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SELECT POETRY.

CHILDREN. BY FANNY ASHBROOK.

know it is sweet, the gay song of a bird— It tells of a nature both joyous and free; But the laugh of an innocent child I have And that is the spirit of sweetness for me.

opens the fountains of gladness within. And leap into life, streams of virtue and love; Oh! where is the wretch, e'er so hardened

in sin

That the smile of a beautiful child could not move.

Let them shake their bright locks in the fro liesome wind-Let them laugh, dance, and shout in the soulight of mich: Oh! seek not their light, glowing spirits

bind;
'Tis a view of the holiest freedom on earth uch music of soil, who would wi Logly has Or sadden the light of that mild sunny eye? As soon would I curb the wild rivulet's gush Or blot out a star from the face of the sky,

Oh, in my heart there is cherished above All o hers a wish that will cli g to the last. Tes that I may sojourn with children and love When my bark on eternity's shore shall be cast.

Bright pledges of truth, from the land of the To show us what angels must be they are For our Saviour hath taught us (of all lesson the best)

That "truly of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

HONOR TO THE TOILING HAND. All honor to the toiling hand,

Or in the field or mine; Or b. the harnessed fire or stream, Or on the heaving brine. Whatever foom, or barque, or plow, Hain wrought to bless our land;

Or given around -above -below, We owe the toiling hand. Then honor - honor to the toiling hand! It battles with the elements,

It breaks the subborn sward; It rings the torge-the shottle throws-And shapes the social board, It compacts clime—it stems the wave— And bears from every strand

Gifts of the torling hand. Then honor honor to the toiling hand! From the United Service Journal.

> THE WILL. BY A COUNTRY CURATE.

of the intamity regiments which had been hours were passed this fly in the library, as be lost." seriously engaged in the late campaigns in his father's study was called. He seldom the east, and in which there was one for was with them except at meals. Money had whose weltare I, at least, had off red many been lost from his desk before, and, the a prayer. I was at breakfast when the night prior to his departure, a sum of monparagraph met my eye, and as it stated they ey, amounting to nearly one thousand five would disembark and march for Deal that hundred pounds, in notes, had been taken day, I sprang up, and, in less than half an from his desk. It had been drawn from the hour, was on board of one of the river stea- bank that day to meet bills on the house .mers, proceeding to Gravesend: My anxiety whilst on board was intense, as the the father, "and had been out for a short agent of the regiment, from whom I got my quarterly intelligence, not having received the last returns, could not inform me whe- It was safe; he said, swhen the clerks left ther my friend was alive or not; but that he and survived the late desperate engage- it." barkation. It he is not with head-quarters a few small notes, in a box of his. I have I thought, they at least can inform me not seen him since." I at this moment in-where he is. Such were my thoughts as I voluntarily raised my eyes to Mrs. Herstepped from the vessel on the pier and bert's face; she was very pale, and tremproceeded to the whart, where the soldiers; roin some unforseen delay, were at the observed one among a group, who, by his introduced myself, informed him that I had aware of it, he had quitted the house, and come from London that morning to inquire after a young gentleman who had left his home and enlisted in his regiment about ten years previous, named H roott.

"He is alive," replied the colonel, who was the person I had a idressed; "there he is," pointing to a sergeant at a little distance from us. "Can I be of any further service to you ?"

"You can, sir," I sail, "of the greatest. His ather died within the last few days, and I have reason to believe he is heir to considerable property. The will is to be opened to-morrow, and his attendance would be necessary."

"He shall certainly go with you," replied the colonel, and calling the sergeant to him, he said-"Herbett, you can deliver over your arms and accourrements to the care of your company, as you have my pernission to proceed to Lendon with You have a week's leave:

then join the regiment at Deal." The sergeant was rather surprised, thanked the colonel, saluted and retired. "He does not appear to know me,"

said; "yet he was young when he left home—merely a lad."
"The lad," replied the gallant colonel, gaily, "has been turned into a brave soldier. You see he has three medals on his breast. Having handed the colonel my card, I thanked him for his kindness, retired from the group of officers, and waited the return

of my young triend.

