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Peace in Believing.

BY HANNAH F. GOULD. take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of ton an evil heart of unbelief."—HEBREWS

tree that yields our care and grief, om a root of unbelief: pricking thorns, the arrows fierce, spirit and our flesh to piercegrafts that spoil our vineyard's fruit. from that bitter evil root.

the branch that hangs with clustering woe the fing-staff of the prince of foeste tares that mar our golden sheaf, all spring up from unbelief: ed Hope, the victim of Despair, bents, dying, to the poison there.

Esta Belief we've joy and peace, with and power a sweet increase; om burning skies a cool retreat. shelter safe from tempests beatresia balm of Gilead for our griefevery wound a healing leaf.

el smooths down our thorny cares, ith shooting grain uproots the tares, er harp from off the willow takes, al every chord to music wakes, Hope, !aid icy in the tomb, ings up with life and beauty's bloom

then night comes murky, drear and damp lief will feed and screen our lamp, pon her feet her sandals bind, bout her waist her girdle wind, ien, lend a staff, and lead the way, ill we walk forth to beaming day.

hen all the fountains of the deep em brokengup o'er earth to sweep; lifle billowy mountains toss our bark, lef's the dove, from out the ark, oss the flood to stretch her wing, I home the branch of olive bring. ..

def hath eyes so heavenly bright, on the cloud to cast their light, . fair and glorious hues shall form m drops and shades that robed the storm, to erour world in peace, to show d's cogenant sign, his unstrung bow. hen through a dry and thirsty land pilgrim treads the desert sand lef bring distant prospects near, th fruit, and bowers, and fountains clear, are, when he strikes his tent, he'll be

heir of immortality. huin about our spirit's ring, of will plume it o'er the graveove the swell of Jordan's wavedy, nor droop, 'till gently furled that sweet home, the spirit world!

The Evening Skies. skies! amid your halls to-night

How brightly beams each starry sphere! eath your softly mellowed light The loveliest scenes graw lovelier! high, how great the glorious power that bade the silvery dew drops fall; attouched with bloom the folded flower, and bent the blue sky over all! Te to glide in those still hours With heart and thought, and fancy, en nought but stars, and waves, and flowers, yay give me their sweet company! en far below the waves outspread lide softly on with liquid hue; en winds are low-and skies o'er head te beaming bluely beautiful. what a heavenly hour is this! be green earth seems an Eden-home,vet I pine amid my bliss. or purer blisses yet to come! can my spirit gaze aloft ion your deep delicious blue, float to those far realms so oft, and never sigh to flutter through! yet this spot, so still, so lone. ems formed to suit my mournful mood, far blue heavens seem all my own, ad all this lovely solitude! ice seems whispering on the hill, oft as my own—and on the sea ing spirit seems to thrill d throb with mine deliciously! though my thoughts from care seem freed nd a soft joy pervades my breast. makes me almost feel indeed at hearts on earth are sometimes blest! is a spell in those hushed skies something felt in this lone spot, makes my very soul arise ith longings for-it-knows not what? iath such skies I sometimes doubt heart can ever have dreamed of sin-Forld seems all so calm without,

all my thoughts so pure within!

dreams play o'er my folded lid!

to glide amid

angel-bands, an angel too!

th heavenly visions greet my view;

[From the Weekly Mirror.] Cousin Nelly and Cousin Sally.

" We still have slept together, Rose at an instant, learn'd, played, eat together: And whereso'er we went like Juno's swans Still we went coupled and inseparable."

Although cousin Nelly and Sally are linked with my earliest remembrances, I do not recollect ever hearing that they had father or mother. Mirthful, yet formed, with a fine complexion, the sad, is their appearance, as reflected on natural accompaniment of red hair .my mind's mirror, as side by side they entered the church door, or at long intervals, made part of the semicircle sur- hair clustered in natural ringlets on rounding the sparkling and cheerful fire in my aunt's comfortable parlor.

