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THE DAYS OF CHILDHOOD

BY C. B. STUART. The pleasant days of Childhood. low swiftly have they flown. Like young flowers in the wildword, When Autumn winds have blown; They're gone, they're gone forever, They will no more return. Though Memory holds them in the heart Like ashes in the urn.

The happy days of Childhood, When is nocence and glee With gentle fingers, tuned the heart To music wild and free ; They're gone, they're gone forever, Lake rivers to the main. Their dancing waves of joy and mirth Will pe'er return again.

The holy days of Childhood, Ere evil thoughts came near. When in the heart no sin was found, And on the cheek no tear : They're gone, they're goue forever. Like footprints on the shore. Washed out by Time's relentless waves They will return no more.

The pleasant, happy, holy days, Life's only blossom time. Where are your buds which promise gave Of flowers in Summer's prime ! Though gone, though gone forever. Ye haunt the heart and brain, And Memory keeps ye to anoint Life's after years of pain.

BORDER BULLETS.

THE TRAPPER'S STORY. BY C. W. HOLDEN.

"Ann so." said I to the old Trapper, as we sat sufficiently realized when in full pos-ession and co-dy over a cheerful wood fire after, partaking of peaceful security-and before me a sheet of the an abundant supper. "you who have been ted as pure white of nature, whose simple folds would it were upon real dangers and lulled to sleep, for perhaps ere the rising of the sun, enshrine me in a years, by porterious winds do not profess to be in shroud, whose majestic beauty would hardly atone vulnerable to attacks of fear ! How singular that i for the sacrifice of a cherished life, and leave me you, the boldest among bold hunters, the hardiest ; to wither or rot in the varying changes of a western of hardvitrappers, should plead guilty to such wo winter. And then, benumbed and chilled with manly weakness."

· I can't say youngster." answered the old man pierced to the bone of my every limb with the tervery complacently, as he filled another pipe with rible power of the triumphant element. I bent my genuine Cavendish : "I can't say I'm ashamed to knee humbly before' that God who had protected we that I have been afeared. It certainly is a me through many equally imminent perils, and wally of a brave man to feardanger: a rash man invoked of Him aid to my weary body, that I might i may unnecessarily court.it. For my part I have ne. safely reach some sheltered spot, ere I consigned ver left racined to throw away my life foolishly, I at my immortal part to his care. And then rising, rehave yet ventured it carelessly while it was endand freshed from my communication with His invisible = red, when I knew it was my duty to do so ____ spirit, I calmly betook myself to the task of unfold-Again I've been unknowingly drawn into curious ing the intraccies of the path, covered as it was scrapes, almost impossible to get out of, and in one with "the evening snow.

or two cases felt as it I would rather be at home . "The blew crescent of heaven, which bu' a few under my build skin in the concer, though there hours before had glearned so brilliantly above me,

"Of course you know the effects of a full hearty my vitality. I must look around for means where- ding fairly face to face to me, and armed and arcou- one mighty effort, to the full extent, I feed my hun- the grap of my tingers, but wished them not. by the stern winter could at least be avoided for tered to the very teeth with murderous intent, was meal-especially of venison-upon a stomach deplorably wan with abstinence from animal food: awhile. Alas! no cave, or cavity, or crevice, off- | I afraid, but would, in case like this, have risked and you can imagine how cosily I sat over the reered any hope; an unbroken level of pure white my life without a nurmur ; but here in the limits mains of the feast and cogitated upon my probable occupied the whole scene. But onward I kept my of this little room, with rough logs before, beside, prospect of reaching home that night, which at first course, as steadily as though upon a hunting excur- | and behind me-no friendly tree whose trunk could seemed not improbable. But as the sun was jast sion in sunlight .-- Tightening the belt of my hant- aftord me shelter from a stray ball-I owned the chandisappearing, an I I did not much relish a forced ing shirt, and gathering its folds securely about my ces looked somewhat against me. But I could demarch without the blessing of sunlight, judgment neck, I groped my way through the pitiless blasts lay no longer; action was now the word-no cool taught me to stay in the forest till morning. This of wintry air, ever trusting in the goodness of God careful reconnoitering watchfulness on my part, but instant, certain and sure intent of offensive warfare. I did not much dread, as I saw no indications of an for redemption from my trals,

