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BY H. H. STODDARD.

My uncle Philip, hale old man,
Has children by the dozen;
Tom, Ned, and Jack, and Kate and Ann—
How many call me "cousin?"
Good boys and girls, the best was Bess;
I bore her on my shoulder,
A little bud of loveliness
That never should grow older!
Her eyes had such a pleading way,
They seemed to say, "Don't strike me;"
Then, growing bold, another day,
"I mean to make you like me."
I liked my cousin, early, late,
Who liked not little misses;
She used to meet me at the gate,
Just old enough for kisses!

This was, I think, three years ago—
Before I went to college;
I learned one thing there—How to row,
A healthy sort of knowledge;
When I was plucked (we won the race),
And all was at an end there—
I thought of uncle Philip's place,
And every country friend there.
My cousin met me at the gate;
She looked five, ten years older—
A tall young woman still, sedate,
With manners cover, colder,
She gave her hand with stately pride,
"Why, what a greeting this is!
You used to kiss me." She replied,
"I am too old for kisses."

I loved, I loved my cousin Bess;
She's always in my mind now;
A full blown bud of loveliness—
The rose of womankind now!
She must have suitors; old and young
Must bow their heads before her;
Vows must be made and songs be sung
By many a mad adorer!
But I must win her; she must give
To me her youth and beauty;
And I—to love her while I live
Will be my happy duty;
For she will love me soon or late,
And my bliss of blisses,
Will come to meet me at the gate,
Ner to be too old for kisses.

HOW LITTLE WE KNOW OF EACH OTHER.

How little we know of each other,
As we pass through the journey of life,
With its struggles, its fears and temptation—
Its heart-breaking cares and its strife!
We can only see things on the surface,
For a few people glory in sin,
And an unruffled face is no index
To the tumult that ranges within.

How little we know of each other!
The man who to-day passes by,
Blessed with fortune, and honor and titles,
And holding his proud head on high,
May carry a dread secret within him,
Which makes of his bosom a hell,
And he, sooner or later, a felon
May writhe in a prisoner's cell.

How little we know of each other!
That woman of fashion, who sneers
At the poor girl betrayed and abandoned,
And left to her sighs and her tears,
May, ere the sun rises to-morrow,
Have the mask rudely torn from her face,
And sink from the height of her glory
To the dark shades of shame and disgrace.

How little we know of each other!
Of ourselves too little we know!
We are all weak when under temptation,
All subject to error and woe;
Then let blessed charity rule us,
Let us put away envy and spite—
For the skeleton grim in our closet
May some day be brought to the light.

Tales and Sketches.

THE MASON'S ORPHAN DAUGHTER.

In a late visitation which we made to one of the Orphan Homes of this State, we found among the interesting groups of fatherless inmates of the institution, a sweet-faced little girl of some eleven summers, whose mild blue eye and simple, womanly manners, at once attracted our attention, and kindled within our heart, as is somewhat natural in such cases, an inquisitive desire to know something of her history.

The wonderful attractive power which some persons possess, and which is often found even in the eye and contour and manners of the young, seems to wear the mystic blandishment of some weird land. There is an unearthly beauty in the personnel, and wand power of immediate influence in the individual spirit which but few can resist. It comes over us like a divinity, and fastens our admiration as with the tethers of an irresistible affinity.

It was this sort of a soul-subjugation which came over us when we looked into the eyes and apparent angel character of this little orphan girl as she sat among the rest, as if she were but a common lamb of the fold, with the helpless and innocent consciousness that she was only an orphan child, homeless and friendless, and without a single bright star to illuminate her unknown future.

To us her condition seemed a sad one—without father or mother, brother or sister, and alone in the world, with no guardian power over her save that of the sympathy of public charity.

When the songs and prayers of the evening were over, and the orphan family had retired to their respective chambers for the night, we began out questioning with the kind-hearted matron, who herself is the relict of a Masonic brother whom we once knew, and who in her present position is doubtless the right woman in the right place.

'What is the history of that little blue-eyed girl,' we asked, 'who sat here to our right this evening during devotional services?'

'Oh, that is Annie Torrey, one of my favorite pets. Isn't she an interesting child?' the Matron asked.

'Indeed she is, but where is she from?' we inquired.

'Her little short life-story,' responded the good woman, is full of interest, and I might add even of romance, too, for she is an English-born child, and here in this city lost both her father and mother within a year. She had two little brothers, but they are since dead, and Annie is now the only one left of the entire family.'