They seemed always to be independent of the rest of world, and this ac- attention to her many household duties. counts for the irksomeness of Nelly's feelings, while acting as house-keeper for my aunt; in vain she tried by assiduity and cheerfulness to give satisfaction, aunty would sometimes scold, servants despising delegated authority (poor white folks, as southern servants all hate those unfortunate interlopers,) were intolerably impertinent; and more trying than 'all the rest, we boys and girls formented every moment of her existence. Was she seated in the nursery, after a wearisome day's attention to her multifarious duties, and perchance knitting or darning our stockings, her ball of yarn would be sure to make its way out of her own pocket into Jim's, encased in a kid covering, cut most probably from one of her gloves, which had lain quietly beside it, in the same deep receptacle. Bunches of keys, buttons, ends of tape, a heart shaped pincushion, seissors, thimble, an old fashioned house wife, (itself a rolled up | appearance. collection of similar odds and ends.) and not to be forgotten a snuff-box and tooth-brush, might be found in the early in life. I never heard their panot fair reader! these last named articles were indeed put in frequent requisition, and were the source of infinite mischief to ourselves, and annoyance to poor cousin Nelly:

ancient snuff box, and upon drawing it her nearest and dearest friend. forth and attempting to open it, an elf coughing commenced.

"Indeed I did n't do it a purpose, now what he is doing !"

clipping from his head the clustering minutes, and our eyes the dimmer with brown ringlets, of which aunty was so weeping that two gay and giddy girls made their appearance. The antique vate consideration. You may believe proud, with the scissors he had pur- prefer showing themselves off before service of plate, so tiny in dimensions, it if you choose, or you may disheloined during Nelly's visit to the land the country beaux, to gladdening a few so richly chased and so highly polished, lieve it; and whether, gentlemen of the of dreams. This was gain to three of hours for two poor old maids." us, however; the decimated curls were transferred from Jim's apron to our doll-baskets, and in process of time lent noon with you. Liz only wanted to sat cousin Nelly. additional charms to the divinities we gaze upon the ruined roof-tree of our manufactured.

Cousin Nelly had a way of giving her orders by contraries; for example, if she wished the light to burn steadily, dy." she would say, " Be sure you blow out the candle, children;" or, on a cold winter's night, when one of us left the room, "mind you leave the door open sion of cousin Nelly's,) that your obnow!" Upon one occasion, during a ject is to show off Liz, and to attract known by no other name than "Liz ly. It is not, strictly speaking, for you meeting of the "General Assembly," a number of clergymen were expected Where in the world is Pompey, that piness did not fancy and joyous hope your verdict; but if such a considerathings, cousin Nelly had prepared a self." floating island so perfectly that it surpassed the rule of being so well whipped as to adhere to the dish when turned bottom upwards. Nelly considered it the triumph of art, and boast us enjoy their visit while it lasts, ingly shook the dish, as she glanced at pleasure come seldom enough to us." us, her four continual and persevering

adjuncts. was all the enjoyment we anticipated solitary cow of the spinsters. Browney from these airy nothings, when, oddly gazed inquiringly at this intrusion into enough, cousin Nelly turned to us as her clover patch, but soon relapsed into she was leaving the room to procure her solemn avocation, chowing the cud the richly-cut glass bowl, into which of sweet and bitter clover-tops. The we had previously seen her pour a boil- windows of the little parlor, into which ed custard, so delicately-flavored that we were ushered, were now raised, our appetites were near overpowering and though their closed shutters the us, when left gazing upon it alone for fragrance of roses, jessamines and hoa few minutes, and upon which she in- ney-suckles entered from the carefully tended placing detached portions of the tended garden. delicious compound we were watching. Raising the spoon she held in her hand | dear cousins, and of economy, too: in order to be the more emphatic, see, Margaret, here is the round table nursery induced the selection; our Clay negro ten lashes and the Polk ne- means, but only garden yerbs. She "Now, children," said she, "mind I have many a time hidden behind in mad pranks were forgotten, and the gro fifteen. The latter, after walking steamed em with cumfrey, elecampane, you eat every bit of this floating island the nursery,—it was scratched and de- joyousness of our bright faces only re- about a hundred yards, shrugged his and coriander seed. Some times she up before I come back !"—and we did faced then, but now it is bright as a mir- membered; benches were accordingly shoulders, and shouted, at the top of his would throw in a little red precipity. and filled the hands of the others, for Nelly, for the trouble I have caused little back room, and cousin Nelly com- yet!"

that by the time Nelly returned, the dish needed no wiping, and we were invisible. We had no other dessert that

As I said before, sadness as well as mirth mingle in my recollections of cousin Nelly. She was the elder sister-Sally, a year or two younger, was her direct opposite-tall, slender, well-Nelly still retained much of her former beauty; and, red though it was, her either temple, veiling the rather-tookeen expression of a pair of hazel eyes, as she bent her well shaped head in Active, energetic, strong-minded, she preserred the exercise of her own will, and a state of single blessedness, in order that she might retain the society of her invalid sister, to yielding up her independence through fear of being called an "Old Maid."

