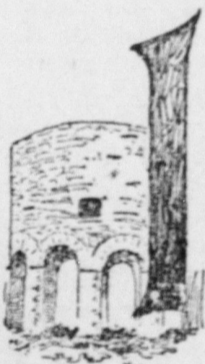


THE GIFTS.

Life, thou wast rich with promises;
What dost thou give?
What precious boon hast thou to show and say.

THE WIDOW'S MITE.

BY MARY E. MITCHELL.



T is such a little thing that it seems hardly worth the writing, yet it is one of the little things that make us glad. Besides, it is true.
Mrs. Redd stood over her tub. It was wash-day. All days except Sundays were generally wash-days at the Redds.

scattered—the older children gone back to school, the little ones safe in the back yard—and the after-dinner work was out of the way. Mrs. Redd repaired to the living-room, and deliberately sat herself down to think.
She sat a long time, her hands folded in her lap, her face twisted in varying emotions. Finally she arose decisively, and went to her bare little bedroom.

"O, sir, I hope you ain't mad at the liberty I took! I should be more'n willing that you used it. I thought it might kind of help you over a tight place."
The minister rose from his chair and gently, almost reverently, took Mrs. Redd's hand with its big, flapping glove in his.

FARM-GARDEN
CUTTING TIMBER.
For strength, beauty and durability I have found August, September and October the best, and February, March and April the worst months to cut wood.
A red maple cut in September will keep in a round log perfectly white and sound until the next August; while one cut in March will begin to blacken and decay by the middle or last of June.

Weak and Weary
Because of a depleted condition of the blood. The remedy is to be found in purified, enriched and vitalized blood, which will be given by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier.
Hood's Pills
cure habitual constipation. Price 25 cents.
New York City's Mail Business.
Postmaster Dayton has compiled the statistics of mail matter handled in the New York office during the fiscal year ending June 30, says the World. The total number of pieces of mail matter of all kinds handled was 1,387,898,807, a daily average of 3,802,463.

Complex advertisement for Syrup of Figs, featuring an illustration of a woman holding a bottle and text describing its benefits for various ailments like constipation and general weakness.