# The Young folks.

#### Luck and Labor,

Luck doth wait, standing idly at the gate-Wishing, wishing all the day; And at night, without a fire, without a light, And before an empty tray, Doth sadly say;

"To morrow something may turn up; To night on wishes I must sup."

Labor goes, plowing deep the tertile rows— Singing, singing all the day; And at night, before the fire, beside the light, Doth gladly say: "To-morrow I'll turn something up;

To night on wages earned I sup. -Caroline A. Soule, St. Nicholas for March

#### The Cares of Wealth.

Once upon a time there were two brothers that lived in the same town. The one, named Assad, was very rich, for God had prospered him, and he had houses, and lands, and much money besides. But the world had not been so propitious to his brother Selim, for he had to earn his bread by hard daily labor. But for all that Selim was the happier of the two. When his day's labor was done, he would come home and, after a frugal meal, take down his tamborine, and sit under the shade of the vine in front of his little day's transactions. cottage, and sing and play to himself, or amuse his family and friends; without sorrow or fear. Whereas his rich brother would have people coming to him at all hours, talking of business and bargains, and would spend long evenings poring over his accounts, and counting up his gains.

Now both the brothers were married, and, as you will readily believe, the wife of each used to point her husband to the more favored condition of the other brother. And so it happened that one evening Selim's wife spoke to him as fol-

"Look, my husband, how well-off your rich brother Assad is, he dresses well, has a good table, and keeps his wife like a lady; and well he may with all his riches; keeps our bodies and souls together."

"Well, my cousin," said Selim, so God has ordered it, 'the fingers of the hand are not all of one length,' as people say; neither is the condition of all men equal."

have been thinking that your brother might, out of his abundance, help you a little in the world; and I have no doubt he would if you spoke to him."

arother song.

The very same evening, as it happened, trouble about wealth ¿ See how happy your brother Selim is, notwithstanding his poverty, while you have not an hour you can call your own to enjoy the pleasures of your home."

"Would you like to see us both equally and an egg over."
happy?" asked her husband. Even after he

So he merely said "Good," and turned | mutter:again to his accounts.

The next day Assad sent for his poor brother, and, after the usual salutations, said to hersaid to him:-

do a favor to you."

"May God increase your goods," said Selim; "I shall always be grateful."

"Well, now," said Assad, "I would like to see you as well-off in the world as myseli; and as you know things start with small beginnings, I propose to give you a small capital to commence with in some lucrative business: and I have no doubt that, with God's blessings and your own industry, you will soon prosper."

"I am at your command," said Selim, and shall be ever grateful."

"Nay," said his brother, "there should let us suppose that I give you (excuse my mentioning it) fifty or sixty piasters to start with. Let us see how you may turn over your capital. Yes to be sure" a new thought struck him-"look at eggs just now. They are selling for six for a piaster in the town. No doubt you could, in the villages, buy eight, nine, or ten for a plaster, and sell them in the market at a good profit. How does that appear to

"My brother," said Selim, "as I have already submitted, I am at your service to do as you command."

So Assad handed him a sum of money, without counting it, saying. "May it be

To which Selim replied, "The blessing is from you, and may your own goods be

Next morning Selim, having provided himself with a basket and turned his money into small change, set out for the villages. Wherever he saw chickens running about, he would call out:-

"Ho! you that have eggs to sell. Ho! such an one, have you eggs to sell?" And those who had eggs to sell, would

answer, "Come this way."

aster? Don't you know that eggs like walked away.

these are selling at eight for a piaster in town, and we have all the trouble of carrying them?"

And so he would conclude a bargain at nine for a piaster.

Or if the eggs were larger he would shake them, hold them up to his eye before the sun and declare them to be bad. and so forth, till the bargain would be concluded at eight for a paster.

But when the price came to be paid, there would sometimes be an egg wanted to complete the even tale, or he would not have small change to make the account; and as Selim could not write, he would leave the balance to be settled tomorrow or the next day when he should again come round.

By mid-afternoon he had nearly filled his basket and emptied his bag of money, and found it time to retrace his steps that he might reach home by sunset. And so, as he went along the road, he began to go over the items or outstanding accounts, muttering to himself as follows:—

"The woman at the well has to give me one egg; the black woman behind the nrill has to receive five paras; the keeper on the khan owes me two eggs; Hadji Mustapha received two piasters in advance," and so on, going over the whole

At the door of his house his wife met him with the salutation:

"Welcome, welcome; please God you have prospered."

