

IN THE GLASS.
The village of Slapton was as quiet as a village can be. There were few people in it, and the congregation that gathered every Sunday at the parish church came broadcast over the surrounding country.

He had been gone about a week when Mattie was coming down the street, if street it could be called, the doctor's housekeeper was standing at the door with a paper in her hand. When Mattie drew near the old woman cried out:
"Law a mass, Miss Mattie, but do 'er just read this paper. My own eyes binna so good now as they onceest was," and the old lady held out a crumpled newspaper.

On the 24th inst., at the parish church, Manchester, James Robertson, M. D., only son of Peter Robertson, M. R. C. S. and L. S. A., of Manchester, to Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Jefferson, of Bolton.

For a moment Mattie was speechless with mingled feelings. Then she remembered that this garrulous old woman must not see her hair.

And summoning up all her resolution, she said:
"If you write to him wish him much happiness for me."
In the solitude of her chamber she reflected as to how she should proceed. She had to love where she had not loved—to give her heart unasked!

Still, she never told her love—the secret was her own and she could keep it inviolate and meet him in his return without flinching.

And although she had no power to part her heart from her heart, she could and would prevent her mind from dwelling upon him.

One morning she heard that the doctor had come home. She was standing in amongst her roses with a basket of roses on her arm, when Dr. Robertson passing up the road with a lady.

He lifted his hat to her, and she tried to return his salutation as she would any other friend, but somehow the warm blood came to her cheeks and it was a stiff and unfriendly smile that she gave him.

When she entered the room with a basket of roses on her arm, the doctor might well be excused if he wondered which were the fairer—the rose in the basket or the rose with the basket.

"Yes, I know," she said; "I saw your wife walking with you this morning."

"Did you, indeed?" he said, while a smile of quiet joy lit up his face.

"Why, did you bring beans?" Uncle Ichabod said. I must be to bring beans.

"Did he? Why he must have brought a mistake. No two were to bring anything alike."

"I never had so much trouble baking beans in all my life," said another lady. "I'm sure they won't be fit to eat."

"Who is it?" asked several at once. "Why, the chap who served a train from being wrecked," was the reply.

"Come, tell us about it," they demanded, as the small man crouched in the heroic deed should be brought out under the glare of the blazing kerosene lamp.

After much persuasion, reinforced by a still further of applejack, he began.

It was just such a night like this—bright and clear—and I was going home down the track, when, right before me, across the rails, lay a great beam. There it was, pale and ghastly as a lifeless body, and light as it appeared, I had not the power to move it.

A sudden rattle and rattle told me that the night express was coming down, and I soon would reach the fatal spot. Nearer and nearer it approached till, just as the cow catcher was about lifting me, I sprang aside, placed myself between the obstruction and the track, and the train flew on unharmed."

The silence was so dense for a moment that I might have heard a dew drop. Presently somebody said: "What did you do with the beam?"

"I didn't touch it," he replied; "but I touched me."

"Well," persisted the questioner, "if you couldn't lift it, and didn't touch it, how did it get over the track?"

"Why, don't you see?" said the sad faced man, as he arose from his seat and slid toward the door. "The obstruction was a moon beam, and I jumped so that the shadow of my body took its place, and—"

"If it had struck the body of the retreating hero, there would have been a much bigger greasypot fresh on the panel."

Continental reading is apt to injure the sight. Such reading as confines the eyes without interruption to the page is more injurious to the eyes than such as requires occasional pauses in reading. When the scope of thought—novel reading—harder on the eyes than history or philosophy. A broad page taxes the eyes more than a narrow page, unless it is divided into two or three columns. Writing is easier for the eyes than copying, as in the latter work one reads as well as writes, and compares the copy with the original. Reading on the cars, or while in motion; is injurious to the eyes, as they are strained in trying to overcome the shifting of the page. Reading in an uncertain, changing, or flickering light is trying to the eyes, and should be avoided.

Mothers Should Know It.
Fretful babies cannot help disturbing everybody, and mothers should know how soothing Parker's Ginger Tonic is. It stops babies' pains, makes them healthy, relieves their own anxiety and helps to ease their Journal.

It is much better to have the ventilation of our dwellings under control than to have a constant inpouring of air, no matter how cold it may be. The windows, especially in houses built as cheaply as possible, let in all around and rattling draughts, and where all the air is so much that it is impossible to make the room comfortably warm. By checking this inflow of cold air from without, the same amount of fuel that before failed to make the room warm enough, will be so much more effective that considerably less coal or wood will be burned. "Weather strips" of various kinds have been invented to be used around windows and doors for the purpose to which we have referred. The essential part of these is a narrow strip of rubber, which is made of fabric attached to a strip of wood or metal, which may be fastened to the window in such a manner that the rubber will cover the cracks between the sashes and frames, and elsewhere. These strips are very useful, but are not to be had in all places, besides, while not obtaining everywhere, nor is it the best substitute for the window strips. By passing strips of paper around the sashes the current of air can be kept out quite as completely as by any other method. Brown paper, which is well known to all, and if the job be neatly done, it will not be unsightly. When no longer needed, the paper may be pulled off after it has been wetted with warm water. One sash in each room should be left for necessary ventilation, and some movable strip, such as the one we are now offering, should be used to close its cracks if necessary. A strip of board or plank, covered with some fabric, to be used at the crack at the bottom of each door, will be found very useful.

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