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"With sweetest flowers enrich'd, From various gardens cull'd with care."

From the Southern Literary Messenger. Lines, Written at Midnight. BY CHARLES M. F. DEEMS.

How slowly through the distance break The sounds that tell the midnight hour Time swiftly hast'ning, seems to speak His warning from on distant tower; And to the sadness & his tale, The response is the low-wind's wail.

But hark ! it is a funeral chime,-The passing moments now haveled The youngest child of father Time,

And laid him with the buried dead: And who will stand upon the verge Of that deep grave to sing his dirge !

Midnight ! it is that fearful hour, When, as we learn by nursery lore, Spirits malign exert their power, And walk our slumbering planet o'er: Dark superstition stoops to hear Their steps, and quakes with restless fear.

It is a pleasant hour to think. When all around is calm and still The musing spirit then may drink At thought's unfailing fount, its fill-All nature breathes a harmony. That sets the captive spirit-free-

Our quiet village wrapt in sleep, From its still breast gives not a breath, To tell of those who vigils keep-But all is calm and still as death. The breeze, as it sweeps gently by, Whispers a mournful lullaby.

How-many a young heart beating there, In airy dreams of pleasure roves, And freed from waking pain and care, Hoversaround the form it loves; Beauty's bright eyes are sealed in sleep, While Loves around their watching keep.

You mountain range, with lofty top, Throwing its girdle round our earth; The pensive moon, in fullness up,-To what sweet thoughts do these give birth! "The milky baldrie of the sky,"

Carlisle, Fa., 1839.

SELECT TALE.

From the Southern Literary Messenger. ALICE RICHMOND. CHAPTER I.

I had just left college, well satisfied with my acade--anticipating a-bright-future-of-success-and-happiness. ly sixteen, and, on his-mother's death, was taken-into the glad, busy world, which, in the distance, had al- years; the constant companion of Alice, and treated in ways appeared so inviting. The privilege of laying every respect as if he had been her brother. You may aside studies imposed by others, and making free choice casily imagine that intimacy and affection which spring of a profession, is so gratifying to a boys's restless and up between these two young hearts was of no ordinary eager spirit, that it gives him fine ideas of his own im kind. Together they studied under private preceptors portance. And the temporary confusion which it pro- and together were joined in nearly all their amusements. of kind friends to give ready ear and unmeasured en- adult age, and when no one can tell what of loveliness a couragement to all my extravagant notions and wild year, or even a few months, may develope or steal

law the stepping stone, as I thought, to the nobler son at least to bid me good-by, dwelling with undiscalling of a statesman. I began to dream of one day behaled interest on the topic, he did not come at the affected some of the selfish worldly principles which until it lost very much of its plain, republican look, a tear trembled in her eyes, as she saidand seemed a throne shining in purple and gold. My "I am afraid something has happened to him: he profather resolved that I should commence the new study, mised to be back two hours ago, and he does not often forthwith, under the guidance of Mr. Richmond, an break his promises to me. old friend and college class-mate of his, who lived a- "Soon afterwards I received a letter from Mrs. Rich manufacturing town, where he enjoyed the rank of a grandee, being the best lawyer in all the country for a I will transcribe a few lines! circuit of fifty miles, and a man of wealth and great in-

note of introduction, was as follows: My Dear Henry:

"Inclosed you will find the letter which you request. Always happy to do you any service in my power, I though of this perhaps they do not often think serious am doubly so in the present case, knowing how advan- ly. tageous and interesting may be to you the acquaintances you are about to form. I have been intimate with though for several years we have been far separated, friendship has been keptalive, if indeed it were possible for it to languish, by a frequent corre We first met at school while we were in Bethlehem. just when our young hearts were beginning to expand to a capacity for lasting affection. The loves of childhood are evanescent; and the alliances of mature years, founded on calculating selfishness, engage not half the warm feelings of our souls. But there is an intermediate season, a time when the first bloom of spring has faded, and before the fruits of autumn are gathered. beat with any new emotion of love.

arried Mr. Richmond, we parted, since then I have remiss than ever. een her only at long intervals and for a few hours at a time. For my sake she will show you kindness-kindwoman of highly cultivated mind, agreeable manners Richmond I know very little from personal acquain-

towards a preceptor, and a father's tried friend; one guardian office. Your own sense of right will regulate our conduct towards him, and your own perception moral and professional worth-claim for him respect

