## Woel's Corner.

If The following inimitable poem we take from a volume recently published, from the pen of Mra. Sr. LEGY LOUD. She was born, and resched the age of womanhood, in Wysox, Brad-ford county. She has relatives and acquaintan-tes in Susquehanna. (Eds. Den.)

## MAY.

Again thou comest, month of love and roses! Making thy presence felt through all the earth Thy warm, life-giving smile again reposes On hill and dale, and flowers, which owe th

To thy bright tay, Spring up to great thee, as thou passent by With all the odors of blest Araby-May, lovely May!

Thou comest, and to earth glad sounds art bring From the small insect, that, with cheerful hum. Flits through the sunbeam, to the wild bird singing. Rejoicing strains of Nature's music come

And each young spray, Which thou hast clothed in dew-gen of green,

Bows with a courtier's grace before his queen May, merry May!

The azure sky, o'er which no cloud is stealing Grows more intensely azure, like the eyes Which meet from other eyes a look revealing Unspoken volumes of deep sympathics; And blest are they-

The young, pure-hearted, heautiful and true-Whose hearts are tinged with thine and love's ow

May, happy May!

Alas ! for those to whom thy presence bringeth No quickened pulse, no heart-throb of delight; Who loathe thy brightness, while the fond thought wingeth

To distant scenes its free and niry flight, Far, far away ; Perchance to linger where the marble tells Of friends who slumber in earth's silent cells-May, sunny May

Upon the dust of those who sleep thus lowly, Thy smile, sweet May, hath no reviving pow But round the living shed thy influence holy, And cheer the heart, which, like a storm-crus flower,

Sinks to decay, With beams of hope, and dews of heavenly love And brightly on despair's dark waters move. May, gentle May !

Wa welcome thee with unfeigned smiles of glad nesz-Way, loveliest doughter of the circling year. Life's sweetest cup is ever dashed with sadness

Jo! while we speak thou'rt drooping to thy bier " Passing away." Like all that's earthly—lingering but to show That unmixed happiness dwells not below-May, fleeting May!

## Original Tale Written for the Montroze Democrat.

THE STEP MOTHER AND HER FAMILY. BY MRS. LYDIA JANE PIERSON.

served the gentleman, addressed.

I do not believe she is, persisted the moth- another woman to be his wife,—the child knew udice hgainst second marriages, he proposed to er; for she never asks questions like a child that he could never have a second mother. bring his bride to Ellisland in a few days, to twenty times a day, with her queer puzzling ment, until the child's agony subsided, into of the trouble of waiting upon little Melross believe she thinks at all.

in her silent moods, gazing so intently into canary birds, great green parrot; and the little too many preceptors, she now thought to counheaven, that I almost expected to see angels dog who could perform almost as many feats, teract the current; by telling him that since mirror'd in her clear blue eyes. And then as the famous animal in which good dame his father had married he must be a good boy, what a multitude of texts and hymns she can Hubbard so much delighted. what a multitude of texts and nyuns sage can repeat; it is astonishing in a child of five years Melross listened, became interested, and fihate him, and then perhaps, as she really was tenderly Clara, for I often fancy that she is him for the journey, and placed him unresist her.

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And then she said to herself, I do not like would not love her own children as your mam.

