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Miscellancons.

"Yeu cannot. It is beyond your power. of Teachers, and the administrative officer of a best professional talent within the reach of You have had inducements enough, enough to have reformed half the sinners in creation -and yet you are lower than ever before. Go A SUDDEN REFORMATION.

The simple story I am about to relate possesses such interest for those who were ever acquainted with the parties concerned, and to others its interest will not only be in its truth, but also in the in the peculiar soultouch it developes. In one of the Northern towns of Vermont

fived a young man whom I shal call Daniel Byram. He was a lawyer by profession, and one of the most intellectual men in that section of the country. No one possessed the confidence of his friends more than he did, and no to the floor. Moses bore her to the bed, and was better calculated to secure the good will and friendship of all with whom he came in away, for the stage was waiting. contact. Business ponred in on him, and failed not to give the utmost satisfaction.

over the brink of the grave, but he did not die. At the age of 27, Byram took to himself "One gill of bandy will save you," said the a wife from among the most favored ones of doctor, who saw that the abrupt removal of fitness consists in the country. Mary Felton experienced a all stimulan's from a system that had for 1. "Literary and scientific acquirements." strange pride when she gave her hand to the long years subsisted on almost nothing else, These are both indispensible, and the degreg roung lawyer, and if none envied her, many/ was nearly sure to prove fatal. "You can of them should be considerable. In every at least prayed that they might be as forth, surel take a gill and not take any more ?"

But ere long a cloud came over the scene. and heak my oath ! Moses Felton shall full round of branches-cither are or must to the election or galification of the person Conviviality ran high among the members of never learn that brandy or ruin kiled me I soon come into existence; and to discharge the bar, and young Hyram possessed one If the want of it can kill me, then let me die! the office proderly, the Superintendent must of those "peculiar temperaments which at But I won't die. I'll live-live till Moses be qualified " to examine" all the Teachers, length give the whole body and soul to the Felton shall eat his own words 1 length give the whole body and soul to the Felton shall eat his own words 1 "to visit" them, and "to give such instruc-demon of appetite. For three years he fol- He did live; an iron will conquered the tions in the Art of Teaching and the method lowed the social customs of the times with- messenger death had sent, and Daniel-Bryain thereof in each schoel" as the condition and out neglecting much of his business; but fived. For one month he could not walk grade of each shall require. How can this finally he sank to the lowest pit of degreda- without help. But he had help-joyful, tion-when at the age of five and thirty he powerful help. Mary helped him. had become a confirmed drunkard. He now A year passed away, and Moses Felton re- taught in the highest school in his county. neglected his clients altogether, for he turged to his native home. He entered the could not remain sober long enough at any court-house at Burlington and Daniel Byram one time to carry any case through court. was upon the floor pleading for a young man acted by the law :- not only skill to know The only business he had now upon his who had been indicted for forgery. Felton but practice to do. It is no doubt true, that

debts. On the evening of his thirty-fifth birth-day never before had such torrents of eloquence actual experience in the art. This is owing Journal, April. he joined the Washingtonians, and once poured from his lips. The case given to the to the known fact that some men have natumore his bright genius shone upon the world. jury and the youth was neguitted. The snc- rally in them so much of the elements of the But it could not last long; and amid the cessful counsel furned from the court-room Teacher and such a love for the work and example of those who were his constant com- and met Moses Felion. panions, he went back to his cups, and down They shock hands but did not speak. he sank, as rapidly as he had risen. In one When they reached a spot where none others the rule; for the instances of failure for want short year from that Time he was a miserable | could hear them, Byrau stopped. degraded thing. People who had left notes " Mo-es," he said, "do you remember the and accounts with him to collect, called at words you spoke to me a year ago?" his home, and upon inquiring of his wife "I do, Daniel." where he was she would tell them he was "Will you take them back. Unsay them away. Poor woman! they could not bear to now and forever ?" dispute her, and they would go their way, they knew full well that the remains of Daniel Byram were prostate upon his bedroom fiorr.