Sally was rather below the middle height, of stooping figure, owing to delicate health, an extremely sallow complexion, large, brilliant, dark eyes, shadowed by natural ringlets that might shame the raven's plumage, so glossy and silken was their texture. Unfortunately, Sally was very deaf; this, together with uniform ill-health, precluded her from enjoyment of every kind, other than that of the domestic circle. Sally's image does not rise in my early visions, she must have been with their relations in Delaware; for while cousin Nelly reigned queen of the nursery and household, Sally never made her

Judging from numerous circumstances, they must have been left orphans depths of the balancing pocket. Start rents named, and yet, lonely and struggling as was their pilgrimage, tender hearts had cared for them, and fatherly anticipation of the blighted hopes of his children, must have induced their parents to secure to them the old-fashion-After moments of abstraction, for she ed, comfortable homestead, in which I once been very handsome, and still pos- dignity. Margaret Obitant. It was afsessed a kindly and noble heart, which ter cousin Nelly had left my aunt's not to lacerate with jokes and inuen- vexations, and yearning to tread the

"Twis on a bright Sabbath morning, at her elbow would inadvertently stum- and we intended continuing on our way | death, has long since separated us. ble, and jostle the contents into the air, to the country church, embosomed in whereupon an uproar of sneezing and the primeval forest, but the sisters Nelly had not forgotten her art; sweet- with you; first whether or not that inwould not hear of it.

cousin Nelly; Jim tripped me, and see clouds to visit us, and go you shall not beef, that Titania might have nibbled—

unite in filling the woods with melo-

in my own mind, (a savorite expresattention by your skilful driving .-

" I'm following your good example, cousin Nelly." laughed Margaret.

" Whereupon Sally, in a sweet, low voice resumed: " Cease sister, and let

The maid of all work, Maria, was now called to lead our horse into the How our mouths watered! and this enclosure, where stood ruminating the

"What patterns of neatness, you are, one held a spoon, (the only one left) ror. Can you ever forgive me, cousin placed parallel with each other in the lungs, "Hurran for Polk—five ahead but mighty seldom—only when it was

we had no time to run for plates, so you," said I sorrowfully, yet smiling menced inducting the minds of ten or as the nursery and its inmates.

> "Yes, if you had been ten times as mischievous, I forgive you all, since you take the trouble to visit me in this lonely spot."

> "Indeed, I am half inclined to follow your example—and you\_are any thing but lonely: a pet of a cottage, a pretty garden, with plenty of my favorbee-hives under that old apple-tree !-Really, cousin Nelly, I think you ought to be perfectly happy."
> "So I am, child, and thankful too,

that Sally is spared to cheer me on my way, with her patient, quiet spirit. ought not to complain, when she, poor thing, is deprived of one sense that I birds sing, and my bees humming their satisfaction that God is good even unto ought not to leave you now. God them, in providing them so bountifully with flowers. I cultivate my flowers more for their sake, much as I love them, than I do for my own; but they repay me-my honey-pots are filled to overflowing. God is good to me, children, in all things!"

How I revered cousin Nelly, as she stood beside the little beaufet, wiping with a snowy napkin the old-fashioned cups and saucers, which she sadly transferred to the equally old fashioned waiter placed on my old companion, the large, round, highly polished stand. Its glossy surface was covered with a damask cloth, the gift of my aunt, and at intervals placed around were four diminutive plates. I knew what was coming, for in times past, the reward of a quiet day was a mock tea-party cies reserved for our elders were then meted out to us. Verily, these were pleasant days, when the height of our

tainments. Where are ye now, companions of my childhood?

ambition was to preside at these enter-

Long, long ago the grave claimed the loveliest of our little band. In the too had her reveries, and heartbreak- spent a delightful day, when on a visit spring-time of life, cre sorrow or care ing were they no doubt, (Nelly had to that embodiment of coquetry and had tarnished the gloss of her dark, waving hair, or dimmed the lustre of those wondrously beautiful and dreamy we, miscreants that we were, hesitated house, worn out, no doubt, by endless eyes, Mary, the darling of all hearts, does,) she would slowly insert her pathway of hile, hand in hand again the personification of youthful dignity and it is for you to say whether a rehand into her pocket, in search of the with her, whom Providence had left as is gone, and Jim and I are left alone to spectable person would be likely to be not, for estrangement, bitterer than In like manner, when you see a shabby