'She is indeed a fair and beautiful child,' we replied, 'and her very soul seems to speak through the soft and mild beaming of her eyes.'

'Does she seem happy here?' we inquired.

'Why, yes, this is her native disposition. It seems to be natural with her to be easy pleased, no matter what turns up.'

'Do you know anything of her parentage, further than that she is of English birth?'

'Why, yes,' she replied; 'I have heard that her father was a Master Mason, and came to this country to better his fortune as a machinist, and for some time worked in this city. But, poor man, he and his wife both died within a year after coming to this country. Their possessions were small, and by the time they had passed through their sickness and death, there was nothing but their three children left behind.

With a sympathy of soul for the poor little orphan daughter that was even painful, we bid the good matron adieu for the evening, with a promise of attending the Sabbath services the next day in the institution.

We could but think when lying down for the night how melancholy and hopeless is the prospective destiny of the tens of thousands of orphan children which are to be found scattered over the country. We thought devoutly, too, of the 'All-seeing eye,' and wondered if there was not an especial assurance given to such in that old Jewish inspiration, "When thy father and mother forsake thee, then the Lord will take thee up." Surely if God pities the poor, there must be some special hope for the helpless orphan in the divine compassion. Life's relationships are often sad at the best, for men and women are weak and frail, and too frequently are wanting in education and intelligence, as well as in self-government, and even with their children around them, they are often far from being happy. They fail to recognize the richest gifts of heaven, and draw closer upon themselves the sorrows of life, when they should only be drinking of its most pleasurable realities.

The next day in the Chapel of the Orphans' Home we again met the Mason's orphan daughter. She was dressed in her plain Sunday suit of buff calico, with a neat little ruffle of the same color round her neck, which was partially hid by the beautiful cluster of auburn curls which hung down her back.

The children all looked well and appeared to be happy, and we joined with them in their Sabbath school services with much more than ordinaay interest. Little Annie sat near us, and we had a fair opportunity of noticing her intelligent readiness in answering questions, and when the school closed, by permission of the Matron, we had a long and interesting conversation with her in regard to what she knew of her history.

'Do you remember, Annie,' we asked her, 'your father and mother?'

'O, yes, sir,' said she, 'as well as if they had only died yesterday.'

'What do you remember of England your native country?' we inquired.

'Why, sir I remember Manchester, the place where I was born. My grandfather and grandmother and Uncle James live there, and I often think,' said she, with an air observable, 'if my dear parents had remained there we might all be living yet.'

'You have no relatives in this country,' we asked.

'No! one,' she answered promptly.

'Would you like to go back to England?' we inquired.

'Indeed I would,' she affirmed.

'Well, then, why don't you write to your relatives to send for you? Wouldn't they do it?'

'Yes, sir, I think they would,' she responded.

'Do you know, Annie,' we asked her with some delicacy, 'whether your father was a Mason?'

'No, sir, she responded, 'he was a machinist.'

We could but smile at her simplicity, and explained, by asking, 'if he was what they call a Freemason?'

'I think he was something of that sort,' she responded, with a laugh, 'for I have in my little trunk up stairs a purple apron, which has a good many things on it which I don't know anything about. I found it in one of our drawers after mother died, and as I thought it was very pretty, I kept it ever since.'

I asked her if she would please go and get it, and let me look at it.

She flew up stairs at once like a little bird, and in a few moments returned and spread out upon my lap a very well preserved Master Mason's apron.

'Was this your father's, Annie?' we inquired.

'I presume it was,' said she, 'though I don't know what he did with it. I have often taken it out and looked at it, and thought it was something that belonged to the machinists.

'No, Annie,' we assured her, 'this is what they term the apron of a Master Mason, and we presume your father held this relation to the Craft in England.'

'It may be, but I don't know,' said she, 'for I was only eight years old when we left England, and I never saw it until my mother died, when I was nine years old.'

'And you have kept it ever since?'

'Yes, sir, for since Joseph and Fleming died, this is nearly all I have left of anything that belonged to our family.'

That Masonic apron was a relic worthy her tenderest regards, for it gave to others, whom she knew not, an interest in her, which perhaps nothing else in her possession would or could have done, for she was soon made known to several as the Mason's orphan daughter, and with the little light which she could give, a correspondence was opened up by Brother Gentry, of Terre Haute, with Annie's friends in Manchester England, and the probabilities now are that ere the new year of 1874 dawns upon us, she will be under the genial roof of her grandparents in the land of her birth, where, it is hoped, that the loneliness of her orphanage will be forgotten in the loving smiles and tender caresses of her own blood kin.