"At last, as I turned the sharp angle of a clump My first movement, of course, was to ascertain how of alders which skirted a swampy piece of ground, and where my antagonists were placed; my sec-I thought I discerned afar off the outline of a rude ond to survey the position of their rifles, and count hut, though so enveloped in snow as hardly to be the chances of success in a hand to hand conflict. I discernible. At first I imagine, that my teverish carelessly, to all seeming, drew the back of my thought had conjured up some spectral tenement hand across my eyes, placing the tingers slightly

in the wilderness, and could scarcely believe my apart, so that a quick glance between them would eyes; but as I gazed more and more steadily upon give me sufficient information of the localities; and ed my eyes the forest before me loomed up in all it, I saw that I was indeed in view of a rough but then giving vent to a continuous moan, so peculiarthe destiny of total darkness, and my vision in vain which offered me a shelter and protection. Gladly Iv applicable to a restless sleep, turned over on my I availed myself of the opportunity, and in half an other side, bringing my opponents by the move. tried to pierce the surrounding gloom. It seemed as though the black shades of midnight brooded hour had reached the threshold. ment directly in front of met. At the first intimation over the whole scene in the intensity of darkening

"Though the sleet struck fiercely upon my un- of my waking. I saw, through my distended finguarded face, and nearly blinded me with its vio- gers, each ruffian grasp his knife resolutely and lence, I surveyed the premises carefully ere I ven- with an air of determination which boded me no tured to raise the wooden latch of the door. It ap- good, but as my arm fell listlessly to my side, and peared to be a common sort of hut, built of rough my deep breathing indicated the most perfect sense inhewed logs, the crevices filled with clay, which of security, their hold relaxed, and they turned time and exposure had hardened to the consisten- again to the partially filled bottle which stood be- be in possession of it, loaded and ready for use. As gled, in vain he swayed his body to and from disdiscovery, was my sudden uprising to a sitting poscy of stone, and precisely such a dwelling as could , fore them.

ture, and as 1 spread my hands beside me, prepabe found in any part of the country west of the "Nerved as my mind was to encounter unmov-Mississippi. My fears on that score being quiet ed the most statting dangers which encompassed of taking another; and so we stood, face to take, I tired in their mission but seemed to grow each inratory to rising. I found my arms imbedded to the ed. I carefully entered, and found' myself in an me on every side. I could plainly feel my pulse nothing between us but the table, our eyes glowing stant more firmly to his flesh, imbedding themselves elbows in the chill embraces of the newly tallen apartment, some sixteen by twelve, lighted only vibrate with a quicker motion when their watch- with glances of malignant hate, which told but too among the pliant veins and bones of the neck deepsnow. I will not say that I was horror-struck, but through some half dozen narrow chinks between fulness discovered my slightest motion, and the plainly our feelings towards each other. We were er and deeper with his every struggle. It was the warm blood rushed through my veins in rapid the logs, which had been unfilled with the mod. At blood rushed to my face in such overwhelming pro- most unpleasantly situated, and well knowing that painful to hear his groans, his gasps for breath ; and pulsations, and instantly awoke me to a sense of the farther side of the room was a rude fire-place, fusion as rendered the dim hight of evening the on- he wished to take the first advantage which should | livid purple which insensibly usurped the maleness my horrible situation. There was I, more than ; unoccupied by kitchen utensils of any description, ly saleguard .- My enemies were not six feet dis- offer, I prepared myself to do the same. Hardly of his usual color, to the tenacity of my grasp -score of miles from my own threshold-that dear while the only articles of furniture discernible were | tant and the least twinkling of my eye the small for an instant did I hift my eyes from him, and Soon his breathing became more and imbued with threshold, whose humble pleasures I had never two rough blocks of wood, evidently designed for est upward tendency of my body, and a knife would when I did, it was to prepare them for a renewal the violence of gasps, and his chest heaved convulseats, and a coarse unplaned table, which fairly tot- reach my heart. Many a calmer man than I, of their watchfulness, and he was as shrewd and sively against my own; his eyes seemed starting ered when I placed my hand upon it.-In one cor- youngster, would have burst outright some of his comming as myself. There we stood, each with from their sockets, and glared upon me like those ner of the room there seemed a sort of recess which smaller veins by the compression in their capacity, head-slightly inclined forward, our eyes almost of some ferocious beast in the depths of the fomight be filled with pots, kettles, provisions or am . "As the glances which had so disturbed my starting from their sockets, but braced sternly rest; his head slightly inclined to one side, and munition, but feeling disinclined to prosecute my tour equanimity were removed from my vicinity, I against each other, and across our countenances then violently swayed to the other; his hands ol exploration any farther, at least till after a little soon again regained my usual composure, and beaming the most intense hate, the most vivid glow refreshment from sleep, I cast myself leisurely then glanced with the rapidity of lightning about 1 of determined combattiveness, the most resolute cold, which reigned supreme in the air around. down in a corner, and pillowing my head on my the room. In a corner fartherest removed from my glances of unintermitted courage which promised hand, prepared for rest. Not a living soul was near a diversaries as well as myself, stood their rifler- to bear us up to the death. to disturb the security of my slumber, and luiled to my own lay beside me. That they were loaded 1 - " Not a word was spoken on either side, not a sleep by the shrill winds which whistled backward well knew, as no hunter leaves his weapon, even syllable found utterance from our lips. A deadly and forward around the corners. I was soon obliv- for a moment, unless by his side. Mure was also silence interrupted only by the occasional cracking ious to ull around me

