said the exactness. The audience, witnessing this Doctor, smiling at his triumph, 'my book apparent competition between the good is full of such passages. It is no other Which he did, the gentleman who had man and his monkey, could no longer than your good-for-nothing Bible; and I

suggested the idea accompanying him to retain the least appearance of composure, have read to you the prayer of the prophet unequaled sublimities of the Bible.

A Deserved Rebuke.

A little incident occurred in a grocery

store up town the other evening, that not only seemed to 'take that tarch' out of a nice young man, but also to bring forcibly to our mind what is said about 'faith without good works.' When we entered the store. the young man in question, somewhat noted for his loud-mouthed Union Leaguism, was setting near the counter reading, or pretending to read the Standard. He hit upon a tirade of abuse against the

'Copperheads,' and at once supposed he

had a good thing on hand. Near the

counter, purchasing groceries, were two

ladies, one of them dressed in deep mourning. Hearing some casual remark dropped about the shinplaster currency, the young man threw down the newspaper. matising all Democrats who did not sympathise with the Administration, stigmatising them as brutes, cowards, copperheads, traitors, &c. For a time no one noticed the gallant Union Leaguer's revehement in his denunciation of 'Copperheads.' At last one of the ladies turned half round upon him, and remarked that man' to use in a public store! gallant young man sneeringly answered that his language 'was good enough for young man full in the eye, said, sarcastically: 'Sir! my husband is a Democrat -a 'Copperhead,' as you term them-and Antietam, fighting under Gen. McClellan for his country—while you, poor pitiful wretch and disgraced coward, are here shoe-latches you are unworthy to tie ur. Why don't you, young, able-bodied and vigorous as you are, take up a musket and go and fight for the cause you pretend to have so much at heart, instead of sitting here and insulting brave men through their wives. I, sir, lost a brother at Antietam, and I regret it the more now, that he is not here to chastise your insolence upon the spot.' The young man he did not see things in that light wilted-Silence, sir! cried the brother, who and after stammering, 'hemming' and for a reply, he turned slightly pale, picked up his hat and left. We vouch for the

## dent out of many .- Syracuse Courier. The Deacon's Mistake.

Wheeler was the name of a deacon who But I didn't mean it—' screamed the lived in the eastern part of New Hamp-Yankee, but no attention was paid to his shire some years since. He was a very pious man, and feared the Lord and hated sponse spoken decidedly.

'She revives—she revives—the shock the devil; but he had a weakness never'How much money did you say you has not killed her,' the doting mother theless, like the rest of mankind, and that said, bending over her child and kissing weakness was a female face, which the good deacon was very fond of looking at,

crying so bitterly, that he entered the 'It seems that we are laboring under a house, and proceeded to the room where

Nancy was endeavoring to comfort the DROSPECTUS

but really, hereafter, where there are I don't know how it happened, but while the two were engaged in stilling the babv. mention such things. The young ladies the deacon got an arm around Nancy's neck and kissed her, and after the child was quiet she sat on his knee, and while she The Vermonter promised to be more careful in future, and the family are doing

and kissed her, and after the child was quiet she sat on his knee, and while she sat there, who should enter the room but an old maid, a near neighbor, and the greatest talker in town.

Nancy gave a jump, and the deacon did the same, but it was too late. The old maid had seen enough to make out a good story, and she left the house, almost bursting with the importance of her discovery. The deacon expected trouble, and he was not disappointed. In a few days he was summoned before the church, and when he went to the meeting he saw that his case was likely to prove troublesome, for all the deacons looked blank, and the sisters withering.

'Deacon Wheeler,' said the parson, the state of the workshop, the Farmer's Firstless, and the Ganeral Reader.

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'Did the deacon kiss you?' asked the parson. 'Yes, sir,' replied Nancy, with a

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