"Yes, with all my Leart." "Then I am is part repaid." " And what w nem efficient. Honco 3. Ability to impart knowledge and give in-" I must die an honest unperjured man. The formation publicly, as well as privately, is in-

complicated school system. It would be no difficult task, at the present no other should be thought of. uncture, to run over the whole State and

and die, sir, as soon as you like, for the moment show the correctness of the conclusion just that sees you thus will set mourners free." stated. Cases of full success or of entire fail-Byram's eye flashed, and he drew himself ure of success might be instanced, in strict "Go," said he with a tingle of that old nor necessary. What we have to do with, now are general results. These are so plain powerful surcasm that had often electrified a now, are general results. These are so plain work before him ; and the salary should be ury, "go to Obio, and Fil send you news. that he who ruus may read, and requires no Go, sir, and watch the post." With these words, Daniel Byram hurled

the jug into the fire-place, and while yet its Taking it for granted, then, that experithousand pieces were flying over the floor, he ence has fully justified the wisdom of the Leg strode from the house. Mary sink fainting slature in requiring the selection of a fit per-

son and the payment of a sufficient salary, for then having called a neighbor, he hurried this office two questions arise : --1. Who is a fit person for the office ? For a moment Daniel Byrain hovered 2. What is a sufficient salary ?

In answer to the first question, it may, in the words of the school law, be replied that

county, schools of every rank and grade-"Ay," grasped the poor man, "take a gill from the primary to the high school, with its

> be done excert by one who is scholar enough to teach the teacher of the highest branch 2. " Skill and experience in the Art of Teaching," is another requisite and is also ex-

The only outsides he had now opon his who had been indicated for ingery. Ferror but practice to do. It is no doubt true, that "hands was the collecting of some few small started with surprise. Never before had in same instances, the office has been well Byram looked so noble and commanding, and tilled by persons of no great, or possibly of no all the duties of the office.-Pa. School

> the cau-e, as to supply, to a great degree all other defects. But the exception only proves of this element have been too numerous to leave the question doubtful. The safer and the legal rule, is, in all cases, to require this "skill and experience."

But mere learning and professional skill are not sufficient, unless, as the law and the necessity of the case everywhere intimate, they are accompanied with the power to make

Flintheart gave an audible sigh, and prothe Convention. For reasons already given ceeded : The man, then, whom Law, Experience and the wants of the system demand for County

Superintendent is :- A practical Teacher, who you ?" is also an accomplished scholar, and a ready "No " None save him who tempers the wind to public speaker ; with sufficient love for it to the shorn lamb; Him. whose unsleeping eye | coarse covering, poured forth a flood of tears. undertake, and energy to perform the great watches narrowly our conduct, and notes it liness of his situation. Young, a mere child, sufficient to compensate him, as far as money which shall one day be pronounced before world that, also I instead of seeking to bind Whenever such a man is found, he should

be selected. Wherever he has already been At the present time it may be proper to re-These words of the youth grated harshly past flitted before his mind, awakening troops call to the attention of Conventions' to elect

upon the car of Flintheart; they sank into of delicious memories of sunny childhood,-County Superintendents, that section forty, of the school law of the 8th May, 1854, conhis breast like drops of molten lavs, and pro-. He saw once more his mother whom he lovfers upon the State Superintendent of Combed his guilty, covetous soul is they ed tenderly, a father affectionate and kind, sis: mon Schools, very considerable powers in were barbed arrows. Outraged conscience brothers and sisters gone to join their parents reference to the commissioning of the person awoke from its lethargy and goaded him in the skies, and in the bitterness of his agoelected. The words alluded to are these : "If objection be made within thirty days to the with its stings. In agony of spirit he buried ny lamented he ever had an existence. issuing of such commission, the Superintenhis face in his hands, and again was silent dent of Common Schools may require such for a few moments; thut, by the exercise at length, he fully realized his situation, he

of a rugged will he speedily crushed these elected Connty Superintendent, as he shallnoble instincts of a perverted nature, and ergies and battle with adversity as valiantly deem necessary and shall then issue his com-"Othello was himself again." mission to the person properly qualified, who shall have received the highest number of At this juncture, his spouse entered bear-

ing the viands prepared for the boy, which she frowningly placed upon the table, with-Under this provision it is competent for any citizen, and it would seem to be his Juty. out uttering a word.

to make objection to the commissioning of "Sit up," said the farmer, " wife has not an unqulified person, and to set in operation. prepared a feast for you ; but if you are hunfor the good of the system in this respect, the gry, and I presume you are. plain fare will powers vested in the State Superintendent .-In view of this fact, the true course for Direlishi."