The father of my companion had been an extensive merchant in the city. He had one only son, and had inherited extensive property at the neath of his parents, and being of business habits had increased it during his lifetime. He had married, when about thirty, a young lady who had brough happiness to his roof. Their union had been blessed with two children, the second of whom died in infancy: the first,

his house during the lite of his lady, had her notice was attracted by it. of en dined with him since her death, and spirits, and was not at all surprised, one day after dinner, when he mentioned to me loved by the domestics for his mild disposition on the had serious notions of the domestics for his mild disposition on the had serious notions of the domestics for his mild disposition on the had serious notions of the domestics for his mild disposition and unassuming manner. I am now valuable—more so than I require. My

would conduce to his happiness.

In a new months after the was united to a lady whom I had not known previously, and, about the same time, young Herart was recalled from school, and occupi d a desk in his father's other, with the inten- der of your illness," and advised her, withmarriage, and for some time after every- assistance of a friend, the statement was was very attentive to business, and was left her some money, and promising to call constantly employed during the day at his in next day, we departed. I took my desk. Being constantly in the habit of see- friend home with me, and obtained a proing him, I remarked, after some time, that mise from him to keep the affair secret for he did not appear so cheerful as before, I the present. attributed it to couffie new and took 10 In a short time after, I communicated the further notice of it. But I was wrong: affair privately to Mr. Heroert, telling him other circumstances caused it; but of this I had arways doubted the lan's guilt. A.

I knew nothing.
Another son had been born to Mr. Herbert, and, about the time when Robert attained his seventeenth year, I had occasion to leave town about a fortnight, and on my return the fir t news my house keeper had for me was that y ung Robert had left his fath r's house, after having attempted to conceive him guilty of such an act." rob him in money of nearly fif een handred pounds, which had been discovered concealed in his room, and that he had net since been heard of. If he had been my would soon be home, he in been out nearly own son the blow would not have fallen the ity years. "I have writen to hing" ed. Mrs. Heroert was with him; alse, the again." little boy, her son. He appeared much dethe morning papers announced the arrival though apparently he was very attentive to

"He was the last person in the office," said time: On his return, he came to me and inquired if I had removed it. I had not -

the office, but he had forgotten to remove We searched the desk : it was not ment he was certain, and had marched with there: From private information, I searchhis corps en ro de to the Presidency for em- ed his room and found the money, except oled. I knew n t what caused me to think that there had been foul play somewhere. time landing from the poats. Looking He denied having removed the money, said round me to see who a I might aldress, I Mr. Heroert, "Some other person must have done it, he said. I sat d wn in a bearing, I took to be the commander. I chair," continued Mr. H roert, overpowinstantly went towards him, and having ered by the discovery, and, before I was is now nine days absent, and I have heard

> nought about hun." The whole affair appeared very strange to me. Although appearances were against him, I believed him innocent, and stated as much. I considered it impossible for one reared as he had been, to change on the instant from good to evil, and particularly such a person, who had shown such an in-

clination to a clusion and work. "Have you endeavored to trace him?" inquired.

"vo," was the answer, and we dropped the subject, as I saw it evidently pained

I returned home that night in poor spirits, as I loved the lad: I stood for him in baptism, and believed him innocent, and determined to leave no stone unturned in pursuit of the fugitive: Suffice it to sav, I traced him to Chatham, where he entisted, and, subsequent to his em arkation, I recrived accounts of his safety from the agent to the close of the war; yet I did not mention the circumstance at the time to his father, who was still ignorant of his s.n's fate:

his departure, when one night I was called upon, as curate of the parish, to attend at the bed of a dying female. She had, the messenger informed me, begged of me to go to her, as she had something to communicate. I immediately left home, accompa-nied by the messenger. On my arrival at in the city, I was ushered into a misera'd room, where lay the poor woman. On her seeing me, she thanked me in a feeble voice for my kindness in visiting her.

"I wanted you particularly, sir," she many years. I we had to communicate a colone to chair, who took him by the hand at the Hart ord Institute fair, for the best circumstance to you which has long lain and wished him happiness, and added, that silk stockings.