To which he replied, "God is kind," and depositing his basket he prepared for

During supper he recounted to her all his proceedings; and when the table was removed, instead of taking down his tambourine as usual, he proceeded to lay out his eggs and arrange them for the market and take stock of his money.

"There are so many eggs," he said, "let us see what they cost me. At the first village I paid three piasters less a quarter -say three—then two-and a half; three and two aud-a-half make five-and-a-half; five-and-a-half and one-and-a-quartersay one, for there was a quarter beforehow much is that? Six-and-a-half; and while you toil all day for what barely and then two-and-a-half—say two, because half a piaster remains due-eightand-a-half."

And so on he went for a long hour, counting up the sums spent in the different villages, checking himself and revis-"That is very true," she said: "God is ing his calculations, till his head became above all; but there is also a saying, that the world rests upon agencies, and I an account is this!"

The neighors wondered that night whether there was sickness in Selim's "Perhaps," said Selim, and struck up house, because there was no sound of music as usual, and the light was seen burning till far into the night. Selim sat Assad's wife said to him.—"My lord, long at his account, and the last thing what is the good of all this care and his wife heard as she dropped off to sleep

> "Seventeen eggs at nine for a piaster, how much is that? two piasters and an egg short; twenty-five eggs at eight a piaster, how much is that? three piasters

ppy?" asked her husband. Even after he did get to sleep, his To which she replied, "Yes, indeed I dreams were of his day's business; for his wife was wakened by hearing him

"Seven-and-three-quarters and three less fifteen paras; how much is that?"

So, when he got up in the morning, vawning and rubbing his forehead, he

"My cousin, if this is the way to be My brother Selim, I have a mind to rich, it is cerainly not the way to be hap I think we were better before." "It may be," said his wife, who had

had a poor night's rest herself. So he determined, with her full consent, to wind up this egg business, and stick to his old habit of earning his daily bread.—Leisure Hours

# Child's Faith.

"God's been here to day, mamma? He's been down our lane," said a sweei little boy we call Bert. "What makes you think be no obligations between such as we are; so, dear?" asked mamma. "Because this is incumbent on me. Well, then, yesterday there was not a single pussy willow and now there are lots of them! Nobody could do that so quick but God, mamma." "No, Bertie; all the great men in the world could not make a branch of pussy willow in a lifetime—not make a branch if the lived a hundred years.— the dead branch to life with His rain and sunshine in a few hours. While we are sleeping He brings out these lovely fuzzy, little buds, and covers the ground with violets and May flowers. You are right, my dear; God has been here, mak ing the world beautiful with Spring. He is here, too, when the wind blows, and the snow falls, and when the thunder roars, and the lightning flashes. He is always here, doing His mighty works, and teaching us His greatness and good-

> Children have intuitions as well as grown people; and when a youngster is told that he can have two crullers, he waits till his mother's back is turned, and then his intuitions teach him to anticipate the time when he will want two

"Hold my horse," said a young unstart, If the eggs offered for sale were small as he reined up at a har-room, to a counhe would say:

"Oh me, how small they are; these are surely pigeon's eggs; and what may you be asking for these?"

"We are selling them at seven for a piaster," they would say.

"What do you mean by seven for a piaster?"

"Hold my horse, "sald a young upstart, as he reined up at a har-room, to a counhand sound provided in the proposed of the piaster," "Kick—no!"

"Bite—no!" Hold the bide, I say!"

"No, you fool! Hold the bridle, I say!"

"Well, if he don't bite or kick, and it don't take two to hold him, suppose you hold him, suppose you hold him, suppose you hold him yourself," and the countryman aster?

Don't you know that eggs like walked away.

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"Does he bite?" "Bite—no!" Hold the bide the bridle is a been been broch, and ear drops, pair elegant watch chain, ladies' handsome brooch, and ear drops, pair elegant watch chain, ladies' handsome brooch, and ear drops, pair elegant gold stone sleeve buttons, set spiral study, collar button, heavy bridle!" "Does it take two to hold him!"

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