" Beggars mustn't be choosers," snappishsum total of pecuniary emolument he should ly ejaculated Batty. receive from his services. The unlialtowed

" Come,come, don't hurt the ladsfeelings," replied Flintheast in a compassionate voice, his sorrows are heavy enough already." Willie remarked, as he rose to take a scat at the table :

" I am very sorry to trouble you, but I was so cold and faint when I got opposite For the Democrat. your house, it seemed impossible for me to go farther, and I resolved to stop and crave your hospitality for the night. I am sure You know the Bible says : 'Cast your bread | upon the waters, and it shall return to you the image of a man, but possessed few or none

comfort at this inclement season of the year.

what to do,"

" Are you pretty strong !"

No sooner, was Willie left alone, than the scowl, demanded why he was not to his task pent up agonics of his heart, which had with instead of idling away time within doorna "So you are alone in the wide world, an difficulty been suppressed during the evening, "We hired you to work I not to sit in the orphan, with none to provide or care for burst forth in spite of all his efforts at selfs house," hissel the virage - "so he off, you control, and throwing himself upon his pallet ragged bundle of laziness!"

composed of straw and a scanty supply of "I would like to warm my feet a moment, if you please, madam, they are very cold," is over all the creatures He has made ; who He felt more than ever before the utter lone- said Willio beseeching transformer than ever before the utter lone-"I suppose you'd like to do a good dany announcement of the facts on which they can, for the efficient discharge of so great a in His book of Remembrance, the contents of he was thrown upon the generosity of the things you won't if you stay here. was the unfeeling reply. "Work and carn about an assembled world, and each receive his re- up the broken spirit, too often makes its then you will have good ones. That sall I've ward according to what is written there- wounds deeper, its anguish more excrutiating, got to tell you, you whining brat of an imp. These last words of the termagant out eus Visions, bright, transporting visions of the little friend to the quick. A fiendish relies.

tion had been cast upon the memory of Lin beloved mother, and he replied with empha-- Note that was a start to be " My mother was a good woman, and a

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Christian,-far better than."-Here he cherk. ed himself fearing his warmth might carry lim too far.

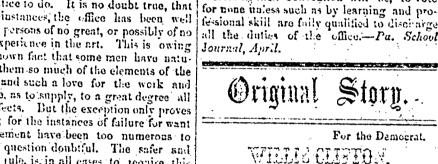
By degrees, he became calm ; and when, " Better than I am, ha ?" chimed in his determined to play the hero, to rally his entormentress, finishing his half uttered our. tence to suit herself .: " A fine time o'day for as possible. He dreaded the morrow, but rea vagabond youngster that we took just out solved to please his employer, and breathing of pity to keep from starvation, to be initial a simple yet fervent prayer to Him who has ing me to my face !... You'll toddle pretty promised to be the orphan's friend, disposed soon, I'm thinking."

his weary limbs for sleep, and his tcar mois-" I intended no offence," said Willie tened cyclids were speedily closed by a touch " Don't you tell me that again, you lying puppy ! if you do I'll break your bones." That night Flintheart retired, to chuckle yelled the infuriated woman, grasping an iron over the shrewd bargain made with the homepoker that stood near, and shaking it menaless orphan, and speculate upon the probable ingly over his head.

At this stage of the altercation, Flintheast made his appearance, and gruffly demandel of his wife the cause of her rage.

" Reason enough," said Betty. " This little imjt, because I ordered bim to go about his businees, instead of lounging in the kitchen, took upon him to exercise his blackguard tongne, in giving me a sound berating, see cusing me of not being a Christian, and all that. Why to hear Lim run on, one would think him a young parson. I tell you, I was never so abused in my whole life."

"What does all this mean f" growled Flintbeart seizing Willie roughly by the arm, with his left hand, at the same time administering a severe blow with the right. " It means I am wrongfully accused." swered Willie, writhing in the vise like dutch of the farmer. " How wife, have you been falsifying the ov's conduct ?" " What I've told you is gospel truth." " I did not abuse your wife," said Willie firm!v.