ast aronsed from a pleasant dream (wherein I had ' nal for instant destruction, I deemed it better to be broke the unnatural repose which brooked over the sho; some half a duzen fine deer, and carries their alone. And even had I reached u, whereby should room. Our determinations of deadly straggle were bodies home) by a confused murmur of voices. I have been benefitted! It contained but one to sacred to admit of common conversation, our which broke upon my ear in such discordant notes charge, and, while shooting down one of my ad hus too firmly compressed with conflicting emoas to awaken me fully to a sense of my situation, versaries, could I suppose the other would stand, tions which raged within, to admit of a trifling With remarkable presence of mind-and that is a cooly by without lifting an arm in his defence ! word. And there we stood, spellbound, like two

quality easily learned in the backwoods, youngster And then, if they reached their arms before I re- contending gladiators within the circle of the Colise--I lay perfectly quiet, and never even interrupted covered my feet, my death was plainly marked out, jum, armed and ready for that strik

ting-knile from its sheath, and with a bound so tre mendous, so sudden, so overpowering, that the my let hand thrown up quickly cast it across the startled desperadoes involuntarily shrieked with one accord," "A Panther !" I rushed upon the one nearest me, and closing my left ann around his neck, drove my good hunting-knife deep into his bosom with the terrible power of my right hand .--As I drew the soiled blade from the ghastly wound a his bosom a torrent of deepest rel covered my hands and face, and flowed down to my feet-a stream of guilty blood offered at the shrine of offended innocence. The desperate man, whose life had been a continuous scene of indiscriminate warfare fell upon the rude floor a pale and mutilated corpae.

4 All this was the work of a single moment. The remaining robber, so sudden was my descent as carelessly as though in the manly sport of friend. upon them, was, for a second, paralysed and as ily rivuls. He cursed, he stamped he groaned with tounded. Betate he could grasp my shoulder, or infuriated passion, but I cooly looked on in silence even draw upon me his huge knife, I had cleared; and awaited my turn in with patience. At last it with one jump the table which sood between the came. As he for the twenieth time, dropped my rilles and myself, and ere he could recover from feet upon the floor, I felt that his hold was somethe effects of my boldness. I was beyond his reach, what relaxed and his efforts less tremendous than Still I was in no desirable situation. I dared not before. Quickly drawing my hands from his body retreat towards the arms in the corner, because 1 1, with the agility of the panther, crossed them should, by so doing, subject myself to an open at. | around his neck, and placing my thumbs directly tack by my inadvertence. My rifle lay very near under the chin, pressed upon his throat with all the him, and before I could even reach his, he would strength of which I was capable. In vain he stringwe were each armed only with a hunting knife, torting his face with all the contortions of waning neither at first thought to risk his own life, in Lune life ; my hold sever relaxed ; my fingers never

