(The following is a little late in the season but is good enough to warrant publication.) The mistress mused by the glowing fire When the year was in its wave; And the frozen poughs, as the wind blew

Knocked at the window pane, higher, Like a gust unbidden, and long delayed, Who hummed thro' his beard, as he, knock ing, stayed,
A tender chromatic strain.

The firelight glimmered on book and bust, And the curtains fern wrought sweep Swelled and swayed in a sudden gust As the door unclosed,—and like one asleep She saw how a long procession came, and Man, and maiden, and stately dame, As if each had a tryst to keep.

A tryst, with the house that was once their own, A tryst, one night in the year,

Where their sweetest hopes that budded and grown Where the Lord had drawn so near In birth and in death, in gain and in loss,

And fell them with manna that dropped from the cross, When the days were empty and drear.

Tenants of by-gone years were they, Holding their tenures one hour again ; Living their lives in the old time way,-Burying, wedding, toiling as then; Greeting their guests with a welcome kind, Eating life's apple all clean from the rind

Then calling it bitter, like men, The bride, in her weil like a blossomy mist, Come silently up the stair, The bridegroom beside, but they shuddered

L wist, At the sound of beseeching prayer; At the sobbing wail of a funeral bymn, And their fair young faces looked pale and

By the funeral torches' glare.

Softly the dirge died away on the ear, The rooms were all lit and ashine With jewels and eatins and woman's gear Fashioned in quaint design; And the voices of viols rang loud over all, While the feet of the dancers were swift to

the call And the goblets brimmed over with wine Ah, the lights were soon quenched, the viols

all mute, The red wines all spilled on the floor, The garlands all withered and dead under-

The guests flown away—as a breeze Whirls the ghosts of a thistle away out of

sight— When the chimes of the New Year rang out on the night With a master hand touching the keys!

The mistress mused by the waning fire, While the bells kept ringing on, Saying and singing, "O soul aspire From the plane of the year that is gone; The dust of old errors slake off at ils bier, Gird thyself for the new one, and so thou

wilt hear The voice of the Lord in the dawn !"

## THE CURE FOR GOSSIP. >

What is the cure for gossip? Simply, culture. There is a great deal of gossip that has no malignity in it. Good-natured people talk about their neighbors because, and only because, they have nothing else to talk about:

As we write, there comes to us the picture of a family of young ladies. We have seen them at home, we have met them in galleries of art, we have caught glimpses of them going from a bookstore, or a library, with a fresh volume in their hands. When we meet them, they are full of what they have seen and read. They are brimming with questions. One topic of conversation is dropped only to give place to another, in which they are interested. We have left them, after a delightful hour, stimulated and retreshed; and during the whole hour not a neighbor's garment was soiled by so much as a touch. They had someshing to talk about. They knew something, and wanted to know more. They could listen as well as they could talk. To speak freely of a neighbor's doings and, belongings would have seemed an impertinence to them, and, of course, an impropriety. They had no temptation to gossip, because the doings of their neighbors formed a subject very much less interesting than those which grew out of their knowledge and their

And this tells the whole story. The con firmed gosip is always either malicious or ignorant. The one variety needs a change of heart and the other a change of pasture. Gossip is always a personal confession either of malice or imbecility, and the young should not only shun it, but by the most thorough culture relieve themselves from all temptation to indulge in it. It is a low frivolous, and too often a dirty business. There are country neighborhoods in which it rages like a pest. Churches are split in pieces by it. Neighbors are made enemies by it for lite. In many persons it degenerates into a chronic disease, which is practically incurable. Let the young cure it while they may, Scribner's for January.

### GRAVES OF THE PRESIDENTS.

The remains of three ex-Presidents, says the Springfield, (III.) Journal, rests in Tennessee-Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson. Five-Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Tyler—repose in Virginia -Two-John Adams and John Quincy Adamsin Massachusetts. Two-Van Buren and Fill more-in New York; William Henry Harrison in Ohio; Zachary Taylor in Kentucky; Pierce in New Hampshire; Buchanan in Pennsylvania, and Abraham Lincoln in Illinois. In all we have had eighteen Presidential terms of of four years each, of whom only the present incumbent survives. At some period in the future an effort will probably be made to gather up the scattered remains of our Presidents and reinter them at the seat of government .-Whether their descendants and the States enough to consider when the proposition shall by letting them shine unsolicited upon you. come up in due form.

Wards purchasing some of it.

A GEM.