One day a Mr. Vinson called to see him. payment i" asked Moses." Vinsón had left notes and accounts to the amount of several thousand dollars with onth that has bound me thus far was made dispensible. Since the passage of the act of Byram to collect, and he was anxious about | for life."

-that ber husband had gone away. learn all I wish to know."

With much effort Mr. Vinson aroused the fices which he cates not for. noor man to a state of seeming consciousite s. motes and account he had left with him.

"Yes." returned the lawyer, in a weak, husky, hicoughing voice, "I have had the money for you over a month. I've deducted ELECTION OF COUNTY SUPER. my percentage, and you'll find the rest in that trunk. Mary's got the key."

Mrs. Byram was called in, the key was produced, and Mr. Vinson found his money- tors, before they assemble to elect County great moving forces of the required character four thousand and some odd hundreds of dollars-all right and safe.

In his worse moments Byram never used so as to effect the original design of the libfor himself a single penny he had in trust, eral and far-seeing Legislature which estab-Hundreds there were who labored hard to lished the office, will be of incalculable benreclaim the wanderer, but without effect. efit to the State, and the contrary will be deemed requisite to speak of temperance, hon-Yet after the year went by the sank lower and equally injurious. It is, therefore our design esty or industry, nor of common sense, suavlower-yot his wife left him not. Her brother, as one amongst the thousands of Pennsylvaa young lawyer, named Moses Felton, often nians who have been watching the workings ture. These are requisites to the safe and ef- little stranger. urged her to leave her husband, and the same of this new feature in our educational system ficient discharge of every public trust; the time offering her a comfortable home beyeath

his own roof but she would not listen. At length all hopes was given up. Week after week would the fallen man lie down on the floor, and not a day of real sobriety marked his course. I doubt if such another case was ever known. He was too low for conviviality, for those with whom he would have tion and compensation. These have been, we cess. associated, would not drink with him. All. all alone, in his own office and chamber, he drank the accursed poison, and even his very

lif seemed the offspring of the jug: In early spring, Moses Felton had a call to to to Quio. Before he set out, he visited his sister. He offered to take her with him but she would not go.

"But why stay here?" urged the brother. You are all faded away, disease is upon you. Why should you live with such a brate ?"

"Hush Moses; speak not so," answered the it is certain that, in 1854, the duty of selectwife, keeping back the tears. "I will not ing County Superintendents was so performleave him now. But he will soon leave me: he can not last much longer." ing results : Either.

At that moment Daniel Byram entered the apartment. Even Moses Felton was stariled by his appearance. He looked like a wander from the tomb. He had his hat op, and his old jug was is his hand .-

"Ah-Moses-how are ye !" he gasped for he could not speak plainly, The visitor looked at him for a few mo-

monts in silence. Then, as his features assumed a cold stern expression, he said in a calm but strongly emphasized tone :

"Daniel Byram, I have been your next best | are the elements-the essential conditionsfriend but one. My sister is an angel-but ma ed with a demon. I have loved you, plex affairs, there are instances that appear my keeping. Now, Daniel, I do sincerely

them. His poor wife answered him as usual That evening Mary Byram was among the for the examination of teachers, and public 1854,-in addition to the public meetings happiest of the happy, No allasion was visitation of schools in the presence of direc-"My dear madam," returned Mr. Vinson, made in word to that strange scene of one tors and parents thereby prescribed, the "I know your misfortune, and I appreciate year before, but Moses could read in both the holding of district and county institutes, asyour feelings, but I must see your husband. countenances of his sister and her husband sociations and meetings for the improvement If I can see him for even one minute, I can the deep gratitude they did not speak.