loaded, but as it lay some three feet from my arm, of the fire, or disturbed by the screeching of an owl, "How long I slept thus I know not: I was at and the least movement toward it would be the sig- whose home was but a lew yards from the door

he half-blindly struck at my breast with his knife room and the struggle for death was with muscle alone. With an imprecation which showed the agony of his rage he grappled me and in an instant lifed me from my feet as though I were but a child in his embrace. But he could do no more. As suiple as a snake and flexible as the hickory saping [found my feet upon the floor, and though I moved him not an inch. I felt that the quarrel was now my own. Again and again he lifted me with gigantic struggles for the ascendancy, again and again my feet touched the rough logs in perfect security Huge drops of sweat rolled down his face and he gnashed his teeth with all the bitterness of thwartted malice as I cooly threw my arm around him, unclasped themselves from my waist, and dropped quivering to his side ; and with a groan wherein was blended mere of the horrible to the ear than I ever listened to before he fell upon my breast-a dead man. I did not cast him off violently, but laid him by his comrade as gently as though consigning to the earth an innocent babe, and then threw myself upon my knees and thanked God for my deliverance from manifold dangers.

"It is enough to say that I did not leave the bodies on the floor. In the morning I laid then in a natural hollow near the but, and carefully covered them as much as possible with the loose earth and dead leaves of the forest, left their bodies in their final home. Two hours after 1 was on my way to my own cabin.

And now your ster. " can you not say that I had some excuse for my fears that night? Though not naturally a coward I "That you had," answered I readily. To-morrow night I have to hear of some farther adventure

mighta' be as much glory in it. Did I ever tell you was now completely shut out from view, and the a singular affair of muse that happened-, but blinding guests of driven snow which, at measured I know I haven't told you this; so if you will draw intervals, swept past with the accompaniment of your chair up a little closer, and lay another log on monotonous wating so, sad and mour tul in is .m the fire, I'll try and interest you for an hour or two, pressions of momentary solemnity, smote the strings I reeded no second bidding. The log was soon 1 of my heart as something terrible and overbower-

to his side as he commenced.

arras so plainly that I can't think I dreamed them. A smart cut of the hunting knife across the breastare all of my manhood's prime.

the settlements could hope to bring down half a I filled my horn to its utmost capacity, pocketed door, was carefully picking my way along the bushthe sun was high in the heavens before even the foot print of a rabbit had greeted my eyes. Civiraved: I did no such thing. I changed my course flakes of white, to a section where at all seasons deer most abound. well knowing that success would repay the trouble of the dance; while my bound was as aerial as the fight of an offending fairy before the hot pursuit Cherrific Oberon , and ere the son had half-way descended the dark clouds which would escon him past the agonies of deata, and the work of a few minutes more rendered me the possessor of as fine

blazing away at us, and as, in the interim, the old ing in promise of ill. Involuntarily, and without man's pipe had been newly replenished, prepara aim or purpose, I wandered on, and ever and anon tory to one of his long tales, I drew my low chair | to ming from my direct path with serper time flexi bility, and always straining eagerly for a gli apse

approaching storm; and accordingly resigned my-

self quietly to an evident desire for sleep now man-

ifest in my corporeal functions. Insensibly there

stole over me that opiate slumber which is the pre-

cursor of a suspension of nature's faculties and I

gradually faded away into a deep sleep, as quiet-

"How long I slept I know not, but when I open-

horror, and hemmed me in from retreat on every

side. I instantly realized a peculiar sensation about

ny feet, not belonging to the awakening from a

common sleep, and at the same moment a tingling

thrill of the veins of my hands warned me of some

reaction in the atmosphere. Simultaneous with this

ly as though at my own fire-side.

" I herer kept a log book or almanac in all my of that heaven which I could not but fear would hie," said the old man quietly, " and so I can't be | never again greet my eyes. And as I breahed from expected to give you dates and figures of months. my check the deficate flakes which rested there so or days, or years, the an accountant's clerk. I can gently that I scarcely acknowledged their presence. only say such and such things happened, and the 1 with mathematical precision computed the protonly marks by which I can even tell that they able number of hours ere I should lack it estrength really took place, are scored on my breast and uccessary to brush off from my flesh the feathery fleece which should entomb my course.

