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"Part's Corner."

The Prayer of the Lowly. BY BROWNING.

From the recesses of a lowly spirit My humble prayer ascends. Oh, Father, hear it! psoaring on the wings of fear and meekness. Forgive its weakness. I know, I feel, how mean and how univerthy The trembling sacrifice I pour before thee; What can I offer in thy presence holy.

But sin and folly

For in thy sight, who every bosom viewest, Gold are our warmest vows, and vain our truest; old are our warmest tower, our lips repeat then houghts of a hurrying hour; our lips repeat then Our hearts forget them.

Te see the hand-it leads us, it protects us; We hear Thy voice -it counsels and corrects us: And then we turn away and still Thy kindness Pardons our blindness. And still Thy rain descends; Thy sun is glowing:

Fruit ripens round; flow'rs are beneath us blowing

And as if man was some deserving creature, Joy covers nature. Oh, how long, suffering Lord, hast thou delighted To win with love the wandering—Thou invited By smiles of mercy, not by frowns or terrors,

Man from his errors.

Who can resist Thy gentle call—appealing: To every generous thought and grateful feeling? That voice paternal—whispering, watching ever-My, bosom? Never.

Father and Savior! plant within that bosom. Those seeds of holiness and bid them blossom le fragrance and in beauty bright and vernal. And spring eternal.

Then place them in those everlasting gardens, Where angels walk, and seraphs are the wardens Where every thower that creeps thro' death's dark Becomes immortal.

took breakfast, standing, immediately on the shelf coming down stairs. At the hottom of tig from was a basy group. The shoemaker, who traveled this way twice a year, had appeared this morning, and was already engaged upon the skins which had been tanued on the farm, and kent in rendiness for him. He was insructing Oddo in the making of the tall. boots of the country; and Oddo was so eager to have a pair in which he might walk knee-deep in the snow when the frosts should be over, that he gave all his Norwegian peasant delights in—carving wood. They spoke only to answer Peder's questions about the progress of the work. Peder loved to hear about their carving, and to feel it; for We had been

as his sight lasted. Erlingsen was reading the newspaper, which must go away in the pastor's pocket. Madame was spinning; and her daughters sat busily plying their needles with Erica, in a corner of the apartment. The three were putting the last stitches, to the piece of work which the pastor was also to carry away with him, as his fee for his services of yesterday. It was an eder-down coverlid, of which Rolf had rocured the dliwn, from the islets in the ford frequented by the cider-duck, and Erica had woven the cover, and quilted ", with the assistance of her young la-

dies, in an elegant pattern. The whole party rose when M. Kollsen entered the room, but presently resumed heir employments, except Madame Eringsen, who conducted the pastor to the corn-brandy-the usual breakfast. M. Kollsen carried the plate, and ate, as he went round to converse with each group. First, he talked politics a little with his hast by the fire-side; then he complimented Madame Erlingsen on the excellence of her ham, and next drew near the girls. Erica blushed, and was thinking how she should explain that she wished his acceptance of her work, when Frolich saved

her the awkwardness by saying - We hope you will like this coverlid. for we have mode an entire new pattern, on purpose for it. Orga, you have the Pattern. Do show M. Kollsen how pretly it looks on paper.

M Kollsen did not know much about such things, but he admired it as much as

"I hope M. Kollson will accept it, said crica. The down is Rolf's present. Rolf rose, and made his bow, and said had had pleasure in preparing his small

M. Kollsen graciously accepted the the link up the coverlid, and weighed in his hand, in order to admire its lightless, compared with its handsome size; and then he bent over the carvers, to see what work was under their hands.