meats, perfect in shape and flavor-

Smiles and tears alternately enlivenold meeting house, and listen to the ed or depressed us, as we lingered lieve it; if they happen to be so conharmony of Nature, as birds and breezes | round the dear old table-where might | stituted that you desire to find him not we four meet again? The storms of life had beaten down all the landmarks "You always rant in that style, of hope for two poor cousins; they Margaret; but I am perfectly convinced were going down the hill, and years the thoughtless," what visions of hapto dine at our house, and, among other you are obliged to take the reins your- display to us. Have the dreams round that tea-table been realized? Margaret, from her dairy-farm in Delaware, her triumphal journey as bride to a gallant general, her invaliding at her villa in Algiers, and her present whereabouts-I will not say where-can answer for herself. As for me, the black and white in my skein of destiny has been rather unequally twisted.

But to the sisters; we bade them farewell; our hearts were tranquil in anticipation of the future, since beholding these specimens of the world's forgetfulness.

What arrangements induced our cousins to leave their rural home, and revisit the city, I know not. Their income was was so limited, that, with all Nelly's economy, and Sally's indussupport. No doubt, memories of the

twelve nurslings into the mysteries of

This confinement proved injurious to both sisters. Sally became a confirmed invalid, and at length kept her bed entirely, poor Nelly struggled against despair and disappointment, until she too was compelled to summon animals had greatly degenerated in size, to her assistance the relatives upon ite roses and chrysanthemums; old whom she was too proud to be depen-Mooley yonder, and a little village of dent. Heretofore the sisters had reposed side by side, it now became necessary to remove one into an adjoining room.

Nelly, "my sister is less able to en- Keutolocus Rex," described below, meadure fatigue than I am; God knows if we shall see each other again-if I Abbe la Chape, was just the height of a should die, what will become of you, race of people called Wotiacks! Verily enjoy in perfection, that of hearing the Sally? I promised our mother to there were "giants in those days!" watch over you long years ago, and I grant we may die together."

Bathed in in tears of self-reproach at high! this involuntary separation, poor Nelly allowed us to make her comfortable.

Then we, three of her early tormentors, endeavored by every attention, that love for her many virtues, gratitude for her former care, and profound respect for her rare independence, could suggest, to restore again to health and happiness these members of our despised, enduring, but really estimable portion of the human family, called Old Maids."

With God's blessing we succeeded.

Punch's Charge to Juries.

around this identical old table; delica- to the evidence; at the same time, if you have any doubt, you are bound to give the prisoner the benefit of it .-Suppose you have to pronounce on the guilt or innocence of a gentleman accused of felony. You will naturally doubt whether any gentleman would commit such offences; accordingly, however strong may be the testimony against him, you will, perhaps acquit him. The evidence of your own senses is, at least, as credible as that of the witnesses: if, therefore, your eyesight convinces you that the prisoner is a well dressed person, you have a was called suddenly away. Fanny, too, right to presume his respectability; think of the past; talk together we may | guilty of the crimes imputed to him .looking fellow in the dock, charged Return we to the tea-table-cousin with sheep stealing, the decision rests dividual is a ragamusiin, and secondly, "Girls, you have dropped from the biscuits of her own making-chipped how far it is probable that a man of that description would steal sheep .-until evening, or rather go, go at once, a mould of Molly's butter, and coffee Of course, as has been before said, you A simultaneous glance discovered and leave our poor old hearts the heat that the Grand Seignor himself might will always be guided by the evidence; this prince of mischief occupied in vier for having seen you but for a few have relished, albeit she had forgotten but then, whether the evidence is trustto stir it with a stick of cinnamon, now | worthy or not is a matter for your prithat poison would have been palatable jury, you will believe it or disbelieve "Indeed, cousin Nelly, you are mis- if proffered from the glittering array it, will depend on the constitution of taken; we intend staying all the after- adorning that side of the table, where your minds. If your minds are so constituted that you wish to find the prisoner guilty, perhaps you will beguilty; why then, very likely, you will disbelieve it. You are to free your minds from all passion and prejudice, if you can, and, in that case, your judgand friends slide imperceptibly away; ment will be unbiassed; but if you but we, Margaret and I-I, who was cannot, you will return a verdict accordto consider what will be the effect of tion should occur to you, and you cannot help attending to it, that verdict will be influenced by it to a certain extent. You may arrive at unanimity by fair discussion, or by some of you starving out the others, or by tossing up; and your conclusion, by whichever of these processes arrived at, will be more or less in accordance with your oaths .-Your verdict may be right; it is hoped it will; it may be wrong; it is hoped it will not. At all events, gentlemen of the jury, you will come to some conclusion or other; unless it should happen that you separate without coming