"And then across me gradually stole those in bone can't be scratched off with a penknife like a describable feelings, constantly impelling the body b's of mk, nor can a lunge in the rits be effaced onward to deep sleep. They seemed to encircle the a pencil mark beneath India robber. I carry my heart with promises of a benign slumber, whose with me no schoolboy recollections-my memories | influences should quiet all my pains, and soothe my fears and sorrows. Tempting me through the

"It was a fine autumnal morning, of some twen- wonderous power of nature, I could hardly resist ty, perhaps thirty, years ago, when I started out the dalliance of the universal passion, and nearly very early to try my hand upon some of the deer relinquished myself to its embraces without a strongwith which these foresis abounded. There had the But then there came across me the recollec been a slight fall of snow the night previous, just uons of old men and young warriors as well as wotinting the branches of the trees and the underbrush men, manhood as often as infancy. swallowed up with its purity, and I knew that one brought up in in the vortex of inexorable dea h through a moment's weakness, and I nerved myself to a contest dozen antiered bucks before sundown, it he tried, with the insidious adversary. Stern was the struggle, and I had once nearly resigned myself to fate, two extra fluts, and double my number of balls, when a sudden suspicion of skylight met my cye, and before the sun had shown his face before my and for the time thwarted the deadly designs of the tempter. Those who have never ventured the peres that skirted the rear of my hut. But I could not ils of a wintry storm, without a hope of succor, tind any intimation of the presence of a deer, and can only imagine very faintly the strength of mind and tenacity of purpose requisite to a sale deliverance from the dangers of a snow storm slamber. lized members of humanity would have cursed and with nothing to pillow the head but the drifting

"Oh! the hours of that long night were lengthened into slow marches of eternity, and expanded of reaching so distant a spot. This tavorate hunting into an infinity of time.-Daybreak seemed retroground of mine was about twenty eight miles from gressing, and its accessories entirely eclipsed. But my hat which might render necessary my absence at last it came, and never beamed light more invigfrom home one night at least. But with no ties of orating to my soul; and yet in a measure proved family to draw me home. I cared nothing for its painful to me, for it served to show in vivid colors pleasures, and resolutely bent my energies to the the horror of my situation. The horizon seemed task of annihilating space as speeduly as possible. mutiled in the pale folds of wintry weaving to such My step in those days, youngster, was as firm and an extent that the deep blue of heaven and the yelelasic, as buoyant and graceful, as the fantastic cur- low of the forest foliage were commingled in a forvalures of young maidenbood in the giddy mazes mation of purest white. As far as my eye could extend, desolation reigned supreme. No welcome cabin, no friendly hat, rose in perspective to break the monotony of the landscape ; but one interminable bank of driven snow, whose surface wis as the invisible world. I had reached my destination treacherous to the foot of man as the slight crust my straining vision. . But I had no time for reflection .- The lethar-

a meal of vehicion as ever graced the board of a gie slumber, which had threatened my system a Ang. Then I was supremely happy, and while hasing and draking, did the honors of the table is a manner; to suit all the greats myself included.

zance thereof.

"I can't think him exactly a regulator. Dick. listened most attentively. hough what can be doing here is rather, as yousay enrious " said a rouce in very distinct tones. ide and let him move oil when he waken !"

an air of Jetermination which boded me no mood ost hunter, he has found our place, and the secret will be no longer a secret. He must be snagged.75 for making something." " Dick Williams," said the other slowly, ... though l care as little about spilling blood as you do, I don't like to cut a man's throat when he has never offered me harm. But if you think it necessary that we stop his breath, why I will lend a haud most willingly " white of an eye for thirty miles below here."

"" I took you to be a man of sense. Tim Gray," said Dick, "and am glad to find I'm right But ruffian laughed immoderately at his brotal humor. "Why. yes," said Tim, "when he wakes, or to wait for em to get snugly down in the cabin is always possessor. before he tairly opens his eyes, drop gently upon afore we put our sights to our eyes 1 But come, let's "As I said before we stood face to face, perhaps him with one keen point, your knife right, and it drink specess to Daniel Boone !! will soon be over. But let's finish this tough piece "I shuddered with horror as I listened to the which must be dying with old zee by this time." And then was heard the low laugh and scurrilous they would cut me up.