Robert, was the cause of my tisit to Grave- heavy on my heart. It I had mentioned it he had intended to have brought his name send. Movert Herbert had lost his mother before, the innocent would have been spar-before the commander-in-chief for his gai-winen about hine years of age, and with ed." She had been a servant in Mr. Her-lantry in India, but now it would not be her both Mr. Heroert and his son lost all that made their home happy. Deeply was she lamented by both; but time and attention to duties in a slight degree inured Mr. Heroert to his loss, and soon after young absence, which she doubted not was the Roort, was removed to one of the best schools in an adjoining county.

I had always been a constant visitor at

saw, with great uncasiness, the change that it had oven remarked by the servants, that having imbited a love for it during his miliwas daily taking place to his health and Mrs. Herocrt did not appear to be friendly tary career. He often writes to me, and again marrying. I strongly advised him two years away from my place, she con- wants are few, yet, as I have no family, the to do so, as I considered at the time it tinued, "through ill health, and my little savings have supported me."

I cannot describe my teelings during the

recitat of the foregoing.
"My poor triend," I replied, "I will take care you want nothing during the remain- cause. was, in every respect, such a son as a ta- to the foregoing effect, which I would draw ther might be proud of. I attended at the up. She assented, and having procured the but she has never answered my letter. thing went on smoothly enough. Rosert regularly tramed and witnessed. Having

ter he had seen the woman's confession, he

"And I have been fostering a viper in my bosom," exclaimed the unhappy man; "and my poor boy forever lost to me! must have been beside myself at first to

h avier on me. I was bewildered, and i comi u d, "directing him to return to Engwas some time before I recovered compo- land with his corps, as everything has been sure enough to vi it my poor friend. I found out—that his character was cleared found him sitting by the fire when I enter-

"You have proved yourself a friend to jected. After the usual welcome, and some me, my dear sir," replied Mr. Herbert, common place conversation, I brought the mand, as my health is daily declining, I subject of his son's absence to his notice, will privately get another will drawn up. wishing to know from himself the truth of Mrs. Har a ri shall know nothing of these the case. He informed me that, for some circumstances. She knows where my will peas? "Only sugar," was the reply Fraun-Whilst anxiously waiting intelligence time previous to his son's feaving home, the was consulted. A plan was soon archemothar the was very attentive to a regiment on its way to Europe, he morning papers announced the arrival though apparently he was very attentive to this dreading plates of peas from the table to the closet. at Gravesend, on the night previous, of the the duties of the counting-house, and spent act. However, I shall withdraw the will head-quarters of the corps. This was one very little of his time abroad. His hisure -I shall do it to-morrow-not a day must

A new will was placed beside the old one, and Mr. Herbert breathed his last six days before his injured son landed in Eng-

My anxiety on the river to Gravesend now accounted for, and I fondly pressed young Robert's hand when he came to me on the regiment marching off.

"You did not appear to know me,"

"I knew you, sir, and received your let ter in India," he replied. "I could never con eive," he continued, "who played me that villainous trick. I thought I did not deserve it from any person. I never could have left India had it not been for your let-

He was aware of his father's death, the pilot having brought some papers off the

On our arriving at the hotel we wer rather surprised to find the colonel there before us. He informed me that he was going to town, and, if he could spare time, as he had my card, he would call and have breakfast with me next morning, and be present at the opening of the will.

The colonel having ordered post horses, he insisted on our proceeding with him, and on our way to town I acquainted him and my young friend with all the circum-

stances of the case. Next morning the colonel arrived, and it eleven I proceeded to Mrs. Heroert's. the colonel saying that the sergeant and he would join us at tw Ive. Several friends of the deceased were assembled on my arrival, and, a little before twelve, the colonel sent up his card, and enter d the drawing-room, accompanied by the sergeant, who, on the colonel's seating himself, stood beside his chair. After a little time I went to the room where the will was, accompanied by the magistrate who had witnessed the deed and Mrs. H rhert, broke the seals, and brought the small desk to the drawing room. I broke the seal on it: The servants of the house had been called in. took out the small drawer, and the first I noticed among a number of papers was a note ad iressed to myself, directing me to e e his last words comp'i d with.