The following little paragraph, which a friend hands us, contains a whole volume of truth and suggestion, and it well studied and acted upon would prevent much unhappiness in this world and prove a most effectual remedy for much that now exists in South I was a respective

It is the easiest thing in the world to be happy it men and women would only think so -Happiness is only another name for love, and where love exists in a household, there happiness must also exist, even though it has poverty for a close companion. Where love exists lings, and left pretty nluch to their own misnot, even though it be a palace, happiness can never come. He was a cold and selfish being who originated the saying that "when poverty comes in at the door love flies out at the window," and his assertion proves conclusively that he had no knowledge of love; for unquestionably the reverse of the axiom quoted is the door, love, true love, is more than ever inclined to tarry and dowbattle with the enemy. Let those who imagine themselves miserable before they find fault with their surroundings search in their own hearts for the true cause. A few kind words or a little forbearance will often open the way to a flood of sunshine in a house darkened by the clouds of discord and unamiability. They pulled a track to the left her

#### LIMIT YOUR WANTS.

From the nature of things the income of most of the inhabitants of the earth must be limited, and indeed to very narrow bounds. The product of labor throughout the world, if equally divided, would not make the share of each individual large. It is impossible that every one should be called rich. But it is by no means impossible to be independent. And what is the way to compass the "glorious privilege," as Burns appropriately designates it?-The method is very simple. It consists in one rule: Limit your wants, make them few and inexpensive. To do this would interfere but little with your real enjoyment. It is mostly a matter of habit. You require more, or you are satisfied with less, just as you have accustomed yourself to the one or the other. Limit your wauts, estimate their cost, and never exceed it, taking pains always to keep it inside of your income. Thus you will secure your lasting independence. Young men, think of this. A great deal of the happiness of your lives depends upon it. After having your money spend it as you choose, honestly; but be sure to make it first.

#### CHILDREN'S WINTER CLOTHES.

There is such gross neglect of some of the planest rules of common sense and health in the dressing of children, that one can hardly sufficient warmth about their bodies, where waists and skirts are made of numerous thickness, but the extremities are almost always dressed in too thin or too few garments. Remember that no woolen, stocking is sufficient protection for a leg below the knee. There must be added either trousers, or leggings or warm under drawers. For a little girl there should be a complete under suit of flannel (cotton and wool or soft all wool) composed of long sleeved waist and long drawers, (anklefitting) buttoned together at the waist. Over this full colored flannel drawers, buttoned around the leg below the top of the stockings, are not too warm. Warm drawers are always more sensible than so much warmth in skirts, which should be as light and scant as convenient on account of weight.

## AN OLD TIME BELLE

Imagine what a sensation a lady would create in these times should she make her appearance dressed in the following costume, a description of which is taken from "Malcom's Anecdotes:" A black silk peticoat, with a red and white calico border; cherry-colored stays, trimmed with blue and silver; a red and dove colored gown, flowered with large trees; a yellow satin apron, elaborately trimmed; a muslin head dress with lace ruffles; a black silk scart and a spotted silk hood. "Such was the costume worn by a lady in 1708." Further on we read of ladies' head dresses costing from one to two hundred dollars. A great deal has been said about the extravagance of women of the present day; but the modern belle would stand aghast should she be asked to pay two hundred dollars for a bonnet; and it is doubtful whether, the expensive head gear referred to was any more becoming to the wearer than the jaunty and stylish hats worn now by the "girl of the period."

## GOOD ADVICE.

All the young women in the country would do well to heed the words of Bishop Foster, addressed to the graduating class of the Wesleyan Female College in Cincinnati. He said: "Learn your obligations to the past, be careful ot the present, and prepare yourself for the great future before you. The reign of brain has come. Though you may not be found on the battle-field or at the ballot-box, you can build up the fulure by building up the men. You live in a particularly exciting time, when you have placed in opposition to you one of the greatest vices, and you women will conquer if all of those of your sex who are real women, will combine. Beware of coxcombs and libertines. They are fools, whether they know it or not. By your conduct toward them send them from your presence. Reserve your love and learts for men. Be not what is known as u fashionabie woman. There is nothing so foolish as such a women, and none but tools admire lier."