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sue for years, in good health, with pride and replied, and ms nome is restored to its old and porches; with a fresh coat of paint and and and the fact that the babe was a girl. A boy members of the household accompanied the his already embarrassed affiliated in the coat of paint and and have been fortunate, my work has prospered, from the fact that the babe was a girl. A boy members of the household accompanied the his already embarrassed affiliated in the coat of paint and and the prospered, from the fact that the babe was a girl. A boy members of the household accompanied the his already embarrassed affiliated in the coat of paint and and the prospered, from the fact that the babe was a girl. A boy members of the household accompanied the his already embarrassed affiliated in the coat of paint and and the prospered, from the fact that the babe was a girl. A boy members of the household accompanied the his already embarrassed affiliated in the coat of paint and and the prospered, from the fact that the babe was a girl. A boy members of the household accompanied the his already embarrassed affiliated in the coat of paint and and the prospered, from the fact that the babe was a girl. A boy members of the household accompanied the his already embarrassed affiliated in the paint and the pleasure. But Mr. Mann after giving birth time comfort and cheertuness. He is married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household accompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household accompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household accompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household accompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household accompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household accompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household laccompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household laccompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household laccompanied the married, green blinds on the old part; a level'd lawn have been tortunate, my work has prospered, iron members of the household laccompanied the married, green blinds in the married laccompanies in the married laccomp me to good and notice and the difficulties of the same depositions of fields which she doted, as a young invalid mother list. Married egain: Oh horror. Could not ories of home. which she doted, as a young invalid mother lis. Married again! Oh horror. Could not ories of home

tience and affection never tired. Mr. Mann,

int when this devoted mother died, the be- mother. would not be comforted. Mrs. Ellis an nunt ful stepmothers? take the poor boy home with her, assuring marriages. his father that he would "more himself to

death there, where everything reminded him of his dear departed mother." Mrs. Ellis had a fine faim, and a tenant to a part of her house. She was a healthy mer- do anything. some, and talk a great deal, without ever think- ters. ing. If her mind receiv'd a bias, she never she had adopted an opinion, she never inquir-

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the fair fields, and loa on him her hand with the title of her farm in

sat down on her footstool, and laying his arms a man, ever to place a step and face upon the cushions of her chair, wept trust all the keen agony of childish sorrow.

What shall we do with our Lucrece—in-children with contempt or ridicale. Children Such being the state of feeling at Ellisland and seeing his father hurrying toward him. quired Mrs. Mann of her husband, as they sat feel with their whole souls. No shadow of the reader may imagine the storm that arose together in the vine cover'd verandah, smiling forethought or experience, darkens their joy there when about year after Mr. Mann's visit at the merry gambols of their bright eyed dar- in the present; -no calculating worldliness, or to Mrs. Ellis, she received a letter from him, ling Mary. What shall we do with our Lu- ley philosophy turns the edge of their sorrows, announcing that having grown weary of the crece? she is such a little dummy; and so un- While Mr. Mann felt that his invalid wife was solitude, and unsettled condition of a widowamiable, and sullen. She has an habitual removed from a painful and joyless existence, er's establishment, he had married the excellent gloom on her brow, and will sit for hours and to a life of immortal health and glory; the Clara, daughter of the Rev'd Mr. Crowly, both child felt only that its loving tender mother father and daughter being as he well knew, Perhaps she is thinking, at such times, ob was dead, and buried out of his sight forever. known and highly esteemed by Mrs. Ellis.

that thinks. Mary now, will come to me Mrs. Ellis busied herself about the apart pay respect to his dear aunt, and to relieve her questions. She is a bright little elf. But Lu-mouns and sobs, then sitting down beside him, by taking him again from her tender and gencrece will mope, with her eyes fix'd on vacan- she laid her hand gently on his head, and with- erous guardianship, to his father's home of cy, a whole hour, and then walk dreamily out any reference to his sorrow, commenced renovated joy and love. away, without uttering a syllable. I do not telling of the pleasant ride they would have elieve she thinks at all.