I op ned the old will, which I placed on the talle. It had been torn into four parts, with the word cancelled written in a large hand on every page, verified by signature. The n at paper was the woman's contesand took out his last will, which I read aloud. A b queathed all he possessed in the world to his injured son Robert Herbert, then serving as a soldier in the regiment of foot, su ject to a legacy of £100 a year to his willow, the same to h r son, the house, situate in one of the dark lanes with a further sum of £200 to him on his attaining his maj rity, and a few legacies to particular. I then introduced my young friend to all present. To paint the astonishment portrayed on every face would be te with a impossible; all eyes were turned to the heir, who stil remained standing near his

his father, purchased an estate, and spends "I feared to say a word about it before the greater part of his time in travelling, surplus goes to the poor.

Though I have often pondered on the subject, I could not account for the infatuafor all, yet cupidity must have been the She retired to an obscure village where she was unknown, and where she tion of following the footsteps of his parent.

Out a moment's delay, to send for a magistier traite, and, in his presence, sign a statement bert's request, to inform her she might draw on me at any time she felt short of money,

> GENERAL WASHINGTON IN NEW YORK. AN INCIDENT OF BY-GONE TIMES.

At the corner of Broad and Pearl streets n an old-fashioned dwelling, Washington partook of his first dinner on entering the city of New York, after the war. Samuel Fraun ers was the keeper of the establishment Whi st the General had commanded in this city, he held his head-quarters at or near ferventry thanked his Creator that his son Richmond Hill. The same Samuel Fraunces superintended his hous hold, somewhat in character of the steward or surveyor. The female department was assigned to Mrs. Smith, who, for some time previous, had kept a boarding house in the city.

It is known that at the period, rebellion was considered as little less than treason, and that the destruction of a traitor, by whatever means, was "doing God service."

General Washington was peculiarly fond of treen peas, and the season had just arrived for their first appearing. As the covers were passing up stairs, just before the hour of dinmg. Frances being below, happened to observe a drummer, who in acting in the capacity of waiter, sprinkle something upon the tops of the plates of pear, that he had in charge. He followed him up stairs, and asked what it was that he had spread upon the Before the dinner was concluded, General Washington said to Fraunces. "But where are the peas you proposed to obtain for me?" The reply was "I'll inform you, sir, after din-

He did so; and General Washington sent for Dr. Craik, is attendant physician and friend, (the same who was with him at the time of his death, and to whom was bequeathed the bureau, or tambour-Secretary and circular chair, an appendage of Washington's study.) On the arrival of the Doctor, Frances produced the peas, and were ascertained to have been strongly infused with assenic The rommer was immediately taken into costo dy, and confessed the fact. He implicated Mrs. Smith as principal and two soldiers as accessories. Mrs. Smith fled to Long Island. and from thence succeeded in getting on board a British ship of war, and was no more heard of. The two soldiers were tried and acquitted, probably on the ground that the testimony came from a source too corrunt for belief, when not otherwise corroborated but the drummer was hanged, and it is fortu-

We have seldom heard of an instance of more beautiful simplicity than was evinced by a matter-of-fact witness on a riot-trial case down bust. What were the mob doing when you first saw them ? was one of the questions asked by the district attorney .-They was a singin', replied the withess .-Singin! exclaimed the public prosecutor what were they singin' about?' 'I don know. I.m sure, but they was a-singin', any how.' Well, what was it ? What were they saying! What did they seem to be talking about!' ,Wal, as for as I ree-collect,' replied the witness, they was a talkin about a man o' the name of Mr. Tucker, who refused to come home to tea ! This supreme specimen of ignorance and simplicity convulsed the whole court with laughter:

nate for his descendants that his name is un

Cours's r help laughing the other day at an anecdote of a man accustomed to make 'ong prayers, who had over-persuaded a guest, greatly against his melination, to stay to breakfast. He prayed and prayed, till his impatient guest began seriously to think of edging away quietly and walking oil; but in attempting it waked up the old man's son who was asleep in his chair. How soon will your father be through? whispered the guest. 'Has he got to the Jews yet?' asked the boy, in reply. 'No ' said the other .-Wal, then he ain't half through!' answered he boy, and composed himself again to his n.p. Wherenpon the gu at bolted at once."

Never matry a girl who is fond of being lways in the street-who is fond of running to night meetings-who has a jeweled hand and an empty head-whi will see her mother work and toil while she lays in bed and rouds novels, and feigns sickness

Mrs. Sigourney received two premiums

The following case of hypochondria has never appeared in print. It occurred in the private practice of Dr. Todd, the first physician to the retreat of the insane, in Hartford, Conn.

