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THE signal from the distant strand Streams o'er the waters blue-

It bids me press thy parting hand, And breathe my last adicu ; But oft on Fancy's glowing wing

My heart will love to stray, And still to thee with rapture spring

Though I am far away. With thee I've wandered oft to hear,

On Summer's quiet eves, The wild bird's music, soft and clear,

Borne through the whispering leaves ; Or see the moon's bright shadow laid Upon the waveless bay,

Those eyes-their memory cannot fade, Though I am far away.

My life may feel Hope's withering blight, Yet fancy's tearful eye

Will turn to thee-the dearest light In retrospection's sky ;

And still the memory of our love, While life was young and gay,

Will sweetly o'er my spirit move. Though I am far away.

'Tis hard, when Spring's first flower expauds,

To pass it coldly by, Or see upon the desert sands

The gem unheeded He ;

The gentle thoughts that bless the hours Of love can ne'er decay, And thou wilt live in memory's bowers,

Though I am far away. The Sun has sunk, with fading gleam,

Down evening's shadowy vale, But see-his softened glorles stream

From yonder crescent pale; And thus affection's chastened light Will memory still display,

To gild the gloom of sorrow's night, Though I am far away.

"DON'T TELL BETSEY JANE."

ND FOR YOUR life, don't tell 66 A Betsey Jane !"

Mr. Nicodemus Harding, having uttered this caution in a low, earnest tone of voice, alighted from a Concord wagon in front of his own farm house door, and stood there for a few moments in a brown study, watching the figure of his brotherin-law and lawyer, as he drove back toward the village of Wtwo men had just come.

" Don't tell Betsey Jane !"

Harding's wife-a stirring, notable soul, who made more butter and cheese, and took more eggs and fowls to the village market, in the course of the season, than any other woman for miles around. Strong, healthy and hearty, she "made the housework fly," to use her own energetic expression ; and if Nicodemus to boot, it was owing in no small measure

he loftily exclaimed. Her lord and mas- alted to the dignity of a second mate's ter well out of sight, Betsey Jane went office on board one of the most splendid about business that a woman could understand, with a merry twinkle in her bright Orleans. He knew he was competent, black eyes.

At 4 P. M. Nicodemus returned home again, looking quite as important as before. He tip-toed along through the kitchen, Betsey Jane watching him from the corner of her eye the while. He passed out into the shed. A fragrant smell of smoke came forward to greet him - an odor of burning corn-cobs gradually curing ham.

Nicodemus turning deadly pale, and ran frantically forward to a large fire smouldering in the ash house, and a large ham or two, covered over by blankets, hanging placidly there! The yell be gave brought Betsey Jane from the house instanter, to find Nicodemus groveling before the ash house door, weeping and wailing and tearing his hair, and uttering yell after yell of despair !

"Why, bless me ! what's the matter? are you in a fit? Let me run for the camphor !" shrieked Betsey Jane.

"Camphor! Bring arsenic! Bring prussic acid! Bring pison of some kindpison, pison !" yelled Nicodemus, frantically.

"Woman, you've ruined me! Twelve thousand dollars in government bonds did I put into that ash-hole for safety just a week ago, and you've gone and burnt them up to cook that cussed bacon ! Pison ! pison ! pison ! And let me get out of this weary world !"

"Oh-so; that is what you were not going to tell Betsey Jane ! Ain't you ashamed of yourself, Nicodemus Harding?"

Nicodemus could not answer. He laid prostrate in the ashes, and howled ! "Get up-and don't be a fool !" said Betsey Jane, amiably. "I heard you and brother Tim, conspiring at the door that day, and watched you to the ash-hole, and soon found out what you had hid away there. Woman is the weaker vessel no doubt, but she don't put twelve thousand dollars where the first match that comes handy can burn it all up ! Here are your bonds, Nicodemus-ten thousand, for I've kept two for nfy honesty !"

Poor Nicodemus ! He gathered himself up out of the ashes, and took his bonds -what was left of them. He rather thinks it pays best, on the whole, now,

Curious Mode of Getting a Wife.

ONE little act of politeness will some-times pave the way to fortune and preferment. The following sketch illustrates this fact :

A sailor, roughly garbed, was strolling though the streets of New Orleans, then in a rather damp condition from recent rain and rise of the tide. Turning the corner of a much frequented and narrow Harding owned his farm that day, and in perplexity, apparently measuring the was a "well to do," in fact a rich man depth of the muddy water between her in perplexity, apparently measuring the and the opposite sidewalk, with no very

ships that sailed out of the port of New for instead of spending his money for amusements, visiting theaters and bowling alleys, on his return from sea, he purchased books, and had become quite a student; but he expected years to inter-vene before his ambitious hopes would be realized.