A bell-collar, sir, said Hund, showing piece of wood. I am making a complete set for our cows. A pulpit, sir, explained Rolf, showing

Rolf bids fair

good work, sir.' Exquisite, said the paston. I ques-tion whether our native carvers may not be found equal to any whose works we hear so much of in popish churches in bave his sore heart made sorer. I will other countries. And there is no doubt tell you, my dear, though there is no one of the superiority of their subjects. Look, else but our mistress that I would tell; at these elegant twining flowers, and that and she, no doubt, knows it already fine brooding edgle! How much better Hund was born and reared a good way to easy the heautiful works of God that to the south—not far from Bergen. In are before our eyes, than to make dura- mid-winter, four years since, his master ble pictures of the popish idolatries and sent him on an errand of twenty miles,

superstitions." The pastor stopped. A few words he the upper country. He did his errand: judged, would be better than more; and and, so far, all was well. The village peoother for it so happened that the very at a house he had to pass on his road—prettiest piece Rolfe had over carved was Hund was an obliging young fellow then,

when Erica heard M. Kollsen inquiring of Peder about his old wife, she started up from her work and said she must run and prepare Ulla for the pastor's visit. Pour Ulla would think heritage of the pastor's visit. Pour Ulla would think heritage of the pastor's visit. Pour Ulla would think heritage of the pastor of the sledge and the back of the sledge and the pastor of the sledge and the back of the sledge and the pastor of the pastor of the sledge and the pastor of the pastor of the sledge and the pastor of the p

Ulla, however, was far from having at the back of the sledge and any such thoughts. There say the old 'O, stop!' cried Erica, 'I know that woman, propped up in bed, knitting as fast as her fingers could move, and singing, with her soul in the song, though her voice was weak and unsteady. She was covered with an elder-down quilt, like the first lady in the land; but this luxury was a consequence of her being all of the conditions. That is what I came to FEATS ON THE FIORD.

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CHAPTER HI.

Claf and his News.

When M. Kollsen appeared the next morning, the household had so much of its usual air that no stranger would have imagined how it had been occupied the ing much of day before. The large room was fresh ling of the floor, and the clean appear.

The land; but this luxury was a consequence of her being old and ill, and it is thought Hund saw one about to spring at his throat. It was impossible for the horse to go faster than it did, for the window was glazed with thick flaky in went like the wind; but so did the beasts. Hund snatched up one of the children behind him, and threw it over the back of the sledge; and this stopped the horse to go faster than it did, for it went like the wind; but so did the children behind him, and threw it over the back of the sledge; and this stopped the pack for a little. On galloped the horse; but the wolves were soon crowding from any and a man beside himself with terror has srewn with evergreen sprigs; the break- ance of everything the room-contained,

> 'I thought you would come,' said Ulla. 'I knew you would come, and take my blessing on your betrothment, and my wishes that you may soon be seen with he did speak, was of wolves, for the three the golden crown. I must not say that days that he remained after his return. I hope to see you crowned; for we all Then there was a diestioning along the know and nobody so well as I, that it road, about the orphan children; and is I that stand between you and your Hund heard of it, and started off into the crows. I often think of it, my dear woods. By putting things together—Then I wish you would not, Ulla; you what Hund had dropped in his agony of know that.

I do know it, my dear; and I would attention to the work. Peder was twisting strips of leather, thin and narrow, into whips. Rolf and Hund were silently
by myself, how happy you may be—you
intent upon a sort of work which the and Rolf—while Peder and I are failing in time, and was taken in a boat, it is and dying. I only say that none wish for your crowning more than we. O Etica! you have a fine tot in having Rolf.

'Indeed, I know it Ulla.' Do but look about you, dear, and see temarkable for his skill in the art, as long how he keeps the house. And if you were to see him give me my cup of coffee, and with mercy; for that none need mercy so watch over Peder, you would consider much as the weak; and Hund's act was what he is likely to be to a pretty young an act of weakness.' thing like you, when he is what he is to 'Weakness!' cried two worm out old creatures like us.

Erica did not need convincing about these things; but she liked to hear them. Where is he now?' asked Ulla. 'I always ask where everybody is, at this season; people go about staring at the snow, as if they had no eyes to lose.—
That is the way my husband did. Do make Rolf take care of his precious eves, Erica. Is he abroad to day, my dear? By this time he is, replied Erica. I left him at work at the julpit—
Aye! trying his eyes with fine carving, as Peder did!