Clara, said Mr. Mann seriously—I fear we broad clear river; of her house, and the little she began to reflect that she had probably haid wrong our child. She evidently not only boys he would see there; of her garden, with the foundation of much unhappiness, by the thinks, but feels deeply. I have observed her, the fine flowers and strawbernes, of her doves, bias she had given his young mind; and like

old, not yet able to read. Let us cherish her unly Mrs. Ellis led him from the room, equipt a good girl, he could live comfortably with

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Are done in a free out door life, of exert that as he was going that way, and the child have children to rob me of your love; and my thorns, wer estrown thickly in her path. Well, ejaculated Mrs. M.—I wish she was cise; and the enervated seclusion of a sick was eager to get home, I concluded to let him right to your property? like other children. I do not understand her. chamber, to which he had been almost all his go. Mr. Mann will understand it, and not Mr. Mann had been a successful farmer, and life confined. He did not forget his mother; bring his "bride" here, to provoke me. was now the merchant, of the little country but he had constant companionship, went evvillage which had grown up in the vicinity of ery day to school, and retired at night, just and play-fellows with a few tears; but antici- property his beautiful homestead. He married in early weary enough to go directly to sleep. Con- pations of a long pleasant ride, and a meeting am a dummy—and yet I try to please her. In success of the conference with a curiosity to see the honor to request his co-operation in the honor to request his c rising before the day, milking the cows—mak, ing batter and cheese; baking, cooking, sweeping, scrubbing, severing in the garden; besides spinning, and working in the garden; besides spinning, and working in the garden; besides spinning, and working and kisses Mary—persisted the child, drinking and reckless characters; and his was treading and his was treading and children shall have the properties. In the days went on—and when after two the baby. Now be a good girl, and hush up pleasant trifle, into a deadly sin.

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dulged he grew selfish and exacting, her pa. he saw her. held him to her bosom, would the yearning could be scatter'd here and there, with less in-It could not therefore otherwise be, than Bell, can never be a bad wife, or a wicked step

out sunshine or verdure. He wept-and are untrue. Have you ever known such dread. of Mrs. Mann, a childless widow, who remain. I can't say that I have; for I never associate

But Auntie, for the sake of argument now

manage it, who with his wife and three sons, shudder. Well if I was mean enough to mar, could not repress his emotions; he slid from me, and see all the improvements I have been hearing, and smell;—for she never seem'd to ranging in age from ten to five years, occupied Ty a second time, I should be bad enough to his chale, and ran crying toward his mother's making since you went to Ellistand. Melross need food, and spoke but little. Over her gen-

whipped and starved children to death, and ated hands trembling upon his head, she utterman and divine laws. She always declared prevented young men and women, from mar, ed in gasping sentences her last prayer to God of m intimation of rying the objects of their first true love &c. for him. until the word stepmother seemed to him to express every abomination. But one day when it had no longer an occupant, perhans her spirit

home, he ran screaming to his mother's room. But never fear Molross, your father is too good the room at all.

and sobbed, calling Mamma-oh mamma! in Let him if he pleases, cried the child defiantly. I warrant him I can match any step moth-It has been matter of wonder to me, that er. Oh I would like to see one undertake to the generality of people have so forgotten starve me or whip me, and his eyes flushed at he uttered a wild cry, ran through the passage

The man knew that he could woo and win Hoping she could in his case conquer her prej-

After Mrs. Ellis had exclaimed, deprecated and ferry boat in which they would cross the and wept, accompanied all the time by Melross and not do any thing to make his step mother