"Thus found alone on bleak and foreign shore."
An orphan child is carried home once more."

Masonic Advocate.

HAVE A PURPOSE.—Don't start out in life as a sheep-dog does, without knowing where you are going to. Load for the game you are hunting for. It is as easy to be a man as a mouse. It is as easy to have friends as enemies. Every one can see something. Their is enough to do. Their are railroads to construct, inventions to be studied, ideas to advance, countries to conquer, offices to be filled, wealth and position to acquire, a name to win, a Heaven to reach. Yes, there are lots of work to do, and each should do his share.

MEN who travel barefooted around a newly carpeted bedroom, often find themselves on the wrong tack.

Miscellaneous.

RITUALISM IN ENGLAND.—The one thing that the English people at large—the mass, that is to say, of the attendants upon the Anglican Church—destest is popery: and John Bull, the type of that multitude, therefore detests every thing which is directly associated with popery. He has no head for æsthetic argument. When he sees in a church lighted candles upon an altar and vases of artificial flowers, and boys swinging censers of incense and marching in procession before a file of clergymen, and ministers in colored and flowered robes, and genuflections and sprinklings and bowings, he sees the Scarlet Woman—the trail of the wooden shoe is over it all. It is true that he too kneels and bows and bows and rises; that his minister reads the service in a white robe and preaches the sermon in a black one, and sprinkles water upon those whom he baptizes, and unites with a ring those whom he marrits. These two are symbols, like those from which he recoils. Essentially there is no difference except in number and elaboration. If he bows once, why not twice? If he kneels to receive the elements because of their consecration kneel to them on one knee or two as they lie upon the table? If he will tolerate water as a symbol, why not fire? And if he will allow a gold ring to symbolize union, why not suffer incense to symbolize adoration? If he quotes texts, the ritualist, who is a scholar polemic, quotes others. If he ventures upon argument, he must justify his own ritualism. And he therefore falls back upon his original conviction that the acts which he condemns are the practices of popery, and that if he is to see them in his own church, he can see no difference between that and a mass-house.

This was the feeling from which Puritanism sprang in England, as Dr. Bacon shows in his late admirable and instructive book upon the *Genesis of the New England Churches*. Of course it could not be exactly logical in detail. It originally rejected the sign of the cross in baptism, the use of of the ring in marriage, and kneeling to partake of the communion. But the surplice was especially abhorred as the sign of a priest with supernatural functions, instead of a minister of the Gospel. As Dr. Bacon says. 'To the ignorant people who were disposed to hanker after the old ideas it had as real a meaning as the 'wearing of the green' has now to Irish Fenians.' The question was not then, nor is it now among the most strenuous opponents of ritualism, one of taste, or temperament, or religious enthusiasm, or a more or less ornate ceremonial. The symbols which are questioned and refused are those which are peculiar to the Romish worship, and when many of those who insist upon them most warmly, as in England, frankly declare that they wish the English Church to be reconciled with Rome, ritualism comes naturally to be regarded as Romanism, and in Milton's phrase,

"New Presbyter is but old Priest writ large."

The action of British Parliament in passing the Public Worship Bill was anti-ritualistic, and shows clearly that the sentiment of the English people is intensely hostile to any sign of a popish revival. The possible consequences are very serious, for they may revolve the secession of a large number of Churchmen like Dr. Pusey, and by dividing or impairing the strength of the Establishment may precipitate the question of disestablishment, which involves that of disendowment. In this country, where fortunately there is no direct connection between church and state, the question has still a political interest, for a breach in the Episcopal Church which should throw any number of persons or societies into the arms of Rome would so far strengthen the political purposes of that Church. Every ritualist naturally regards the religious control of schools as of the highest importance, and tends to the theory that ecclesiastics are the best public school teachers. This is not an American view, and we should be very sorry to see it become powerful. The very decided action of the law branch of the Convention shows how positive is the opposition to the tendencies of which ritualism is believed to be the mask. Mr. Gladstone does not admit that these tendencies are rightly interpreted. He derides the importance which is attached to the "utterly hopeless and visionary effort" of a handful of clergymen "to Romanize the Church and people of England. I cannot persuade myself to feel alarm as to the final issue of her crusaders in England, and this although I do not undvalue her great powers of mischief."—EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR, in *Harper's Magazine for January*

A CORRESPONDENT of the Pittsburg *Gazette* seems to think the coming winter will be an ordinarily severe one, with a moderate amount of snow,