But, continued Erica there was breakfast-table, and helped him plentiful news this morning of a lodgment of logs by to reindeer ham, bread and butter, and at the top of the foss. [Waterfall;] and they were all going except Peder to slide them down the gully to the flord. The gully is frozen so slippery, that the work will not take long. They will make a raft of the logs in the fiord; and either Rolf or Hund will carry them out to the

islands when the tide ebbs." Will it be Rolf, do you think, or Hund, dear ?' 'I wish it may be Hund. If it be Rolf, shall go with him. O. Ulla! I cannot lose sight of him after what happened last night. Did you lear? I do wish Od-

do would grow wiser?
Ulla shook her heal, and then podded, to intimate that they would not talk of Nipen. And she began to speak of some-

thing else. How did Hund conduct himself yesterday? I heard my husband's account; but you know Peder could say nothing of his looks. Did you mark his counte-

nance, dear 'Indeed. there was no helping it any more than one can belp watching a stormcloud as it comes up.

o it was dark and wrathful, was itthat ugly face of bis? Well it might be, dear ; well it might be."

The worst was worse than all his dark books together O. Ulla! the worst was his leap and cry of joy when he heard what Oddo had Sore, and that Nipen was made our enemy. He looked like an

This is about Hund-what it is that weighs upon his heart." to carry some provisions to a village in

a bowl on which he had shown the wa- and he made no objection. He took the ter-sprice's hand and never was hand so little things, and saw that the two elder delicate as the water-sprite's) beckoning were well wrapped up from the cold .the heron to come and fish when the riv-er begins to flow. The third he took within his arms, clasp-ing it warm against his breast. So those

all the cruelty of a pack of wolves. Hund flung away the infant, and just saved himelf. Nobody at home questioned him, for nobody knew about the orphans; and he did not tell. But he was unsettled, and looked wild; and his talk, whenever mind, and what had been seen and heard on the road, the whole was made out, and

to pass for a northern man." And does Erlingsen know all this?'. 'Yes. The same person who told me told him. Erlingsen thinks he must meet

thought to Hammerfest. At any rate,

'Weakness!' cried Erica, with disgust. 'He is a coward, my dear; and death stared him in the face.' , I have often wondered, said Erica, where upon the face of the earth that wretch could be wandering; and it is Hund! And he wanted to live in this very house-,' she continued, looking round the room.

And to marry you, dear. Erlingsen would never have allowed that. But the thought has plunged the poor fellow deeper, instead of saving him, as he hoped.-He now has envy and jealousy at his heart, besides the remorse which he will carry to the grave."

'And revenge!' said Erica, shuddering. 'I tell you that he leaped for joy that Nipen was offended. Here is some one coming,' she exclaimed, starting from her seat, as a shadow flitted over the thick window pane, and a hasty knock was heard at the door.

You are a coward, if ever there was one, slid Ulla, smiling. Hund never comes here; so you need not look so frightened. What is to be done, if you look so at dinner, or the next time you meet him? It will be the ruin of some of us. Go-open the door, and not keep

the Pastor waiting." There was another knock before Erica ould reach the door, and Frolich burst in. 'Such news!' she cried-'You never eard such news." 'I wish there never was any news, ex-

laimed Erica, almost pettishly. Good or bad ? inquired Ulla. O. had-very bad,' declared Frolich. the looked as if she would rather have it than none. 'Here is company. Olaf, and she disdained to use any security the drug merchant, is come. Father did which he might not share. Olaf could not remarkable for giving up his own way. not expect him these three weeks.

Ulla. me a cure ? man's white hair smooth upon her fore-

and a watch set till this wicked vessel can on his heart.'
'I will tell you,' replied Ulla. 'You are not one that will go blabbing it, so that Hund shall meet with taunts, and that Hund shall meet with taunts, and that Hund shall meet with taunts, and the send a running message both ways; but here is something else to be done first.' be taken or driven away. He was going

'Another misfortune !' asked Erica,

got away in the summer, and poked her so he helped himself to some of each; and ery strong arm that could be mustered, should he do but come back? asked Madout of her den, on the fjelde. She is certainly abroad with her two last year's time, he was eating the medicines without. Of obeying orders. The girls promune the has now gone over the ridge to be out fishing, instead ame Erlingson.