must, who feels that she has not long to stay he have lived without violating his marriage When he enter'd the house, he found in so, adding books, teachers, and whatever may Mrs. Mann declared her intention to call the ulations. Then she recalled all that Melrose with the tender child who must be left moth- covenant with his wife who is waiting for him stead of the silence and sables of the house of be necessary to educate you; and paying doc child Lucroce—after his mother, he fairly long had told her of his sainted mother, her name. briess, in this unloving world. As her life des in heaven? And then, to place a wicked step mourning; the light, the ornament, and happy tors and nurses if you shall be sick. For all ed to clasp the little creature to his bosom. clined, her love for her child became the more mother over his poor innecent children. I voices of a gay bridal party. Mr. Mann surthis you are expected to render me love and He seem'd to have found something to love; and cherish her, as Melross had been loved intense, and although from always being in- hope she will make him rue the day, in which prised and pleased at the unexpected arrival, respect. My love and care for you overbalance and the mother herself did not watch the babe and cherished. She remembered that Melross received his only child with warm caresses, and these. Why auntie, said Mr. Mann, smiling quiet. turning to his wife exclaimed. This Clare, is Where then is your right to my property saw that she was emphatically spoiling the ly, I have many a time heard you commend our dear boy, whom you have been so anxious I caim money, and constantly expend part of it an absence, his first inquiry was for little size deep feeling of superstition came over her saw that she was emphatically spoiling the ly, I have many a time heard you commend on superstition came over her child, but he could not grieve her by inter. Miss Bell, as a most excellent and lovely we come to your love and his own home. for you a right ter." As she grow his love incremed. He young spirit. She look'd up, as with an excellent and lovely we come to your love and his own home. child, but he could not grieve her by infer. Miss Bell, as a most excellent and lovely wofor you aces that consultate for you a night
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-if you had married Mr. Green instead of der eyes, and low sweet utterings, always full God for the blessings he daily sends us.

was the little girl's papa, all that time? Why bosom, as he pushed open the coor. He paus-

He could kneel again by that chair, though

did he suffer such things to be done in his ed as if suddenly petrified. The furniture was all strange. Every article had been removed, Oh child, replied Mrs. Ellis 'tis an old say- and replaced by modern and more expensive furnishings. Curtains and carpets were new When. Mrs. Ellis first proposed to little A mother is a mother all the days of her life.

Melross Mann that he should accompany her And a father is a father till he gets a now wife. ferent position, and that chair-it was not in

A little while he stood with wide open eyes, reaction. His bosom swelled, his face flushed,

Mann, in alarm. What is the matter my dear mothers, and away he ran to his room, shut but it seems to me that Meiross would be bet- one had been saved from despondency, and the boy? and as he spoke he raised and carried

him out upon the lawn. Where is my mother's chair? asked the boy cupy my dead mother's room?

heaven does not want a room any longer; and gret, he said, having placed him with Mrs. Elyour new mamma does. The old furniture lis. She is in most respects, an amiable we- moral discipline to which he will there be sub- which precludes the endeavor to improve. was damaged and full of sorrowful memories, man, but cherishes an unreasonable abhorance jected. He is my only son, I can afford to edso we put it carefully in an attic, and your of second marriages, and a conscientious detesnew mamma put new in its place.

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could not be with us long, and her whole heart with whom I stand in contrast, always petted and occupation was to love us. Your new indulged and served him. And Clara Mann mother is occupied with work, company, and a felt that day, that there had fallen a shadow her sorrow, but she lock'd it in her own little great many things, that divide her attention on her path, a weight upon her soul.

She does not love me as your mamma did:

