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Home Rending.

THE STRANGER ON THE SILL.

Between broad fields of wheat and corn Is the lovely home where I was born; The peach tree leans against the wall. And the woodbine wanders over all; There is the shaded doorway still— But a stranger's foot has crossed the sill

There is the barn—and, as of yore, I can smell the hay from the open door, And see the busy swallows throng, And here the pewee's mournful song, But the stranger comes, O! painful proof-His sheaves are piled to the heated roof

There is the orchard—the very trees That knew my childhood so well to please, Where I watched the shadowy moments run Till my life imbibed more of shade than sun; The swing from the bough still sweeps the air But the stranger's children are swinging

It bubbles, the shady spring below, With its bulrush brook where the hazels grow 'Twas there I found the calamus root, And watched the minnows poise and shoot, And heard the robin lave his wing—But the stranger's bucket is at the spring.

Oh, ye who daily cross the sill, Step lightly, for I love it still: And when you crown the old barn eaves, Then think what countless harvest sheaves Have passed within that scented door, To gladden eyes that are no more.

HOW WASHINGTON SET THE FASH ION.

It was possibly during his stay in New York in 1789 that Washington began to wear on his conch shell buttons, now in possession of Captain Lewis' daughter. A new fashion in dress, introduced by a President, is worthy of record, is no witness, save the Infinite and Eternal." especially when there is an interesting story connected with it. This story, related by Robert Lewis, illustrates two strikingly characteristics traits of Washingtons - generosity and economy.

A needy sailor with a wheelbarrow of shells accosted the general on the street, and, holding up a number of conch shells, implored him to buy thein. Washington listened with sympathy to the story of his sufferings and want, and kindly replied that he would buy them it he could in any way make use for them. Necessity perhaps sharpened the sailor's wits, and he promptly suggested that they would make lovely buttons for his velvet coat. The general doubtless smiled at the ingenious proposal, but agreed to try them. Carrying home his ocean treasures of pink shells, he sent for a button-maker to know if he could manufacture a useful article out of the pretty playthings with which he found himself encumbered. The workman replied that he could make the buttons if he could find an instrument sharp enough to pierce them. Washington would have nothing useless about him, and so the shells were delivered to the manufacturer, who in due time returned them to him in the shape of concave buttons, a little larger than a quarter of a dollar, with a silver drop in the centre biding the spot where the eye is fastened beneath. The President then astonished the republican court by appearing in a coat with pink conch-shell buttons sparkling in its dark velvet surface. Eighty years ago, it seems, fashion ruled in the hearts, or over the costumes of men and women, just as it does now-for Captain Lewis bears testimony that conch-shel buttons immediately became the rage. The shell venders' and button-makers' fortunes were made by the general's passion for utilizing everything that came into his possession.

THE BLESSINGS OF FUN.

As a people we are not particularly given to sobriety of demeanor. Mirthfulness and jollity may well be reckoned as among our promiment characteristics. We cannot be said to be without a certain amount of dry humor and wit of our own, and know the droll thing when we see it. We are glad when we are made to laugh in spite of ourselves. The man who says funny things week after week in the columns of a village newspaper becomes suddenly a popular favorite; and waking up some fine morning finds himself famous. The darling of the lyceum is the man who successfully mimics the foibles and follies of the times with a specie of fun dashing the satire of descriptions. The ballad that sings its way into everybody's heart has humor mingled in its pathos, and the preacher whose sermons are touched here and there with an honest good humor is sure to be sought by the masses. We will crave the rest and recreation that lie in amusement, and better than a hundred prescreptions from the pharmacopæia is the tonic our homes may be made interesting in a modthat hes in a hearty laugh. No one can deny ern way, provided we follow out our individual that there is a blessing in fun, and as we are constitutionally adapted to it we see no reason why we should not enjoy it, provided we do not carry the blessing too far.

THE BRICKS OF EGYPT.

The bricks of Egypt are still made of Nile mud, with an admixture of lime, straw and ushes; which are now burnt in kiths. An excellent lime is made of crushed stones, shells &c., put in alternate layers with wood and bramble to the size of a small room. This is set on fire, and care taken that the wind shall not blow into the pile.

In many parts the poor peasantry make bricks with clay and straw, and dry them in the sun, cementing the brick work with mud. it is plain that it would not be difficult to "dig through" a wall of this description. (Matt. vi 19-20.)