Such was the cause of his way faces. If ed him a coward; and I color of begin to climb; and I watched his dark that to a coward, as well as a sluggard, begin to climb; and I watched his dark there was ever a hou in the path. Erica figure on the white snow, higher and highhe went on to Peder, passing by Oddo ple asked him, for charity to carry three of her being roused; and Rolf and Hund he would have been the invalid of the without a word of notice. The party orphan children on his sledge some miles have found her traces. Oddo has come house to day, from the quantity of rich had indeed glanced consciously at each on the way to Bergen, and to leave them running home to tell us; and father says cake he had gaten; but Oddo seemed to

> I tell you, we are all to grow stout on bears' feet. For my part, I like bears' feet best on the other side of Tronyem.' You will change your mind, Miss Frolich, when you see them on the table, observed Ulla.

That is just what father said. And he asked how I thought Erica and Stiorna would like to have a den in their neighborhood when they got up in the mountain for the summer. O. it will be mountain for the summer. O. it will be Dear Erica, said he, I want you to all right when the hunt is over, and the do a very kind thing for me. Do get bears are all dead. Meantime, I thought leave for me to go with Rolf after the they were at my heels as I crossed the

O, certainly. That is what I came to say. He is laying out his medicines, while he warms himself; and then he is coming over. He asked about you directly; and he is frowning over his drugs, as it is you are not choked.' if he meant to let them know that they must not trifle with you."

Ulla was highly pleased, and gave her directions very briskly about the arrangement of the room. When it was all arranged to her mind, she begged Erica to step over, and inform Olaf that she was

When Erica opened the door, she instantly drew back and shut it again. What now? asked Frolich. Are fore you come back. And be sure you Olaf is there, replied Erica, in a

whisper, 'talking with Hund' 'Hund wants a cure for the heart-ache.' Frolich whispered in return ; 'or a charm to make some girl betroth herself to him; -a thing which no girl will do but under a charm; for I don't beleive Stiorna would when it came to the point, though she likes to be attended to."

When Olaf entered, and Hund walked away Frolich ran home, and Erica stood elling doctor's opinion and directions. So I am not the first to consult you to rightly. day, said Ulla . It is rather hard that I should not have the best chance of lucks having been so long ill.

Olaf assured her that he would hear no complaints from another till he had given her the first-fruits of his wisdom in he came here from the north, and wishes this district of his rounds. Hund was quiet. only inquiring of him where the pirate schooner was. He was eager to know they were of, or whether a crew gathered from all nations. Olaf had advised. Hund to go and ask the pirates themselves all that he wanted to know: for there was no one else who could satisfy him. Whereupon Hund had smiled grimly, and gone back to his work.

When Olaf had heard all Ulla's complaints, and ordered exactly what she wished-large doses of camphor and cornbrandy to keep off the night fever and daily cough, he was ready to hear whatever else Erica had to ask, for Ulla had hinted that Erica wanted advice. 'I do not mind Ulla hearing me,' said

Erica. 'She knows my trouble.' · It is of the mind,' observed Olaf, solemply, on discovering that Erica did not desire to have her pulse felt. 'Yesterday was-I was-

'She was betrothed yesterday,' said Ulla, to the man of her heart. Rolf is

·Olaf knows Rolf, observed Erica .-An unfortunate thing happened, at the end of the day, Olaf. Nipen was insulted. And she told the story of Oddo's

brank, and implored the doctor to say if anything could be done to avert bad consequences. No doubt,' replied Olaf. Look here!

This will preserve you from any particular evil that you dread. And he took from the box he carried under his arm a round piece of white paper, with a hole in the middle, through which a string was to be passed, to tie the charm round the neck. Erica shook her head. Such a charm would be of no use, as she did not know under what particular shape of misfortune Nipen's displeasure would show itself. Besides, she was certain that notliing would make Rolle wear a charm not help her in any other way; but in-This is not bad news, but good, said quired with sympathy when the next fes-Who knows but he may bring tival would take place. Then, all might be repaired by handsome treatment of and across the lake he went. We will all beg him to cure you, dear Nipen. Till then, he advised Erica to Ulla,' said Frelich, stroking the old wo- wear his charm; as her lover could not be the worse for her being so far safe. head. But he tells us shocking things. Erica blushed: she knew, but did not There is a pirate vessel among the islands. say, that harm would be done which no She was seen off Soroe, some time ago; charm could repair if her lover saw her but she is much nearer to us now. There trying to save herself from dangers to

Erica: the question which Oddo was ask-

faintly.