The way to be happy is not to try too much which now hold their remains will consent to to be so. You cannot catch sunbeams if you their removal is a question that it will be time try, but you may enjoy their light and warmth

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BAD LITERATURE FOR THE YOUNG

In our own country the conditions of the growth of this bad kind of literature for boys and girls are to be seen, some of them at least, lying plain upon the surface. There is the rapid increase of the population; the diffusion of the capacity to read among the classes whose circumstances are in other respects most unfavorable to the formation among them of proper standards of taste and good feeling; and there is the fact that the young have of late years been turned out early to earn their livguidance. Whether a state of civilization like that of London and New York can exist without "social deposits" of such a kind that these or similar conditions will always be reappearing in some shape, is a question on which opinions will differ. But we believe it is certain that the existence of this vile literature, whethnearer the truth. When poverty comes in at er for old or young, is a comparatively recent phenomenon. There appears to have been nothing like it (of course the same thing could not have then existed) when the late Dr. Kitto was engaged in those struggles after something to read which he has so admirably recorded; and there seems to have been nothing like it when the Queen came to the throne. At that date there was much more broad indecency in caricutures and in popular literature for adults; but that is a very different matter. Now-a-days we have flourishing in vile luxuriance whole jungles of literature, chiefly for the young, such as Mr. Anthony Trollope and Mr. James Greenwood have, each in his own way, described in magazine articles.

The alarming and dispiriting part of the case is the gradual spread upwards in what is called the social scale, of this sort of trash. Any observant person may notice low, newspapers and low periodicals in houses of a pretension which would seem to point to something a great deal better. Respectable people-people who have influence in vestries and on school boards-may every day be seen spending money on fine dress and furniture, and, while they go regularly to church and maintain all the respectabilities, taking in journals and magazines that one would beforehand suppose to be quite beneath their notice. It is indeed undeniable that the last ten years have witnessed a general lowering of the standards in all strictly popular literature. There is more ameteur or half-ameteur literature; there is more false and vulgar sentiment, even where there is what is called "pure Christian teaching;" and everywhere there is a pandering to the appetite for luxury and worldly success.

It is, perhaps, in the popular literature of America that we see the least favorable examples of the manner in which recent conditions of living affect literature for the "masses." It is certainly to America that we must go to see mention too often the necessity of dressing the barefaced instances of pandering, and the growing children too warmly. There may be most ingenious evasions of the higher literary responsibility.

### MOTHERS OF REMARKABLE MEN.

In reading the pages of history we are struck with the fact that our remarkable men possesed mothers of uncommon talents for good or bad, and great energy of character. It would almost seem from the circumstance that the impress of the mother is more frequently stamped upon the boy, and that of the lather upon the girl-we mean the mental, intellectual impress, in distinction from the physical one.

It is said of Sir Walter Scott's mother, that she was a very small, plain, well educated woman, of excellent sense, very charitable, and a great lover of poetry and painting, and, on the whole, a superior woman. This is evident, from the writings of Sir Walter, that he had uncommon gifts in word painting.

It is said of Byron's mother, that she was a proud woman, basty, violent, and unreasonable, with no principle sufficient to restrain her temper. Unhappily, Byron inherited his mother's inflammable temper, and instead of being subdued and softened by the harshness with which she often treated him, he was rendered more passionate by it. Thus we see that this infirmity, which by gentleness and kind treatment might have been greatly checked, if not cured, was suffered to enslave one of the most talented, brilliant, poetical minds that has ever been shown among men, entailing a life of misery upon its possessor, and an early termination to his career.

The mother of Bonaparte was a woman of great beauty and energy of character. This last trait has been strikingly exemplified, throughout his whole life.

The mother of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, was a woman of moderate personal attractions, but in every other respect she was a very remarkable woman. She was blessed with a singular equalimity of temper, and her religious feelings were constant and deep. She used to give wings to the weary hours of her checkered life by chanting old songs and ballads, of which she had a large store. Her perceptions of character were very quick and keen, and she lived to a good old age, rejoicing in the same of her poet son, and partaking John's. f the fruits of his genius. all a facility !

Lord Bacon's mother is said to have been a woman of superior mind, of great learning and deep piety.

Little is said of the mother of Nero, except that she murdered her second husband, the Emperor Claudius, about forty years after marriage. How strangely does the mother of Nero the ancient tyrant, contrast with the mothers of some of our modern philanthropists and statesman ! The mother of Washington, for instance, whose name is familiar to every reader of history, the mother of John Jay, who deserves a place by the side of Washington.-Mrs. Jay is sail to have had a cultivated mind a fine imagination and an affectionate temper.

The mother of Patrick Henry was a woman of great excellence of character, and marked by superior conversational powers. Hence. doubtless, the oratorical gift of her son.

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