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ployment, the nurturing of her child. His stangences. You do not surely imagine that the put you to a place to earn your own subsist. Who came only eighteen months after her sis- felt that it was there, and a soft calm settled daily avocations prevented bim from giving she will address. Mr. Green's address, merely his attention was quite engrossed, and the after much of his society, and as instance falled, because she loves their father? Since their his attention was quite engrossed, and the after much of his society, and as instance falled, because she loves their father? Since their his attention was quite engrossed, and the after his attention to Lucreon, as the dittle one residual to the residual attention to Lucreon, as the dittle one residual attention to Lucreon at the circle of her sympathies narrowed until mother can never return to them—surely they ternoon passed pleasantly. As he had not If I have other children they will all have equal attention to Lucrece, as the little one reality attended all her ways. they all clung round the boy; and often as she are better with their father's wife, than they been expected, his sleeping room was not in rights with you, to my love, and to whatever required. This Melross felt as an injustice to been expected, in siceping from was not in rights with you, to my love, and to whatever readiness, and he was obliged to occupy the of wealth I may leave at my death. So if his favorite, and became the more attached to Mrs. Mann sat long in the splittude of her while for Mean he was obliged to occupy the held him to her bosom, would the yearning could be scatter a here and there, with less inwish escape. Oh my child—would to God terested persons, and away from the superviswish escape. Oh my child—would to God terested persons, and away from the supervisparlor bed room, so that there was nothing to
God should ever send you a dear little brother
was therefore left to the core of her was th ion of their father. A good woman like Miss awaken old associations, and he went to bed or sister, I hope you will regard it as such; was therefore left to the care of her mother, cheerfully, and slept very well. In the morn- and not consider it an usurper of your rights. and soon came to be regarded as the favorite. ing he was up early, running after his father, I hope also that you will love your new mothhat when this devoted mother died, the belling to the barns and stables, talking and laughing er, not as you love your new mountainty between two little girls, so nearly of the tuse and unobservant. She deemed her of the character and same age, than appeared between Lucreco and same ag that when this devoted mother died, the bemount of the part and stables, talking and laughing er, not as you love your own mamma, but as a dear good friend, who wishes to make you same age, than appeared between Lucreco and sensitive, and morrily. At breakfast he addressed Mrs. Mann a dear good friend, who wishes to make you same age, than appeared between Lucreco and sensitive, and morrily. At breakfast he addressed Mrs. Mann a dear good friend, who wishes to make you comfortable and happy. I would not on any account that the same right hair of iet, brow of snow, and cheek of carmanna asked, she, smilling. That was a dwith her Observe I had the same right hair of iet, brow of snow, and cheek of carmanna asked, she, smilling. That was besonght aid and placed. He felt it, and his little heart was and they are always wicked cruel creatures. ucar mamma assess and, amining. I hat was count mave us suppose many you are not pieas, and they are always wicked cruel creatures. ucar mamma assess and, amining. I hat was count may be read to make the same right hair of jet, brow of show, and cheek of carwisdom from on high. From that day shows a suppose that I had to wed your mamma: mine. She was slight in form but elastic and the same right to marry her, that I had to wed your mamma: mine. She was slight in form but elastic and the same right to marry her, that I had to wed your mamma: mine. She was slight in form but elastic and the same right to marry her, that I had to wed your mamma is mine. ry of the dead mother into direct confrast, with to marry her, that I had to wed your mamma; mine. She was slight in form but elastic and was just, and Lucrete no longer absorbed by and she has the same rights, in my house, as enduring; could skip about, and talk and sing the exacting love of her bighter, seemed to The child looked at the blooming glad faced if I had not had a wife, before I married her, all day, and not be weary. Lucrece had clear ed a few days after the funeral, proposed to with people who debase themselves by second fashionably attired young bride, and before his We should not distress ourselves with useless blue eyes, brown ringlets, and a complexion, mind's eye arose the pale gentle invalid, in the regrets, or vain anticipations of coming evils, softly lined with life's warm hue. Her humanloose muslin wrapper, with her solemnly ten- but be as happy as we can, and thankful to ity seem'd wholly subservient to the immortal