'No; they say it is a piece of very good fortune;—at least for those who like bears' feet for dinner. Sometimes separately; and always in er has lighted upon the great bear that got away in the summer, and poked her so he helped himself to some of each; and got away in the summer, and poked her so he helped himself to some of each; and got away in the summer. The girls promuue.

Sometimes together, and bear was surprised, and Madame come back' come back' when bear husband would be wanting every strong arm a hat could be mastered, his serving those to be out fishing, instead ame Erlingson.

He has now gone over the ridge to the north. I saw him moor the boat, and the north. I saw him moor the boat, and the north. I saw him moor the boat, and the north. I saw him moor the boat, and the north. I saw him moor the boat, and the north.

he must get up a bund before more snow share the privilege, common to Norwedangers in the stord of such as went and is the way you will lose your falls, and we lose their tracks.

Boes he expect to kill them all? quantity, without injury. His wry faces had heard—

I warued you, and many others as giddy were from no indigestion, but from the savor of assafælida, unrelieved by brandy. Wooden dwellings resound so much as

to be inconvenient for those who have secrets to tell. In the porch of Peder's house, Oddo had heard all that passed within. It was good for him to have done so. He became more sensible of the pain he had given, and more anxious to repair

bears. If I get one stroke at them-if I can but wound one of them, I shull have a paw for myslare; and I will lay it out for Nipen. You will will you not?

'It must be as Erlingsen chooses, Oddo; but I fancy you will not be allowed to go just now. The bears will think the doctor's physic-sledge is coming through the woods, and they will be shy. Do stand a little further off. I cannot think how

Suppose you go for an airing, said the doctor, who now joined them. If you must not go in the way of the bears there is a reindeer—'
O, where ?' cricd Oddo.

I saw one all alone on the Salten heights. If you run that way, with the wind behind you, the deer will give you a good run; up, Sulitelma, if you like, and you will have get rid of the camphor befor what you have been helping yourself stood. The reindeer stooped its head,

heights, three miles off, he said to himself the salt-box, and then quickly on his way the animal's struggles.

to the hills with his bait. He consider. The poor animal struggled violently to the hills with his bait. He considered his chance of training home the deer much more probable than that Erlingsen by the window, ready to receive the trav- and his grandfather would allow him to hunt the bears; and he doubtless judged

CHAPTER IV. Roving Here and Roving There. The establishment was now in a great durry and bustle for an hour; after

M. Kollsen began to be anxious to be on the other side of the fiord. It was and the bones from whence they grew, to whence these pirates came—what nation rather inconvenient; as the two men ascertain its age, they were of, or whether a crew gather- were wanted to go in different directions; Do you fancy you have made a prize while their master took a third, to rouse the farmers for a bear-hunt. The hunt- grandson. ers were all to arrive before night within a To be su short distance of the place where the bears were now believed to be. On calm nights, it was no great hardship to spend the lark hours in the bivouac of the country Each party was to shelter itself under a bank of snow, or in a pit dug out of it, an enormous fire blazing in the midst, and brandy and tobacco being plentifully distributed on such occasions. Early in the morning the director of the hunt was to go his rounds, and arrange the hunters in ring enclosing the hiding-place of the. pears, so that all might be prepared, and no waste made of the few hours of daylight which the season afforded. As soon Erica as it was light enough to see distinctly among the trees or bushes, or holes of the rocks where the bears might be couched. they were to be driven from their retreat, and disposed of as quickly as possible— Such was the plan, well understood in such cases throughout the country. On the present occasion, it might be expected that the peasantry would be ready at the first summing, as Olaf had told his he might have to tell of Hund. Stiorna story of the bears all along the road. Yet too, was better out of the way. Oddo had the more messengers and helpers the bet- not half told the story of the deer to his ter; and Erlingsen was rather vexed to grandmother, when his mistress and Erisec Hund go with alacrity to unmoor the ca entered. boat, and offer officiously to row the basfor across the fiord. His daughters knew what he was thinking about, and, after a moment's consultation, Frolich asked whether she and Stiorna might not be the Nobody would have objected, if Hund

had not. The girls could row, though-they could not hant bears; and the weather was fair enough; but Hund shook his head, and went on preparing the boat. His master spoke to him; but Hund was He would only say that there would be plenty of time for both affairs, and that he could follow the hunt when he returned:

Erlingsen and Rolf presently departed accompanied by Olaf, who was glad of an scort for a few miles, though nothing was further from his intention than going near the bears. The women and Peder were thus left behind. They occupied themselves, to keen

but who is to pulpit! Really! And who is to fermi pour is fermi pour is fermi pour is fermi pour

What are you doing, Oddo? asked to do and to think of; but Hund did not come. Stinora at last let full that she there, observed Peder. did not think he would come yet; for Yes; and that was w od overy hay of his life, did not think he would come yet; for tes; and that was then but a little Oddo had observed Olaf's practice that he meant to catch some cod before plied Odde. He was then but a little way from the fishing-ground, if he had

arose from cowardice; for there were make it out.

and his strange obstinancy about this day's snow after a runaway that is better there boating looked much as if he meant to than here. learn more.

Danger in the fiord !' repeated Orga; O, you mean the pirates. They are far could spare them nothing they would be ame. so welcome to.

Madaine Erlingsen saw that Erica was the islands?

turning red and white, and resolved to:

ask, on the first good opportunity, what I knew exactly where the pirate vessel is.

"That is your idea, Erica," said her misask, on the first good opportunity, what was in her mind about Hund; for no one

tance by a wistful-looking deer, which seemed afraid to come up to him, but kept its branched head outstretched towards the salt which Oddo diplayed, dropping a few grains from time to time. At the sight, all crowded to the windows have Evaluate who left the seem on the inbut Frolich, who left the room on the instant. Before the animal had passed the servants house, (a separate dwelling in which ran round the outside of it, and showed to Oddo a cord which she held. He nodded, and threw down some salt on instead of looking out for enemies above, When Oddo had convinced himself that and thus gave Frolich a good opportuni-Olaf really had seen a reindeer on the ty to throw her cord over its autlers. She had previously wound one end round the that if deer do not like camphor, they balustrade of the gallery, so that she had are fond of salt ; and he was presently at not with her single strength to sustain

when it found its head no longer at liberty, and by throwing out its legs, gave Oddo an opportunity to catch and fasten completely. It could now only start from side to side, and threaten with its head when the household gathered round to congratulate Oddo and Frolich on the success of their hunting. The women durst only hastily stroke the palpituting sides of the poor beast; but Peder, who had handled many scores in his lifetime, boldly seized its head, and felt his horns

of a wild deer, boy?' he asked of his To be sure,' said Oddo.

· I thought you had had more curiosit than to take such a thing for granted, Oddo. See here! Is not this ear slit? Why, yes, Oddo admitted; but it is not a slit of this year or last. It may have belonged to the Lapps once upon a time; but it has been wild for so long that is all the same as if it had never been in a fold. It will never be claimed. 'I am of your opinion there, boy.

wish you joy of your sport.'
'You may; for I doubt whether any body will do better to-day. Hund will not, for one, if it is he who has gone out. with the boat; and I think I cannot be mistaken in the handling of his oar! Have you seen him? Where? What

s he doing?' asked one and another. Before Oddo could answer, Madame Erlingson desired that he would go home with his grandfather, and tell Ulla about the deer, while he warmed himself. | She did not wish her daughters to hear what

Did you not see M. Kollsen in the boat with Hund I she inquired. 'No. Hund was quite aloue, pulling with all his might down the ford. The tide was with him, so that he shot along like a fishi? · How do you know it was Hund that

you saw?'. Don't I know our boat ! And don't ! know his pull? It is no more like Rolf's than Rolf's is like master's. Perhaps he was making for the best fishing ground as fast as he could." We shall see that by the fish he brings