"You can imagine that my situation was very precarious indeed. Here was I, alone, almost deenceless, and incanactated from the use of my arms ed, and in a small room with two munderous aswould watch like stealthy tigers for my uprising. and that their knives were already uplified for the destination of my heart. Supplications would have life of such scoundrels. To attempt a personal rencounter with them would be. I'at first thought, the height of folly-the extent of madness; but as 1 passed over in my mind all the circumstances of business of these men, brought to reollection the of their bodies. rumors of unlimited massacres and robberies which had been committed on the Lower Mississippi for a tew years past and then dovetailing these

the kregular cadences of my breathing, so pecu- and my grave vawning beneath me. While lay- sion is most certain death.

voices in close, thought not very quiet conversa- I should adopt to preserve my life, now, alas, seem - of this incessant watchildness. My eyes were sere ; had a right to feel unpleasantly in that hut." uson, and strained my ears to eatch the words ingly very near its termination. I was again arous and inflamed, and the lids would hardly do their which should be spoken. Not a syllable of that ed by a renewal of the conversation that had so at-, natural duty. I telt that I must ere long determine discourse could be uttered without my knowledge, ruptly terminated, and immediately recognized the upon a different course of action-a more active and of yours." not a sentence could be formed without my cogni- voice of the one whom the other called Dick As offensive warfare. A few hoars and my arm it appeared to relate to their business operations, I would be palsied with weariness, and my nerves the old man, as he prepared to fill the pipe which unstrung with thresome watchfulness. And yet I

"That next load, Bill Converse said, was to be was as undecided as ever how to proceed to exsay, curious," said a voice in very distinct tones. along in about six days. She's a precious cargo, tremities. My adversary held in his hand a terri-But don 1 you think it is the best way to step out and must be a better hauf than the old scoundred's ble and shining karle, whose blade, keen-edged we took last. But I've hearn say that the owner and bright warned me that victory, if gained, would "No ! answered Dick very resolutely, and with loves a fight as well as a feast, and means to come be dearly bought. He was a short, heavily built with something that we can't conveniently take. man, with rough, hard features, and a most forbidno. I tell you .-. Whether he be regulator, or spy, or 1f so, we'll want a few more of the boys. I've no ing look, while his stalwart trame, his immense idea of risking mysell without there's a good field breadth of chest, and enormous size of limb, foretold me that my powers, which in those days were not

"There il be twelve of us besides Sam Sweet, slight, would be taxed to the utmost. My plan was who's worth about eight more." answered Bill, soon determined upon, and was probably the only be allowed a proper reduction from his road tax, so " and if they get through as safe, they ought to go " one which any other man similarly circumstanced Said Tim, "they'll keep under cover through would have avoided. It has, since that time, been these passes. They know better than to show the called a wild deed of daring, which deserved from : its impracticability a different reward from that "Well, if you aint a fool, then I'm nobody," which greeted me. But it was an attempt of unanswered Bill contemptiously "How'll they get pulse, an inspiration of recklessness, which somehadn't we better let him sleep awhile longer, poor over Bloody Run Bar without using setting poles, tumes blesses man in his direst extremity, and to abundant supply. There would be more humanitellow, he's got to go a long journey; " and the and perhaps if they do use em, they'll fall over- me it proved the happiest emanation of that wherboard heads down. You Jon't spose we are going , ent courage of which I cannot but feel a true man