Miss Bell-would you abuse his children? of love, deep, cornect, absorbing love for him. Come now, and see the fine little pony, I melody and fragrance, being as her mother Mel ejaculated the lady with a start and His eyes filled with tears, his lips quivered, he have bought for you. I wish you to ride with said endowed with but the three senses, seeing room, to weep for her there, where she had was delighted with the pony, and enjoy'd the the spirit, the active temperament of Melross ry hearted woman, who managed to live, read M. Mana sign'd; and spoke of other mat- lingered out years of suffering, merely as it ride highly, only he wanted to gallop at fall had acquired a supreme ascendency. Having seemed to nurse and nurture his young life. speed, which his father would not allow. On been under its influence from her infancy, she Metross was an interested listner to all they How well he remembered that room; and the their return home; a little before dinner time; had never thought of asserting an independence of the remembered that room; and the their return home; a little before dinner time; had never thought of asserting an independence of the remembered that room; and the love you. If actions do speak louder that reflected whether it was right or wrong. If said, and with the natural bias of human na- most minute particle of its furnishings. And Clara proposed to Melross to show him his dence of thought or action. He loved her, ture, concluded that the woman was right that cushioned chair, around which he played room. So she took him to a pleasant chamber, but his love was tyrranny. It exacted everyed if it were true or false. She was content After his father left, he took opportunity to so many hours, while its patient occupant smiled with handsome furniture, pictures, books, and thing, nover yielding aught. He would be to believe without questioning. She was cery enquire of his numb what stepmothers were, saily upon him and answered his innumeratory, nearly arranged; after he had expressed deferred to, obey'd, worship'd, and waited on, benevelent, and had a pleasant word for every children; and his homage Lucreco paid him, with a for just what they profess, while actions have and how they were wont to behave toward ble questions; beside which he wept, when that his satisfaction, she led him to a corner where in return for the single sentiment of affection. benevolent, and had a pleasant word for every children; and Mrs. Ellis repeated to him divers wasted face, grew haggard with suffering, and a times current numy process, while suffering, and body. If there was one drop of bitterness in horrible tales; and channel to him several low means expressed the intensity of pain; dearly, and that she tanght you to say your writing with suppressed pain, as she observed tice is not so keenly felt—but at home Clara. prayers, every morning and evening. In this that Lucrece preferr'd his pleasure to her own, place I have placed what will remind you of and would gratify him at the price of her dis-such misunderstandings often wither the most her; hoping that you will regard it as a kind pleasure; though she evidently loved her moth-holy and susceptible; crushing out that faith

nemorance; and that you will always sneed blary was of a more independent spirit and mother's chair, and on its cushions her dovotional books, and several little articles of value

Clara's kindness, would soon obliterate ail mother to Lucrece, than she ever had been to wrong impressions, from the boy's mind, and him. that his wayward and selfish feelings would I wish to ask your opinion, continued Mr. taking in at once the whole room. His face boy's prejudices were deeper than he imagined, seventeen, and a good scholar, of his age. I as if it were all familiar to her mind, and sho grew white, and he seemed to shrink in size, and though silenced by his father's prompt redid calculate to put him into my store, and fi-only needed words to express it; and when as if suffering a severe spasm. Then came buke, and Clara's kindness, he was not con- nally set him up in a store. But my affairs Mary could not perform her task, it was wonvinced.

wish! you thwart me every way, and pre-ter you know. What has happened Melross, enquired Mr. tend to love me, like all hypocritical step. You will do as you please, Clara replied, ation of their opening characters; and by which

home at evening, to find his wife, who hitherto good to most young men of his disposition virtue, for a while the first represses all noble sternly. Why did you let your new wife oc- had always met him with smiling joy, weeping and habits. You know he is volatile and im- aspirations by a consciousness that what ever bitterly in her own room. He soon learned perious, and has never been restrained. Why child! your dear mother who is in the cause of her unhappiness. I bitterly retation of stepmothers. I should have foreseen He has good abilities. Miss Clara is not my mamma. She is not the evil influence of her teachings, on his young a bit like mamma, and she does not love me as mind; but cheer up dear one; childhood is nev-

Earnestly did she endeavor to perform her

Melross!—my child,—you astonish me. Do ent acts, and disrespectful words; practis'd in lids—every body loves you, because you are turned his back upon his home, leaving his not parents love all their children if they have his presence. He was a quiet man, and could

There never could exist a greater dissimipast; and she seem'd to subsist on beauty,

Mr. Mann was always occupied with his his and abandonicon, iness affairs and left the sovereignity of the that had been hers. He fell on his knees, and household, with all its cares to the supervisembraced the dear chair; in which position for of its mistress; and the observation which Clara left him, until the dinner hell range induced the colloquy with which our story sal favorlies, Lucrece was by her schoolingtes.