His superior officers seemed to look upon him with considerable lieniency, and gave him many a fair opportunity to gather maritime knowledge; and in a year, the handsome, gentlemanly young mate had acquired unusual favor in the eyes of the portly commander, Captain Hume, who had first taken the smart, little blackeyed fellow, with his neat tarpaulin and tidy bundle, as his cabin boy.

One night the young man, with all the other officers were invited to an entertainment at the Captain's house. He went, and to his astonishment mounted the identical steps, that two years before, the brightest vision he had ever seen passed over-a vision he had never forgotton. Thump, thump, went his brave heart, as he was ushered into the great parlor; and like a sledge hammer it beat again, when Captain Hume brought forward his blue-eyed daughter, and with a pleasant smile said, "The young lady was once indebted to your kindness for a safe and dry walk home." His eyes were all ablaze, and his brown checks flushed hotly, as the noble Captain sauntered away, leaving fair Grace Hume at his side. And in all that assembly was not as handsome a couple as the gallant sailor and the "pretty ladie.'

It was only a year from that time that the second mate trod the quarter-deck, second only in command, and part owner with the Captain, not only in his vessel, but in the affections of his daughter, gentle Grace Hume, who had always cherished respect, to say nothing of love for the bright-eyed sailor.

His homely but earnest act of politeness towards his child, had pleased the Captain, and though the youth knew it not, was the cause of his first promotion. So that now the old man has retired from business, Henry Wells is Captain, and Grace Hume is, according to polite par-lance, "Mrs. Captain Wells." In fact, In fact, our honest sailor is one of the richest men in the Crescent City, and he owes. perhaps, the greater part of his prosperity to his tact and politeness in crossing the street.

A Ridiculous Mistake.

T A FAMOUS and popular water-A ing place a gentleman one night was suddenly seized in bed with an excruciating pain in the stomach, which, neither brandy, No. 6, nor any other remedy could remove. His wife, after trying a number of things in vain, and having exhusband's bed-side for the purpose of getting a warm application. Guided on her return by a light which she saw shining in a chamber, and which she supposed was the one just left, she softly entered, and was not a little surprised to find her patient apparently in a deep slumber. However thinking he might still be suffering, she gently raised the bed-clothes, &c., and laid the scalding poultice upon the stomach of her husband -which no sooner touched the body of the person than he, greatly alarmed, and writhing under the torture of the burning application, shouted : " Hallo ! hallo ! what in the name of heaven and earth are you about there ?" then with one spring from his bed, he made for the door and rushing down stairs, declared in a frenzy of excitement, that some one had poured a shovel of hot coals upon him. The woman, overcome with excit ement and alarm gave a frantic scream, which brought her husband hurriedly in from the next room to her rescue. The husband was so much excited, and also so much amused with the singular mistake and the ridiculous position of his better half, that he forgot all his pains; but carly next morning he, his wife and trunks left for parts unknown. The poulticed gentleman still retains the handkerchiefa beautiful linen fabric with the lady's name on it, which he considers of rare value.

SUNDAY READING.

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Were Christ's "Sermons on the Mount" more regarded by Christians, there would be less of religous preaching and more of practice enjoyed in the world.

The Bible is a light house, and designed to give particular information, not in regard to the country where it stands, but to enable tempest tossed mariners to gain a safe harbor .- Albert Barnes.

De We should let God turn over the leaves in the book of life, and be content to read what is written thereon. It is enough to know that we have a Father who will watch and protect us unto the end .- Beecher.

Abraham Lincoln used to say the best story he ever read of himself was this: Two Quakeresses were traveling on the railroad, and were heard discussing the probable termination of the war. "I think," said the first, " that Jefferson will succeed."

Why does thee think so ?" asked the other. "Because Jefferson is a praying man." And so is Abraham a praying man," objected the second. "Yes ; but the Lord will think that Abraham is joking," the first replied conclusively.

Power of Love.

The warm sunshine and the gentle zephyr may melt the glacier which has bid defiance to the howling tempest; so the voice of kindness will touch the heart which no severity could subdue.

Christ's love is the Church's fire; thither bring thy heart when it is cold frozen and dead ; meditate on his love, and pray until you can say, "He loved me and gave himself for me."

The best system of theology without love is a corpse. To make it a power put life into it, glowing love to God and man.

Children Trained Up For God.