"They have but one child, a daughter named Alice, vho is just on the verge of womanhood, being about a year younger than yourself-I think you were nineteen last month. Since, if you profit by your opportunities some insight into her peculiarities, or rather her pecujust after marriage. If so, she is no doubt beautiful but of this judge for yourself. It is no part of my object to excite in you, by anticipation, the least interest in Alice Richmond, but merely to tell you what you might not easily discover, and thoroughly understand, and what, if not understood, might cause you some painful

feelings of doubt and self-distrust. "It is a long story for a letter, but I will try to make about five years ago, leaving a son, the only survivor

duces in his mind, makes him feel like an independent Being educated entirely at home, they knew nothing actor amid the world's bustle and conflicting elements. of the world, and had few acquaintances of their own Soon, however, when he finds himself again chained age even in the adjacent town, the population of which to a task, prescribed indeed by his own taste, but su- is principally engaged in manufactures, and did not perintended by his former guardians, the illusion part- furnish many young people of either sex at all suited. ly vanishes, and gradually the imaginary man becomes by birth or education, to be companions for Edward and again a boy. But this latter change steals over him by Alice. I have already spoken of having once seen her. slow degrees, and is ofttimes preceded by a goodly It was about a twelvemonth after her aunt's death, when season of imaginary freedom, and of dreary pleasure. I spent a few hours only with Mrs. Richmond. She I was now in the full enjoyment of this intermediate was then a wild, light-hearted girl, and was inst at that and hair and strong features did not contrast unfavora- slowly wasting his frame, and the color that sometimes state of happiness, and if my feelings had admitted of changeable season of female beauty, when the child's bly with the more beautiful but less masculine counteany higher elevation, there were around me a plenty features are beginning to settle into the lineaments of

away. I did not see Edward: he had gone a hunting ; A profession must be chosen, and I fixed upon the and though Alice was sure he would be back, in seamaking a figure on the floor of congress; and even the time appointed. When she kissed my cheek at part- young Elliott had unguardedly exposed or skilfully ful hopes and vain imaginings—thought each brightenpresidential chair grew and glittered before my eyes ing, and I expressed regret at not seeing him, I thought

"'They are inseparable companions,' With many blessings and some few tears very need- together, read together, walk together, and play to-

At last I bethought myself of a letter from my aunt not much like matches between cousins: but still would tion of aiding, thereby, his own suit, certainly, the ef- however, about a week since, I surprised her in tears; ancy, which had been put into my hands just in the have no great objection to their union, if sure that they feet upon Alice was as evident as he could have desired. but she quickly wiped her eyes, and soon looked cheer-family with him?" ustle of starting, and which I had thrust into my poc- really knew their own hearts in desiring it. Neither That was the first moment that any well defined sus- ful again, seeming anxious to hide all traces of grief. ket without breaking the seal, intending to give it a has yet seen anything of the world, and therefore no cisurely perusal at the first opportunity. I had writ- just idea can be formed of the strength of their attachen to her a few days before, requesting a letter to ment. It may be the creature of constant companion Mrs. Richmond, with whom I knew she had been well ship alone, and absence may prove it too weak for trial. | and hurried to the privacy of her own chamber, there quainted in her school-girl days. Her kind epistle, Well, in another year Edward goes to college, and will to give vent, in a burst of scalding tears, to the most bitter vering what I desired and expected, a very flattering then be cast more upon the world, and learn something grief that had ever overwhelmed her young heart. of its ways. If after such probation he returns unchanged, I cannot throw any obstacle in the way of their hapess-a happiness which union alone can consumate

Mrs. Richmond ever since our days of girlhood; and, they looked farther into the future than Mrs. Richmond gave them credit for doing. He promised to write to her at least once a week and her answers were to be as | for Alice strove hard, and with all a 'woman's pride, frequent. For some time after his departure, she appeared listless and melancholy; straying over the scenes | ment to James Elliott, who had several times shown of their happy companionship, sitting in the arbor where they had been accustomed to read together, lost But, about a month after Edward's departure, there n reverie. Her only pleasure seemed to be in writing to Edward, and reading his epistics. Gradually, hownost times, light-hearted as before, they relapsing octers arrived regularly at the appointed season; then they colors of May flowers upon the face of nature. There, became both shorter and less frequent, and he pleaded is a season between the trifling sports and wayward want of time and the pressure of study. Still, those caprice of childhood, and the chastened feelings of ripe that she did receive were in the same style of affection age, when the affections gush forth, as oven warm and as ever, and Alice accepted the excuse, in her next ontrolled, in streams that fail not even when the fond epistle, begged him not neglect his studies on her ec seems dry-when the heart has long-ceased to account; but, if anything happened to him-if he should be taken sick-to write immediately. This license "When Marry Harrison, soon after she left school, had a very evident effect upon him; for he became more