The fiord takes a wide sweep below among his patients of the flousehold, and his return. He had taken tackle with him way from the fishing-ground, if he had perceived that, for all complaints, of body for that purpose, she knew; and she wanted fish. But he drove up the boat or mind, he gave the two things, camphor should not wonder if he did not appear into a little cove—a narrow, dark creek, and assafected — sometimes together, and till the morning.

doubted whether this act of disobediance er, till it was a speck, and I could not

had heard—

She stopped short, as a sudden flash of as you? When you have lost your eyes, suspicion crossed her mind. She had seen you will think you had better have mind. Hund inquiring of Olaf about the pirates; ed my advice and not have stared at the

What do you think of this story, Pe-

der?' asked his mistress. 'I think that Hund has taken the short enough from our fiord, I suppose. If ev- cut over the promontory, on business of er they do come, I wish they would catch his own at the islands. He is not on any Hund, and carry him off. I am sure we business of yours, depend upon it, mad-

Me. And what business can be have among

was more disposed to distrust and watch tress, 'I saw what your thoughts were him than the lady herself.

The first piece of amusement that occurred was the return of Oddo, who pas- Hund was going to join the pirates, Nipen sed the windows, followed at a short dis- would be very ready to give them a wind

What must be done, Peder ? asked his mistress.

I will tell you what you must let me the yard.) she appeared in the gallery do, mademe, said Enica. Indeed you must not oppose me. My mind is quite set upon going for the boat, immediately bring me some Iceland moss, to pay me the snow immediately below where she it will give us safety for this night. Hund might bring seven or eight men upon us over the promontory; but if they find no boat, I think they can hardly work up the windings of the fiord in their own vessel to-night unless, indeed, she added, with a sigh. they have a most favorable wind. 'All this is true enough,' said her misress: but how will you go ! Will you

swim? The raft, madame. And there is the old skiff on Thor islet, said Oddo. It is a rickety little thing. it by the hind leg, so as to decide its fate hardly big enough for two, but it will carry down Erica and me, if we go before the tide turns. But how will you get to Thor islet? inquired Madame Erlingsen. 1 wish the

scheme were not such a wild one. A wild one must serve at such a time. madame, replied Erica, Rolf had lash ed several logs before he went. I im sure we can get over to the islet. See. madame; the fiord is as smooth as a poud.'
Let her go,' said Poder. She will

never repent? Then come back, I charge you if you find the least danger, said her mistress. No one is safer at the oar than you; but if there is a ripple in the water, or a gust on the heights, or a cloud in the sky, come back. Such is my command, Erica. Wife, said Peder, give her your pelisse. That will save her seeing the girls

before she goes. And she shall have my cap, and then there is not an eye along the fiord that can tell whether she is man or woman. Ulla lent her deerskin pelise willingly enough but she entreated that Olido might be kept at home. She folded her arms about the boy with tears; but Peder

decided the matter with the words Let him go. It is the least he can do to make up for last night. Equip, Oddo. Oddo equipped willingly enough In two minutes he and his companion looked like two walking bundles of fur. Oddo carried a frall basket, containing bread, salt fish, and a flask of com brandy; for in Norway no one goes on the shortest expedition without carrying provisions Surely it must be dusk by this time. said Peder.

It was dusk; and this was well, as the pair could steal down to the shore without being perceived from the house. Madame Erlingsen gave them her bless-ing, saying, that if the enterprise sayed them from nothing worse than Hund's company this night, it would be a great good. There could be no more comfort in having Hund for an inmate; for some improper secret he certainly had. Her hope was that, finding the boat gone, he would never show himself again.

One would think, continued the lady. when she returned from watching Erica and Oddo disappear in the dusk, that Erica had never known fear. Her shap is as firm, and her eye as clear, as if she We shall see that by the fish he brings home.'

'True. By supper-time we shall know.'

'Hund will not be home by supper-time,' said Oddo decidedly.

'Why not? Come, say out what you while her lover goes into danger for her lover; instead of waiting at home while her lover goes into danger for her. A hundred pirates in the fiord would not make her tremble as she trembled last might. Rather a hundred pirates than Nipen angry, she would say.

'There is her weakness, observed her mistress.' But here are my styls, coming