The susject of it was a robust, hardworking man, by trade a mason. He had, as he believed, oeen exposed to the conta-gion of the small pox. Under the impres-

combined with the depressing influence of lear, from anticipation of a fatal and loathsame disease, soon reduced his athletic sumed his business, and was never same disease, soon reduced his athletic troubled with the small pox internally.

Hartford Chronicle. of hypochondria. The time soon arrived when, according to his calculations, the small pox ought to make its appearance, but not a pock or pimple could he find upon himself. A new cause of apprehension now took entire possession of his mind, viz: that he had the disease internally, and that it was preying upon and destroying his system. Under this impression he consulted a physician, who, after listening to the history of his case, and making a careful ex-amination, assured him that his apprehensions were entirely groundless, and existed

only in his imagination.

This conclusion was far from being safeactory to the hypochondriac. He was one wanting in skill to discover and under- If the offence has been committed in public, stand the nature of his complaint. A secand and third was called, and both concurred in the decision of the first one. But the patient, as is common in such cases, would sooner believe the whole fraternity at tault than himself. The subject of menvice, confined himself to his room, and resigned himself to his fate. In the m-an ted almost to skin and bones. His friends now became seriously alarmed at his condition. The reputation of Dr. Todd, then residing at Farmington, although in early life had spread into the heighboring towns, and his peculiar talent for the management of mental diseases, which so endently qualified him to take charge of the insane,

had in numerous instances been manifested. A brother of the patient called on Dr. Todd and stated his case, and assured him to pass the house of the patient, and be called in as if by accident. The next day Dr. Todd was seen driving at his usual rapid rate through the street where the patient lived. He was hailed by the messenger, and in a tone of voice overheard by the sick person, requested to call and see his brother, who had for some time suffered from ill health. The doctor alighted, and was soon introduced to the patient, but was received without any recognition or act of civility, not even raising his eyes to look at him; nor could be, by any kind of attention or inquiries, elicit a word from

his sullen and despairing patient. With a tact peculiar to himself, the docor commenced a very minute and careful examination of the patient-first looking carefully into his ears, his nose, and his eves; then rising hastily from his seat, he ommenced walking the room, as if in the utmost astonishment, and could hardly credit his senses, at the same time ejacula-

ting in an under tone—
"Is it possible! Who could ever have

thought it? Can it be?" Then resuming his place by the side of the patient, he went through an examination still more minute. Again leaving his seat, he continued his coloquy-

and yet the like is not to be found in the records of medicine." By this time the patients's attention was

aroused, and, breaking through his taciturnity, he exclaimed—
"What! what! what is it, Dr. Todd?" "Why, sit, something very singular in your cate; but as I am not under any oblications to you for the discovery, I will keep it to myself. More than that, it is as

much as a physician's reputation is worth

even to advance such an opinion." "Doctor," said the patient, "I must know t. I will do anything in my power you isk of the, if you will only tell me!" "Well, sir," replied the doctor, "If I tell you, it must ever be a prolound secret be-

ween ourselves." To this the patient readily assented. "Then, sir," continued the doctor, "yo must know that you have the small por in-

ternally !"

In an instant, with all the strength h could command, the patient sprang from his chair, and seizing the dector by the hand, he exclaimed-"You are the doctor for me!

just what I have been telling the doctors, but not one of them would believe a word of it, Now, is there any remedy in such case! Is there any hope for me!"

"I think there is," said the doctor.—
"But mark me, everything depends upon closely adhering to my directions.

There are three ways by which this disease may be eradicated. One is by insensible preparation; another by internal renedice; and the third by bringing it out

spon the surface, in the form of an erup-"Let it be the last one," was the quick response of the patient. "Let me have ocular proof of the fact, and I shall be satisfied."