And Daniel Byram yet lives, one of the and addresses for the furtherance of the sys-Mary Byram stoke not a word, but with most honored men in Vermont. Five times tem and explanation of the law, have become te irful e'e she turnes away, and Mr. Vin-on hus he sat in the State Legislature ; twice in so general and are found to be so beneficial followed her. He found Dyram in a back | the Senate and once in the National Congress, | that they may now be regarded as an integ room, stretched at full length upon the floor, and he is yet a notile man, and an ornament | rai part of the Superintendents duties. All with a jug of Medform rum by his side, to society; declining all offers of public of these oreasions impose the duty of addressing the public ; and the officer who does not Many who read this will know the chardo it, no matter what the cause, fails in his and asked if he had done anything about the acters whom I have thus used, and will at duty. The ability therefore, to speak in pub once recognize the true individual beneath the lie should be embrased amongst the requi-

fictious names I have borrowed. sites of fitness for the office. 4. Energy of character and love for the work, are the last essentials that need be INTENDENT. pecified, Without these, the highest degree This may possibly be the last number of

of scholastic attainment, of professional skill the Journal that will meet the eves of Direcand of power of expression will fail, for the Superintedents for the next three school will be wanting. With these present in large years. The proper performance of that duty degree, even a medium of qualification in oth-

er respects, may succeed. Amongst the qualifications necessary to this most important office, it is, of course, not ity of manners, or knowledge of human nawith intense interest, frankly to state the con one in question being no exception to the clusions to which our observations have led. general rule but rather demanding them in a Three years rgo, few Directors or others greater degree than most others. In a word, had any clear view of the necessity, nature, and aside from special requisites, the nearer

the character of a County Superintendent apmode of operation or probable results of this proaches to that of the Christian gentleman, office. The natural consequences were, in the first instance, numerous mistakes in selecthe greater will be his acceptance and suc-The answer to the avestion : What is an think, erroneously attributed, both in and

adequate salary,? will depend mainly on the mu of the State, to a settled purpose to dee a the office, out of general hostility to the locality ; and the experience of the past three -v-tem it-elf. In few cases this feeling may years will, in many cases, modify past action have had its influen e; but in most, the noon this point. Many of the Conventions fixtion complained of really grew out of mere ed the salary in 1854, undr a total or very want of knowledge of the nature of office it- material misapprehension of the nature of the elf, and an henest helief that such an addin office, the amount of service required and the tion to the expense and the working machindegree of good to be effected. Now, in many parts of the State, all these points are clearly ery of the system was wholly unnecessary..... Whatever may have been the cause, however comprehended, and the action of directors will no dcubt be different. No one who knows the people of Pennsylvania will, for a ed as to produce one or other of the follow- moment, suppose that injustice will be done

in regulating the compensation of those who 1 An incompetent person was chosen who are found to be amongst the most u eful most of course, failed, no matter what the salary. Or. Iaborious and most important of our public 2. A completent person was chosen, who in agents. The actual amount must, as just remost cases, failed or was greatly crippled in marked, depend on the circumstances of each his operations by total inadequacy of salary, case; still, certain general principles are indicated by the nature of the office and the

3. A competent person waysclected, with wants of the schools, which it may be useful adequate salary, who fulfilled the just expecto elicit. The first point to be determined is, whethtations of the friends of measure.

er the whole, or only a portion, of the officer's From this it would appear that fitness in the person and adequacy of compensation time will be required for the full discharge of the duties of the office. This will wholly derend on the number of schools in the county. of success. Of course, as in all other com-If they are materialy over 100 and should be Daniel, as I never loved man before, for you to conflict with this conclusion; but on close increased, then the best policy and the course were noble, generous, and kind; but I hate inspection they will be found rather to con- most productive of good, will be to pay for interim, continued to ply the boy with quessou now, for you are a devil incarnate. Look firm it. For example ; one Superintendent and require his whole time and rervices. In tions. at that woman. She is my sister-the only may have been so well qualified for the sta- such cases more than half of the year may be sister God ever gave me. I wish her to live tion and so deroted to the system, that he most beneficially devoted to school risitation, with me, but she will not while you live, yet d'scharged his duties at a most shamefully which to be effectual, should be full and frewhen you die she will come to me. Thus do adequate salary. But who will argue from quent. The rest of the year can be profitably in this, that it is the right of the public to im devoted to the improvement of the teachers

and manufaute fails in most of the logical to a state of the logical state of the logical state of the logical and the logical state of 가 있는 것은 것을 가지 않는 것이 있는 것이 있는 것이 있는 것이 있는 것이 있는 것이 있다. 한편을 받았는 것은 것이 있는 것이 있는 것이 있는 것이 같이 있는 것이 있는 것이 있는 것이 있는 것이 같이 있다. 한편을 같이 있는 것이 같이 있다.