-"The first college vacation brought him back to the longing eyes of his fair cousin. In all appearance, he ness which you should repay, in the only manner it is still loved as fondly as before their parting; and Alice, probable you can make any return, by duly apprecia- in the excess of feeling, was wildly extravagent in her ting and carefully acknowledge it. You will find her expressions of delight. Again, for several weeks, they ere constantly together, joining in their former sports and above all, of a warm, affectionate heart. Of Mr. reading their favorite authors, and visiting all the wellemembered haunts of their retirement-seeking loves. tance. You are well aware of his high reputation as a On bidding adieu the second time, Edward breathed lawyer, and may be assured, that, as a man, he is full more fervent vows of constancy than had, at first, worthy of the trust which your father, who has long warmed his lips; and Alice, fond girl, trusted in him ocen on terms of strictest intimacy with him, reposes as implicitly, as are wont to do they who know nothing in his hands. I need not say anything of your duty of a deceitful world. Another season of gloom follow ed his departure, but shorter than the last. For a o whom he has temporarily confided part of a parent's time he wrote frequently and at great length, seeming account of his illness had not been exaggerated: his of situation, before, solitary as at first, I drove up to a to pour out his soul without reserve; but, by degrees, became even more negligent than previously. Still Alice dreamed not that love like this-for she measur

ed it by her own-could change or diminish "The next vacation come, and with it, again, Edward Stockton to his uncle's abode, accompanied by a college class-mate, with whom he had formed a friendship and whom his letters had sometimes mentioned, it you will be intimate in the family, I ought to give you the highest terms of praise, as a good scholar and a til his physicians allowed him to converse freely, to neaver than any other to Mr. Richmond's—about, liarity; for I believe there is but a single point in which clever fellow. On the strength of such recommendations, Mr. Richmond had given his nephew permission she differs materially from other girls of the age. It to invite James Elliott to spend a few weeks at Briarnave seen her only once, so that I know little of her Hill—the name which Alice had bestowed on her a woman, whom he had always in his heart despised, token of emptiness, as a "Temperance Hotel;" and, that she is very like a portrait of her mother, taken had once had with the young-man's father, into-a jus ground for hospitality toward the son.

"James was indeed a 'clever fellow,' in the proper ferently from Edward-in the city, and under the sole nation; and, as soon as the latter was strong enough care of a weak-minded and indulgent mother, his fathcare of a weak-minded and indulgent mother, his fath-er being dead. He had always done as he pleased, and on the return home. it as brief as possible. Mr. Richmond had an clder yet did-not exhibit the petulance and overbearing car- "As they approached Briar Hill, Edward seemed to sister, who, after living for some time a widow, died riage which spoiled children usually manifest. He had feel great inisgivings in regard to the meeting with his not passed his life among servants and boys of his own cousin; and, when the white chimnies of the house and mic laurels, and the progress which I made in literary of four children all the rest had died in infancy. At age, but had early lived completely in the world, al- the tall trees around it first appeared in sight, he sank pursuits, recollecting little of the past with regret, and the period of which I speak Edward Stockon was nearself-and readily-learning their manners and habits - eyespas if to shut out a painful object. But Mr. Rich-The next step I thought would bring me into the world, his uncle's family, where he resided, for almost two Having excellent natural talents, his education had mond sought to comfort and re-assure him, and, in a been derived, young as he was, more from men and few minutes, pointed out Alice, standing in the archwomen than from books; though the tasks set for him at I way of the gate, anxiously looking for them, and then, school were so easily accomplished, that, without as the carriage drew nearer, running back to announce much study, he had usually stood among the first of to her mother its arrival. Exhaustion from the jourhis class; a distinction which he still enjoyed in college; nev and the force of his emotions had overcome Ed-His mental powers, however; had been thus early de-ward's weak frame, and he had to be carried into the related at the expense of his heart. He was cold and house. As Alice sprang forward to meet him, already selfish, susceptible to few of the finer emotions, and assured of his repentance and returning love, he could recallated every action by the dictates of passion or only say, with an inquiring look, "Alice! dear Alice, self-interest. Yet, to appearance, he was the very re- forgive!" She did not speak, but tears-warm; gushverse of all this-in manner, frank, warm-hearted, af- ing, delicious tears-started, in her eyes, and tickled