THE MAN WHO HAD THE SMALL POX IN- idly regained health and strength, at the same time taking some harmless medical preparation, which the doctor assured him would; in due season, bring forth the erupdoctor directed the house-keeper to strew the patient's bed with cownage, an article known to most persons for producing an eruption, accompanied with an intolerable itching when applied to the skin. His bed was thus prepared on the night in which sion that a spare diet would essentially mi- the doctor's skill was to be tested, and the tigate the viruience of the disease, from a patient retired to rest. He had not been full diet, in which animal food formed a long in bed, when, to his great satisfaction; targe share, he restricted himself to one entirely vegetable, and this in so limited a quantity as was hardly sufficient to sustain diately called for a light, and found the surline. This change in his mode of living, face of his body an entire blotch. Satisfied with the proof, he endured the suffering patiently until morning. Soon after, he resumed his business, and was never again

SWEDISH LAWS WITH RESPECT TO INTOXcation.-The laws against intoxication are enforced with great vigor in Sweden. Whoever is seen drunk, is fined, for the first offence, three dollars; for the second, six; for the third and fourth, a still further sum; and is also deprived of the right of voting at elections, and of being appointed a representative. He is, besides, publicly exposed in the parish church on the following Sunday. If the same individual is found committing the same offence a fifth time, he is shut up in the house of correction, and condemned to six mouths! not thus easily to be reasoned out of his hard labor, if he is again guilty, to a twelve senses. The physician was dismissed as months' imprisonment of a similar decription. such as at a fair, an auction, &c, the fine is doubled; and if the offender has made his appearance at a church, the punishment is still more severe. Whoever is convicted of having induced another to intoxicate himself tal hullucination rejected all medical ad- is fined three Collars, which sum is doubled if the person is a minor. An ecclesiastic who ialls into this offence loses his benefice; if he time his robust form had become attenua- is a layman who occupies any considerable post, his functions are suspended, and perhaps ne is dismissed. Drunkenness is never ad mitted as an excuse for any crime; and whoever dies when drunk, is buri d ign miniously, and deprived the prayers of the church. it is forbidden to give, and moth explicitly to sell, any spiritous liquots to students, work" men, servants, apprentices, or private soldiers. Whoever is observed drunk in the streets, of making a noise in a tavem, is sure to be tar cers.) the other half to the poor. If the delinquent has no money, he is kept in prison until some one pays for him, or until he has worked out his enlargement. Twice a year these ordinances are read aloud from the pulpit by the clergy; and every tavern-keeper bound under a penalty of a heavy fine, to have a copy of them hung up in the principal rooms of his house .- N. Y. Sun.

> A WISE LANDLORD .- One night a 'udge. a military officer, and a pricet, all applied for lodgings at an inn where there was but one spare bed, and the landlord was called upon to decide which had the best claim of the

"I have lain fifteen years in the garrison at B.," said the officer. "I have sat as Judge twenty years at R.,"

said the judge. "With your leave, gentlemen, I have stood in the ministry twenty-five years at N.,"

said he priest. "That settles the dispute," said the land; lord. "You, Mr. Captain, have lain fifteen years; you, Mr. Judge, have sat twenty years but the aged pastor has stood five and twen-"It is a fact! There can be no mistake, ty years; so he certainly has the best right to the bed."

> Tunning .- "I understand, Mr Jones, that you can turn any thing neater than any man

> "Yes, Mr. Smith, I said so." "Well, Mr. Jones, I don't like to brag, but there is no live man on earth that can turn a a thing as well as I can whittle it."

> Pooh, nonsense, Mr. Smith, talk about your whittling, what can you whittle as well as I can turn it ?"

> "Any thing, every thing, Mr. Jones. Just same the article that I can't whittle that you can turn, and I will give you a V. if I don't do it to the satisfaction of all these gentlemen present."

"Well, Mr. Smith, suppose we take two grindstones, just for a trial; you may whittle and I will turn."

AWFUL .- The Clearspring (Md.) Sentine of Saturday, says:--- A young man named Cox, who was working in a lock, on the secen-mile bottom, during the cold days of last week, became somewhat provoked by the cold, and presumptuously proclaimed, "he wished he was within the gates of hell, so that he would be out of this cold world. In five minutes afterward a portion of the sarrounding rocks and earth fell in upon him, killing him installity. What an awful warning to blasphemers.

It is estimated that there have been built the United States, from the year 1824 to the year 1348 2310 steamboars. The present rate of steamboat building is about 200 per amount.

Tue Epiron of the Providence Star has The patient was ordered to resume a seen the man who minds his own business.