CHAITER I.- The Wanderer. -" An orphen lone, Abandoned to the wiles of wicked men."

ANON. easiv. One evening, late in the Autumn of 18 ---, as the cold north wind howled dismally before his cheerful fire, revolving how he food during the past day; and when at could succeed, without too palpable an exhibition of fraud, in dispossessing this nearest a seat by the fire, his host asked him "whither neighbor, widow White, of hericottage and he was bound ?.

rectors in their Convention will be, to vote

WILLIS CLIFTON,

THE VICTIM OF AVARICE.

BY S. W. T.

garden, which, being contiguous to his own extensive premises, he had long coveted, when a feeble rap at the door, calling forth a low, died a fortnight ago, and my services not sullen growl from a huge mastiff that lay being required at that place any longer, I upon the hearth rug, aroused him from his left soon after his decease, and have been fry-

revery. A repetition of the same junid rap, ing ever since to obtain a situation, but was responded to by the farmer with a gruff come in." The door immediately opened, and the slight, pale figure of a boy entered. He was poorly clad; his feet were inclosed in a shocking apology for shoes; his little bare hands were purple with cold ; while upon his manly face, to a practiced eye, were unmistakable evidences of mental and physical endu-

"What brought you here, boy ?" was the rude salutation that greeted the car of the

" I am very cold and hungry, sir." " Why don't you go home, then, and not

be troubling us I" " I have no home, sir," and the tears moistened his fine blue eyes.

"Humph !" rejoined Flintheart, "no home ha? That's hard, especially this time o'year. Seems to me good boys might have some age.")

" Are you sick very often ?" place to stay at." The lad's cheek crimsoned as he marked "No. sir." the peculiar emphasis his interrogator laid on " What can you do !"

good: and he answered rather proudly: "Do you think it right, sir, to hold unjust suspicions against them you know not ?" "We don't know who to trust now a-days" " I'can chop some." curtly rejoined the farmer : "but take a chair by the fire, and warm yourself; you, look powerful cold."

Our little friend looked his thanks, as he drew near the blazing hearth, and felt its price." glowing warmth permeating his thread-bare garments, and vivilying his entire system, benumbed by the raging blast without, which, for several hours past he had been sorrowfully buffeting.

" Betty," said Flintheart, " get the lad : cold lunch, he looks hungry and pinched." looking creature, with sundry solo voce mutterings about the trouble and expense of feeding lazy vagabonds, prepared to execute fer me, but if you cannot give a greater sala-

" What is your name ?" he asked. " Willie Clifton, sic." "Have you father and mother 1" " Both?" " Where are they !" when

" In heaven, I think."

of the attributes pertaining to a developed in "We don't believe all there, is in that telligence. book you speak of," said Betty contemptu-

O mammon, deceitful god, what crowds of rotaries hourly throng thy gilded temple .--Willie was greatly shocked at this reply of Whosoever thou touchest with thy magic his hostess, for he had been taught from in- wand, is henceforth thy slave. To obtain neupon the hills, and the driving snow, that fancy to regard the Holy Scriptures as the ceptable offerings for thy shrine, exacting perevealed will of Jehovah, and without giving nuriousness, wrings from the unfortunate of fast robing decayed nature in a garment of a reply, sat down to his furnished repast, of the human race, crucibles of tears, and coins transparent whiteness, farmer Flintheart sat which he partook engerly, not having tasted them into dimes. Thou art the bane of society, the parent of iniquity,-the curse of length he arose much refreshed, and resumed mankind ! But there is a day coming. O. despicable monster ! when thy altars shall be broken in pieces, and thyself receive punish-Stid Willie, " I am seeking employment. ment commensurate with thy crimes. The man, with whom I lived the past year

of Somnus' hand.

