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MY CROSS.

It is not heavy, agonizing woe,
Bearing me down with hopeless, crushing weight—
No ray of comfort in the gathering gloom;
A heart bereaved, a household desolate.

It is not sickness, with her withering hand,
Keeping me low upon a couch of pain;
Languishing each morning for the weary night,
At night for weary day, to come again.

It is not poverty, with chilling blast,
The smokes and the hunger-washed face;
The dear one perishing for lack of bread,
With no safe shelter from the winter's star.

It is not slanders, with her evil tongue;
"Not 'presumptions sin' against my God;
Not reputation lost, or friends betrayed;
That such is not my cross, I thank my God.

Mine is a daily cross, of petty cares,
Of little troubles pressing on my heart,
Of little troubles hard to reconcile,
Of inward struggles, overcome in part.

My feet are weary in their daily rounds,
My heart is weary of its daily care,
My mind is weary of its daily thoughts,
I pray for grace my daily cross to bear.

It is not heavy, Lord, yet all in pain;
It is not heavy, but 'tis every where;
By day and night each hour my cross I bear;
I dare not lay it down—'tis every where.

I dare not lay it down. I only say,
That, taking up my daily cross, I may
Follow my Master, humbly, step by step,
Through clouds and darkness, unto perfect day.

—Church Monthly.

MIDSUMMER.

To-day, the meek-eyed cattle on the hills
Lie grouped together in some grateful shade;
Or slowly wander down the grassy glade,
To stand content, knee-deep, in slippy mud.

The wandering bee, in far scattered haunts,
Buzzes its low, cheerful anthem, from care;
Great brilliant butterflies, fragile as fair,
Float gracefully above the gorgeous flowers.

The sun pours down a flood of golden heat
Upon the world; so hot and bright,
That the tired traveler, longing for the night,
Feels some cool shelter from the dusty street.

The cricket chirrup forth its shrill refrain;
The grass and all green things are sweet and dry;
The parrot shrill thrills for war, and men sigh
For cooling showers. All nature waits for rain.

Gales and Sketches.

NICK DUDLEY.

The pleasant village of Springdale was all

gone when Nick Dudley returned from California—

Nick the 'ner-do-well, who had run away

from his drunken old father's horse-whip ten

years ago, and now came back rich!

All the gossip of the little neighborhood were

in a perfect flutter. The young misses donned

their brightest smiles and most captivating

attitudes. The young fellows were furious with

envy. The minister introduced a period in his

prayer with special reference to "the wanderer's

rustic hamlet" when it was rumored and confirmed

that Nick had really got home.

The poor Widow Dudley had made her few

preparations for the event in fear and trembling,

for the scarcely expected from her runaway son

anything save a repetition of her reproachful

husband's neglect, yet she spread her little table

with the best her scanty store afforded, and

smoothed her faded gown with trembling fingers,

when she heard the ruffling of the stage wheels.

To Widow Dudley and to Nick himself, all this

hubbub and commotion were lost; neither of

them minded it a whit.

Nick bought back the old farm which his

paternal ancestor had succeeded in mortgaging

twice over before he luckily broke his neck;

built an addition to the farm house; flung out

his window here and a piazza there; planted

strawberry; drove his mother to meeting in a

new wagon, of rather rakish and sporting

appearance, behind the fastest pair of chestnut

mares ever seen in that country. But he civilly

declined all invitations to tea-parties, sewing

circles, and quilting bees; was inviolable at

town meetings and fancy fairs; asked no one to

visit him, returned no calls, and in fact, as pretty

Miss Langford remarked confidentially to Lizzie

Hopkins, the Deacon's daughter, "behaved

more like a savage Injun, or a horrid old miser

than a decent Christian, and the handsomest

in Springdale, to boot."

One or two of Nick's old schoolmates, who

ventured to introduce themselves to his presence,

told strange stories of the interview, and of the

wonders to be seen in the apartment where the

returned Californian received them, politely,

to be sure, but coldly as an animated idiot. They

speak of walks hung with rices, Indian bows

and rich furs; of cabinets filled with outlandish

bits of rocks, which sparkled in the sunlight

like diamonds; of silver-mounted pistols, bar-

baricopons and bits; diabolical Mexican idols,

carved of solid gold; of gorgeous cloaks hung

over great eek antlers; of Indian scalps, tri-

umpanly stretched upon hoops drenched with

vermillion, and of Nick himself, strangest of

all—all and swart, with his great beard

and dreamy eyes, and ugly red scar athwart his fore-

head; never flushed nor disconcerted; his voice

sweet as a woman's and full of tenderness when-

ever he spoke of or to his old mother.

Folk wondered that he should come home if

he couldn't conduct himself a little more socially

and neighborly; and indeed, many surmised

that he would not have returned at all had it

not been for his mother.

But at any rate, there he was, and they must

joying life in his own way, despite all that was

said of him and his goings on.

At last the war broke out. The young men

volunteered by scores—by hundreds—by thou-

sands. Weeping mothers packed their kits and

said "God bless you." Sad, broken circles met

around homely boards in the brown farm-houses.

For old fathers, with stern faces and sad hearts,

strained every nerve to make both ends meet

while the "boys" were away fighting, and

sweethearts and wives sat themselves down to

weep over husbands and lovers marching away

for the cruel swamps of Virginia.

In the midst of it all, a report began to spread

that Nick Dudley was a secessionist. And in-

deed, his conduct was somewhat suspicious.

Before the storming of Sumter, he was heard

to say a dozen times that he "sympathized with

the misguided Southern brethren." Since that

momentous era, he had held his tongue, never

joining in the excited rhapsodies of his neigh-

bors in the village schoolhouse; attending no war

meetings; offering no money for the cause, and

doing nothing to encourage enlistments. It

looked bad, certainly. At length the public feel-

ing ran so high that Nick heard of it, but he

only laughed, calling them a pack of fools for

their pains, and said he would give his opinions