After that day affairs went on pleasantly; and commences, was the colloque with which our story sal favorlies, Lucrece was by her schoolingtes. Mr. Mann hoped that his own instruction and of Melross, that Mrs. Mann was more of uster quet of Rose, will Mary recuired the country

soon yield to reason and generosity. But the Mann in reference to Melross. He is near her. She acquired all knowledge so readily, have so prospered of late that I think now of derful how with a few familiar words of ex-One day, when he wished to go into the woods sending my son to College and giving him planation, Lucrece could make it all plain to play, and Clara insisted that he must go to an opportunity to rise in the world. I can Mrs. Mann was very happy in her children, and school, he cried out-you never let me do as I find a good boy to take his place at the coundaily returned thanks to heaven for the early

himself in and pouted all day. ter at home, under your own supervision. A other from over weening self esteem, moods Mr. Mann was greatly shocked on his return term at College is fruitful of more evil than of mind, almost equally fatal to happiness and

> Therefore answer'd the father he needs the restraint of a College life, and the wholesome neate him, and would like to see him eminent.

True-replied Clara-but she sighed. wamma did.

She is not your mamma certainly; God took you soon.

She is not your mamma away to heaven and I could not bring her back ngain.

She does not love you as your own mamma was. Id, because she is not as your mamma was.

She, sweet lady, was always ill. She knew she yould not be with us long, and her, whole heart with whom I stand in contrast, always petted.

When at breakfast, the next morning Mr. Mann submitted his proposal to Melross, the love you say an orphan. His father had possessed by inheritance a property, sufficient with youth exhibited the most extravagant joy, and gratitude—while Lucrece slip'd from her things? she murmured. Certainly not. You white rose bush, in the garden, where she well and plous girl, possessing also a small childish sorrow. She was doubly grieved, for alliance, and the wise ones prophesical prospective dear good mamma. When at breakfast, the next morning Mr. preparation Melross was ready to accompany didate for office, wire by promises and flattery Why little sis he said with frombling eye patriot all personal feelings, and advantages he

here call sister beautiful, and lively, and good himself to stump speaking for the gord have been equally re—but they never see me and even ma says. I country, the aggrandizing of his party—and —but they never see me and even ma says. I country, the aggrandizing of his party—and the success of the candidate who had done am a dummy—and yet I try to please here.

more tenderly than did this doting brother. had said that he always imagined his mother On entering the house after over so brief present when he knelt beside her chair, and

That night after thelittle ques were sleeping ward Lucrece, from a wholly mistaken estiopen her heart to her mother and sister, and become happier, and more beloved

It is singular, observed Mrs. Mann to her husband, how entirely we are influenced by profession. Because little Mary runs to me every few moments, pratting plary does ove pretty ma, so dearly-I have felt her love, and so have overlooked all her little wilfulness. and disobedience. Lucrece never wilfully acts contrary to my wishes—obeys cheerfully, and without remonstrance; yet I have deemed her words" they use a language not so generally understood

Your remarks are just, Mr. Mann observed. We are prone to judge our associates more by where a little cluster of hearts throb in unison, of alter, to bring all her teachings to your re- er fervently, and wept when sho reproved her, in human appreciation, which in the young at

> As time sped on Lucrece and Mary grow nore loving and lovely. In the village school which they attended they soon became univer-

> They were both brilliant learners but La. crece had an intuitive understanding of whatever educational science was laid open before lessons, which awakened her to a due apprecigood may be attempted or directed will be unappreciated; the other fills the heart with an ostentatious feeling of being great and good,

When Mr. Mann sent Melross to college he took into his family, as an assistant in the store, a boy ten years of age, a distant relation of his own. This child, Charles Dallas by so gentle and beautiful,

No, no, she sobbed—all the ladies that come themselves, as they best sould, and devoted themselves, as they best sould, and the sould the sould be the sou here call sister beautiful, and lively, and good himself to stump speaking for the good of his