thirst for gold had long since dried up the

fountain of humanity that once bubbled up

from the depths of his soul. His moral sen-

sibilities were blunted. The finer more God-

like impulses of his nature lay dormant and

uncultured. The only Divinity he worship-

ped was Plutus, at whose shrine he paid ab-

ject homage. His breast was never moved

by the pleadings of pity's voice. Science nor

human progress found in him a votary or

abeftor. His mind-as misers' usually are-

was narrowed, barren and ignoble. He bore

CHAPTER II. - Willie's Trials. Was man ordain'd the slave of man th toil, Voked with the brutes, and fetter'd to the soil eighed in a tyrants balance with his gold ! o!-Nature stamped us in a heavenly mould without success. The widow of my late em- She bade no wretch his thankless labor urge, Nor trembling, take the pittance and the scourge? ployer defrauded me of my lawful earnings, and I am therefore penniless, and as you see, [CAMPBELL.

"I rue the riches of my former fate; nearly destitute of clothing necessary for Sweet clusters blasted, clusters to lament." [Youxo.

I have suffered a good deal lately, sir. Only . The morning after the events narrated in two houses below here, I called just as night was coming on, and asked for a shelter, but it was fairly light, and presented himself in I was rudely repulsed, tannted with being a the kitchen of the farm-house, where he rethief and beggar, and driven into the street. ceived a very discourteous salutation from its of grain. At the next place I called, I was told you Xantippean occupant, Mrs. Betty Flintheart. wanted a boy to live with you a while. Will Before he had time to wash, and comb his you take me, sir ? if you cannot, I know not hair, he was ordered, in an impetuous tone, to perform sundry menial offices. He obey-

" How old are you ?" inquired Flintheart. ed, of course, but the unkind manifestations "I shall be twelve, comes Christmas." of the woman made him feel sad and dispirited. As he was returning from the well with a "I think I am quite so, for one of my

pail of water, he encountered Flintheart, wl o greeted him with a rough, " good morning," which was politely returned. When breakfast was announced, Willie was told he must wait un til the farmer and

" A good many things. Oh. sir, if yo his wife had done, as they were not accustomwill take me I will help you all I can." "Can you chop pretty smartly !" " How much do you want a month ?" ping in the yard.

This fresh indignity was more than our " Would three dollars be too much sir !" " Three dollars ! why boy, you must be murmur, deeming it vain to remonstrate, and mendows. Alles! what a melancholy change eraze. I couldn't think of allowing that fearing to do lest he might loose his situation, had time wrought in the current of his youth. which though by no means enviable, in his straitened circumstances he was glad to ac-" How much can you afford to give i" " I will take you upon trial, and if you

> The morning was frosty and keen; the wind, that blew from the north, icy and penetrating: and as Willie took his place by the wood pile, a cold shiver crept through his veins. His young heart swelled with grief. A big tear rolled down his cheek, leaving behind a tiny frost-track. The world, to him looked dreary and desolate, and well it night seem so; for, of late, he had experienced nought but unkindness, from them, too, who

Flintheart was inexorable, and a bargain styled themselves Christians, but of that sort that Willie should work three days on trial ! which "stole the livery of heaven to serve the and if at the expiration of that time his ser- dovil in." But he felt he must labor or starve, vices were acceptable, to his employer, he so assuming as cheerful a spirit as possible, would be retained twenty six days longer, applied himself earnestly to his task. then receive the more pittance mentioned.

About half an hour had elapsed, when be When the hour for retiring arrived, Flint- was summoned to his morning repast, which Such boys are never good for anything chaits heart led his youthful employee up two flights was served up, not in the cozy dining room, of stairs to a dingy, ill lighted garret, which wherein the farmer and wile had discussed

" No more words you blockhead : Get to your work, and if I hear any more complaints respecting your ill conduct, you'll receive your discharge and a severe flogging in the bargain.".

The little fellow said nothing as he resumed his task, feeling sadder, more despondings than before.

During that entire day, the' it was intenses ly cold, and his hands felt keenly the biting frost, he labored incesantly and perseveringly ; yet notwithstanding this, when night came, his cruel task-master, instead of exhibiting tokens of satisfaction for what his young employee had done, affected astonishment that so little was accomplished. admonished the preceding chapter, Willie rose as soon as him to do more the ensuing day, then took him to the granary where he was kept till late in the evening to assist in filling moke.