six fect apart with a rough pine table between our bodies, while each held in his right hand his trusty of a haunch, and bring out the old Monongabela, diabolical plans of these hardened wretches, dis knife which like the bayonet, never fails of reach played before me with so much equiners and af ing its mark. It was impossible for either to make frontery. Munders were concocted, and massacres the slightest movement without being discerned by jest, as they plied their knives on the venison as planned with all the sang froid of a bunting party; the warv eye of the other and the least failure of my an incipient demonstration of the manner in which and, as I drauk in the bloody recitat of their intents, plan would entail upon me instant death. But my blood no longer rushed to my face in the blush- the crisis was now approaching, and though my es of incipient fear, but in the boidness of right penalty for forfeiture of carefulness was the loss of life and its pleasures, my pulse beat as steadily, my eous indignation. My hand sought my trusty hunting-knile, my nerves braced themselves to a migh heart's vibrations rolled as harmoniously and reguby the certainty of instant death as soon as I move ty effort of strength, and I already looked upon my larly as thoug, mere manly sport engaged my atself almost as a frontier Redeemer, whose mis- tention,

same ins, who were impelled to my murder by the sion of blood would be sanctified, and spirit of "With a quick movement which however, wa instinct of self preservation, and you cannot won- munderous assault forgiven, or at least passed over, observed by my opponent, I changed my kinke from der that I was undecided what to do. I knew they as the retributive justice which God himself so often my right to my left hand and almost simultaneous metes out to those whose lives offend his laws. My with the act, raised the former to my head as intentions were immediately resolved to certain- though to relieve its fatigue by a change of position. ties-my fears overshadowed by a spirit of damag I was confident he would suspect no trickery, obno effect upon such fiends as they must be; and I which courted intensity of danger; and the man serve no demonstration of offence from a hand could not bring myself to think of begging for my who had thrown himself upon that floor a com. which was utterly weaponless. It proved as Ian- jost above it. mon, restless, trembling man of flesh and blood, ticipated , he put himself upon guard no more than now clinched his hands in an agony of bitterness, before, interposed no act of defence which could which told a tale of deeds to be done, whose concause me to change my plan of attack, as I carelessummation should chill the hearts of the roffianly siy ran my hand across my forehead, I snatched my visit here, conjectured the probable calling and murderers, and tear their vitality from the warmth from my head the old far hunting can which had crowned it for many years, dropped my knile dir-"Suddenly I heard a shout of laughter from their ecily upon the floor, and concentrating into the aclips-a flood of terrible onthe-from whose revital tion all the strength, all the dexterity, all the power my heart even now shanks. The fumes of the h- of which I was capable buried it directly in his face. facts, and surmising this to be a secret retreat of quor were accending to the brain, and I faresaw an As I had anticipated, it struck him with terrible those piratical manauders, coocluded that I must be outbreak of violence ere long, which would result force directly across the eyes. Lwill not say that I

"That you shall, my boy, that you shall," said had meanwhile gone on'.

WATERING PLACES .- A writer in the Yankee Farmer makes some very sensible remarks on the policy of providing watering places for horses and other stock on the highways, and proposes the enaciment of a law requiring that overseers of roads should attend to the matter. He proposes that individuals who shall provide a trough or other accommodations by the way side and supply it with water, at such places as may be necessary, shall long as the supply is kent up.-We like his remarks, and think none have travelled where water was scarce, without feeling the necessity of some such regulations ; especially when their heasts were suffering from thirst, and places were seen where trilling expenses would have furnished an r, and utility too, in such a measure, that in some schemes that have been the hobbies of their day

To MAKE STARCE .- Wash a peck of good wheat, and pick it very clean : put it in a tub, and cover it with water; it must be kept-in the sun, and the water changed every day or it will smell very offensively. When the wheat becomes quite soft. it must be well rubbed in the hands, and the husks thrown into another tub; let this white substance settle, then pour off the water, put on fresh, stir it up well, and let it subside ; do this every day till the water comes off clear-then pour it off; collect the starch in a bag, tie up tight and set in the sun a few days; then open it, and dry the starch on

FENCING -But sure that you cut down and prepare as much fearing as will serve your purposes thro's out the year. Let the batt-end of the posts be charred sufficiently high up as that when placed in the ground, three inches of the charted part will be above the earth. Posts thus treated, will last for half a century. It is useless to merely char the part buri. ed up in the earth, as the mischief by decay, occurs

our aims with such harshness towards the unfortunate object in holding out the hand of succor-we show them a countenance so harsh and stem-that a simple felucal would have been less heart mading to them than charity which is so withering and savage; for pity, which seems to sympathise with the somues of the unfortunate, consoles them almost as much as the liberality which is their support.

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