> A POLE MAJORITY. A day or two before the election in this county, says the "Mississippi Guard," two negroes were discussing politics, and from words try with her needle, it became requisite they came to blows. The owner of to adopt more energetic means for their one of the negroes, hearing of the rumpus, thrashed both of them, giving the rheumatty pains, never used no doctor's

to any.

Giants in Olden Times.

A correspondent of the Brooklyn Advertiser, in referring to a lecture by Professor Silliman Jr., who mentioned the discovery of an enormous animal of the lizard tribe, measuring 80 feet in length, from which he naturally inferred, as no living specimen had been found, that all confirms the supposition by referring to the history of giants in the olden time, of which he furnishes a list. From that it seems that we, of the present day, are comparatively dwarfs, when placed by the side of the thirty feet gentlemen of "Let me be the one to go," said antiquity! The shin bone of "Mr. sured four feet, and he, according to the

> The giant exhibited in Rouen in 1735. measured over 8 feet.

Gorapius saw à girl who was ten feet

The body of Grestes was 111 feet

The giant Galbra, brought from Arabia to Rome under Claudius Cæser, was near 10 feet.

Funman, who lived in the time of Eugene 2d., measured 111 feet.

The Chevalier Scorg, in his voyage to the Peak of Teneriffe, found in one of the caverns of that mountain, the head of Guanch, which had 80 teeth, and that? his body was not less than 15 feet long! The Giant Ferragus, slain by Orlando, nephew to Charlemagne, was eighteen feet high!

In 1590, near Rouen, they found a skeleton whose skull held a bushel of Gentlemen of the Jury-You are sworn in all cases to decide according corn, and whose body must have been 18 feet long.

Platerus, saw at Lucerne, the human ones of a subject 19 feet long.

The Giant Bucart was 221 feet high; his bones were found in 1705, near the banks of the river Morderi.

In 1613, near a castle in Dauphine, a fomb was found 30 feet long! 12 wide, and 8 high, on which was cut on a grey stone the words, "Keutolochus Rex. The skeleton was found entire 251 feet long, 10 feet across the shoulders, and 5 feet deep from the breast bone to the back. Near Mazarino in Sicily, in 1516.

was found a giant 30 feet high! His head was the size of a hogshead and each of his teeth weighed five ounces. (Wonder if the dentists filled in with gold in his day ?)

Near Palamo in Sicily, in 1548, was found the skeleton of a giant 30 feet long, and another 33 feet high, in 1550. Query? How much did his tailors charge for his pants?

Mr. Morse says in his Geography that there is upon the Rocky Ridge in the Island of Ceylon, a tomb of "immense length "-but does not say how many feet.

Og, King of Bashan's bedstead, was 9 cubits long, which, according to Doctor Adam Clarke, was 15 feet. How ong did it take him to get asleep all over?

Goliath of Gath, was six cubits and a span-11 feet 3 inches. When the spies went to explore the country of the Cannanites, they reported the children of Anak as giants in whose presence they felt themselves to be but grasshoppers, and "just put foot for home," for fear that they should all be devoured by the giants, for the spies had said that they cat up the inhabitants of the land.

MRS. DOOZENBERRY .- "Ah me!" said old Mrs. Doozenberry, "schooling is a great thing-I've often felt the want of it. Why, Mr. Suticle, would you believe it, I'm now sixty-five years old, and I don't know the names of but three months in the year—and them's spring, fall, and autumn. I larnt 'em when I was a little bit of a gal. Here. Betty, light my pipe."

PUTTING YOUR FOOT INTO IT.-According to 'Asiastic Rosearches,' a very curious mode of trying the title to land is practised in Hundostan. Two holes are dug in the disputed spot, into one of which the lawyers on either side put one of their feet, and remain there till one of them is tired, or complains of being stung by the insects, in which case his client is defeated. In this country, it is the client and not the lawyer who; puts his foot into it.'

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM .- Old Mrs. Staup says that she's 'often heard tell, when she was a girl, that old grandma Donner, the onliest critter to cure the a powerful case.