That night, Willie sought his couch with an agony of feeling difficult to describe. Ha had hitherto experienced much of unkindness and neglect, but his present cup of affliction seemed the bitterest he had ever insted. was a burden, and he prayed for death deliverance from the enthrallment of series

and wrong. It was long ere sleep visited his even when at last, it came it bronght uneasy slow ber. Forms of bewitching lovelines would,

one moment, filt before his mind the pert he was exorcised by the apparition of some friends ful spectre. Under the delicious influence of ed to eat with their hired help, and directed the dream-god he was carried back to the to amuse himself with the exercise of chop- halcyon days, when he knew a mother along and a father's care ; when he played with brothers and sisters beside the mututing friend expected; but he obeyed without a brook, in the garden, the groves and forthing

The morrow came, as every morrow down

whether wished for or drended, and the treating shadows of the past night's darkness saw the wretched orphan busily engrand in performing his allotted duties. He morest with alaarity, but the perceptible approacher of sadness that rested upon his handhome face, betrayed the sorrow that dwalt within, Observing his melancholy air. Betty thout ingly observed:

What's the matter now it a mighty long face you wear this morning . guns work don't agree with your feelings first inte dom it ! It's good for lazy yagrania to fait the ourb and bit once in a while indeed it This petting young astice birges, and getting them fine clothes, only makes fools of them. what they aren't."

mv keeping. Now, Daniel, I do sincerely pray that the first intelligence that reaches me from my native place, after I reach my new home-may be-that you are dead ?" Byram gazed upon the speaker some mo-ments without speaking. "Moses," at length he said; " you are not " As true as heaven, Daniel, I am. When book for successing and the said there, a good teacher may have been " As true as heaven, Daniel, I am. When book for successing and the said to the schools while in the second strue as heaven, Daniel, I am. When book for successing and the schools while in the second strue as heaven, Daniel, I am. When the second strue as the heaven as the heaven as the second strue astrue as the second strue as the second strue The farmer was silent a moment, as it Said Wille .- "I would be confisced with busy with his thoughts, but very soon conspartment be said would be his sleeping theirs, but in the cheepless kitchen, and it course garments, were they warm and clean." room ; and after giving strict injunctions rel- consisted of fragments, the remainder of the -" Pabaw I your clothes are good encode tinued the stage of the task for course set "Any brother or sister 1" an anteriol. ... stive to the certain extinguishment of the family mealing and the family mealing of the family mealing of in ernest?" "Astrice as heaven, Daniel, I ad. When and there, s good teacher may have made a how you are dead I shall be happy, and not until them-so go on. Fill your jug; "Stop, stop, Moses, I can reform." "Stop, stop, Moses, I can reform." "Stop, stop, Moses, I can reform." "I have, sr." "I have, sr." "I have, sr." "I have, sr." "Astrice as heaven, Daniel, I ad. When must earn 'en; that's all I can tell reacher and there, s good teacher may have made a poerstice, and, to, the improvement of the mode at in bience und alone. "When must earn 'en; that's all I can tell reacher "With father and mother," and so, a capital in View in strateging the aster, is that of understop down by the diamal store to warm, his half "Went father and mother," and so, a capital in View in strateging the aster, is that of understop down by the diamal store to warm, his half "Went father and mother," and so, a capital in View in strateging the aster, is that of understop down by the diamal store to warm, his half "Went hasherd any if you down have to the orphar d'understop down have to the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster, is that of the bot state or the orphar d'understop down have to the orphar d'understop down have to the orphar d'understop down have to the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster wither to day the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster of the boy strange, "he can be orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster of the boy affailed to the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster of the boy affailed to the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster of the boy affailed to the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster of the boy affailed to the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster of the boy affailed to the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the aster of the boy affailed to the orphar d'understop down have a strateging the astrateging the aster of the boy affailed to the orphar d'understop

suit, allow you two dollars and fif ty cents per month." The little orphan sighed ; he felt a choking sensation in his throat; tears were ready to start, but he suppressed his emo-The dame addressed, a haggish, repulsive tion and replied in a falttering accents : " Well, perhaps it is the best I can do. I think I can carn more than the sum you ofthe commands of her liege lord, who, in the ry, I will take it."