It is pleasing to God that our children shall be given Him, and so be trained up, that though His blessing, they will early know Him. When we come into a garden, we love to pluck the young bud, and smell it, that we may be delighted with its fragrance. And so God loves the heart in its bud, before its fragrance is all scattered upon the world and sin. Of the trees made choice of, in a prophetical vision, it was the almond tree which God selected, the tree that blossoms among the first of trees. Such an almond tree is an early convert, a young heart given to its maker.

Heroic Faith.

Said a clergyman in the Fulton street prayer meeting: "There is such a thing as great faith. Christ said there was when He said: 'O, woman, great is thy faith. Be it unto thee even as thou wilt." There is also, such a thing as heroic faith. This is the faith that overcomes all obstacles, and holds on when all things oppose. It believes and trusts in God as giving faith by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Elijah could not tell why he believed fire would come down from Heaven and burn up the sacrifice, when the altar had been built and the sacrifice had been laid upon it and the trench around it had been filled with water. But he did believe it when it seemed the most impossible thing in the world, and the fire came according to his faith.

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to the skill and energy, and economy and go-ahead-ativeness of his Betsey Jane. What was it, then, that the ungrateful man was not about to tell her?

"It would never do, never ?" thought Nicodemus to himself, shaking his head. "She'd be wanting a new carpet, or a new silk gown, or the house all painted over, or some such nonsense. No! the woman is the weaker vessel, and it won't do to trust one too far. Their heads won't bear it.

So Mr. Nicodemus passed through the house, and out toward the barn with the preoccupied air of a hen who has an egg to lay, and don't know where she can hide it from the eyes of mankind to the best advantage. The kitchen was empty and silent as he went through it. But oh! if he could but have seen the buxom, good looking female who stole silently followed him on his way toward the barn!

Mrs. Harding came back in about twenty minutes or so, with a face red from suppressed laughter.

" Don't tell, Betsey Jane," she said, giggling into her gingham apron. "You are a very smart man, Nicodemus, and my brother, Tim. Noyes, is another, and a lawyer into the bargain. Don't tell Betsey Jane indeed ! Two wretches ! you deserve all you'll get pretty soon.

Betsey Jane said no more but bided her time. A week passed away, and then brother Tim's wagon drove up again to the door, and Nicodemus stepped into it, and was off to the village once more. Betsey Jane had asked in vain to go. Nicodemus was bound on "business

satisfied countenance.

The sailor paused, for he was a great admirer of beauty, and certainly the fair face that peeped out from under the little chip hat, and the auburn curls hanging glossy and unconfined over her muslin dress, might tempt a curious or admiring glance. Perplexed, the lady put forth one little foot, when the gallant sailor with impulsiveness, exclaimed, "That pretty foot, lady, should not be soiled with the filth of this lane; wait a moment only, and I will make you a path." So springing past her into a carpenter shop opposite, he bargained for a plank board that stood in the doorway, and coming back to the smiling girl, who was just coquettish enough to accept the service of the handsome young sailor, he bridged the narrow black stream, and she tripped across with a merry "Thank you," and a roguish smile, making her eyes as dazzling as they could be.

Alas! our young sailor was perfectly charmed. What else would make him catch up and shoulder the plank, and follow the little witch through the streets to her home, she twice performing the ceremony of walking the plank," and each time thanking him with one of her eloquent smiles. Presently our hero saw the young lady trip up the marble steps of a house, and disappear within its rose-

wood entrance. For a full minute he stood looking at the door, and then with a wonderful big sigh, turned away, disposed of his drawbridge, and wended his path back to his ship.

The next day he was astonished with an order of promotion from the Captain. which a woman could not understand," ment; he had not dreamed of being ex- for years."

1997 A good old Massachusetts deacon. recently deceased, was once called in question upon some points of faith pertaining to his denomination. With a great deal of earnestness his reply was :-"Don't tell me that I'm mistaken. I tom A celebrated philosopher used to know all about Congregationalism, for my say—"The favors of fortune are like Poor Jack was speechless with amaze- son has taken the Congregational Globe

Count Over the Mercies.

Count the incrcies which have been quietly falling, in your history. Down, they come every morning and every evening, as angel messengers from the Father in Heaven. Have you lived these years wasting mercies, renewing them every day, and never yet realized whence they came? If you have, Heaven pity you. You have murmured under afflictions, but who heard you rejoice over blessings? Ask the sumbeam, the rain drop, the star or the queen of night. What is life but mercy? What is health, strength, friendship, social life ? Had each the power of speech, each would say, "I am a mercy." Perhaps you have never regarded them as such. If not, you have been a poor student of nature and revelation .--What is the propriety of stopping to play with a thorn bush, when you may just as well pluck sweet flowers, and eat pleasant fruits?

steep rocks-only cagles and creeping things mount to the summit."