The Arab builders are as idle and indolent as most of their countrymen, and you may see these tellows sit at their work, wherever they get the chance. But perhaps, like the steel of Damascus tag slowness of the process renders the work the more durable and perfect, Bolo-

mon's Temple was forty-six years in building, and of this sacred edifice, of which the Lord Himself was the architect, it is not too much to suppose that of all that was best and most beautiful in material and work, nothing was wanting. And yet scarce a stone remains of this Divinely-designed work, while buildings executed ages, before, still reveal to us the treasures of history and their evidence of truth. How much do we owe those ancient builders! If their work had been less exact and solid, those records engraved on the old walls, which unfold a new world of knowledge to the Bible student, would have been wrought in vain.—Parish Magazine...-

A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT.

Shortly before his departure for India, the lamented Heber preached a sermon, which contained this beautiful sentiment:

"Life bears us on like the stream of a mighty river. Our boat glides down the narrow channel-through the playful murmuring of the little brook, and winding, of its grassy borders. The trees shed their blossoms over our young heads, the flowers on the brink seem to offer themselves to our young hands; we are happy in hope, and grasp eagerly at the beauties around us-but the stream hurries on, and still our hands are empty. Our course in youth and manhood a along a wilder flood, amid objects more striking and magnificent. We are animated at the moving pictures of enjoyment and industry passing us, we are excited at home short lived disappointment. The stream bears us on , and our joys and griefs are alike lest behind us. We may be ship wrecked, we cannot be delayed; whether rough or smooth, the river hastens to its home, till the roar of the ocean is in our ears, and the tossing of the waves is beneath our feet, and the land lessens from our eyes, and the floods are lifted around us, and we take our leave of the earth and its inhabitants, until of our further voyage there

TAKE A PAPER.

Nothing presents a sadder commentary upon the present condition of society than the large number of families, both in town and country, but more especially in the latter, that subscribe to no paper of any kind. Hundreds and thousands of families are thus growing up utterly ignorant of what is transpiring in the world around them—ignorant of the mighty events of the day. But who can tell the vast amount of injury that is being inflicted on the rising generation—those who are to take our place in the busy world at no distant day—growing up without any knowledge of the present or the past; this ignorance, too, being imbued into doubtless do, know better, did they only think of the injurious offsets of the injurious offsets of the injurious offsets of the injurious offsets of the injurious of the i doubtless do, know better, did they only think of the injurious effects of their insane course. Let the head of every family think of this, and place in the hands of those for whom he is responsible, the means of acquiring some knowledge of the moving panorama in which we act cour different parts—Good. Words

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HOUSES AND THINGS.

The mistake of this era in the history of 'household art and home decoration," lies, it seems to us, in the attempt to do too much with furniture. Ruskin, in one of his books, distinguishes between building and architecture. There are certain structures in which architecture should never be attempted. A grain-elevator, a store-house, a barn,—these are buildings, and architecture is out of place in them. There is no more reason why they should be beautiful than there is why a meal-sack should be beautiful, or a wheelbarrow, or a coal-cart. So it seems to us that there may be, and that there are, certain items of furniture which we may legitimately excuse from the duty of picturesqueness. If our carpets are less beautiful than rugs upon bare floors, if furnaces are less interesting than open fires, if the old-fashioned wash-bowl and pitcher are more picturesque than the plumbers' substitute, what of it? In which direction shall we make our sacrifices? Toward comfort and convenience, or toward picturesqueness of ruder times and smaller means? We advocate comfort and convenience, and leave others to do as they choose. The modern advocacy of beauty, in connection with all articles of furniture and house-hold convenience, reminds one of the child who insists on making play of everything.—who cannot take a mouthful of food without making it in some way a source of amusement.

To come to the practical point, a home may be interesting without being more than moderately beautiful, and may be more than moderately beautiful without being interesting at all. If we rely entirely upon furniture for the interest of a house, - if we make furniture picturesque at the price of comfort and convenience, ideas, and do not fall back upon the conventionalisms of the manufacturers. But the most interesting things in a house should never be its furniture. Given convenient furniture, that shall be picturesque when convenient, the question whether a home shall be greatly interesting relates mainly to other things-to books, pictures, objects of art, bric-a-brac, and treasures of various sorts, in fact or in association. We can point to homes whose furniture attracts no attention whatever, but which are absorbingly interesting through the artistic products of its members. The more the culture and taste of people are expressed in their homes through various modes and forms of art, the more interesting those homes will be; and the more a guest is compelled to forget furniture. except as it answers to the higher harmonies of the house, the better. The best things of an interesting home are never bought of a furniture dealer, though the most beautiful may be.

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