fectionate, and carnest—the insinuating manner of an down softly upon his face, as she hung over him and accomplished man of the world, assumed by a boy of pressed his colorless lips. eighteen. He was not regularly handsome, but the whole contour of his face was good, and his dark eyes assumed a more lingering form. Consumption was ance of Edward Stockton. The latter was undoubted- ing like a harbinger of health-Alas, poor girl! it was might have deigned to bestow upon his household ac wazzled by his friend's sparkling genius and impos- the hectic spot!—the scal of the destroyer! But he ing manner, and had, already, begun to reflect, in some faint degree, his chief traits, though not at all suited to garden flowers, and to sit with her in the arbor; and, the natural cast of his own mind. Especially did he aspire to the character of a man of the world; and even an early grave, hoping but to smooth the descent thith-

"Hismanner toward Alice was now entirely changed. He professed indeed, though but coldly, to feel the same strong attachment as ever, but did not, as heretofore, seek to draw her away by herself, and enjoy her company alone. Words of endearment, though often essayed. bout a hundred miles from us in the vicinity of a large manufacturing town, where the enlayed life rank of a wardand Alice in connection. It is now before me, and of the attentions due to his friend, to whom all his time must be devoted, and Alice admitted the force of the plea, even in lier own mind, but, still felt the change, and seem never so happy as when together. They study while hardly crediting its reality. Mr. Richmond and his wife saw more clearly the true state of things, lessly spent upon my head, and much good advice, to gether. When Edward starts off with his gun, to and lamented the alteration in Edward's character which I gave, if possible, still less heed, I was dis spend the day in shooting, Alice accompanies him yet did not see enough of James Elliott, to know what missed, one bright October morning, in the coach for some distance beyond the garden gate, looks after him a dangerous companion he was. The latter paid Larksborough, the town above mentioned, near-which my intended preceptor resided. A trunk containing return for whole hours. She frequently goes with him all myworldly store of clothes and books, having been a fishing, and a sail on the small lake which skirts the all myworldly store of clothes and books, naving ocencarefully fastened on behind, with many injunctions farm on the west, often concludes their day's, duties shedlid not often manifest—partly, because his attentions from my father, who was somewhat proud of the reand pleasures. Just now, while I write, I can see them did not accord with the sadness of her feelings; partly putation of being an old traveller, and of having had from my window, which overlooks the garden, seated on account of sentiments which she had heard him utgreat experience in steamboats and stages, that I should together under the shade of an arbor, earnestly engaged ter in an unguarded moment; but principally because look if all my property was safe at every stopping with a book. Her arm is locked in his, while he holds love had given acuteness to her perceptions, and halfplace. I took complete possession of the vehicle, being the volume, and, alternately, they read aloud. I will revealed him, to feeling rather than to reason, as the the only passenger. With the last 'good by,' and the see what it is, in which they appear so much interest-chief cause of Edward's scarce realized alienation. the only passenger. With the last 'good by, and use first crack of the driver's whip, I forgot all about the cd. Excuse me for a minute.

One day, in bantering her upon the subject of her attention and call into a pleasing reverie, to "Lalla Rookh, and they are in the midst of 'The tachments, he hinted something of her lover's attention whether he did which the soothing sway of the coach-springs invited, Fire Worshipers. All the neighbors speak of them to others, while absent at college. Whether he did a thousand bright, fanciful images sporting gaily thro' as already afflanced. This is not the case, though this merely to excite her jealously, as a source of pasthere is certainly strong ground for the report. I do sing amusement to himself or with the serious inten-

had been seated on the piazza at the back of the house,

"Yet she demanded no explanation from Edwardshe spake not one word of reproach; but only seemed more sad, and avoided as much as possible his presence. Her mother saw, directly the change, and with ease divined its cause; and soon, the tale of a daugh-"So Edward went to college, but ere he parted with ter's crushed feelings and blighted soul was poured Alice, yow had passed between them, showing that into her bosom, now throbbing with maternal anxiety.

"The time of separation again came, but it was a tearless, and, to appearance, a heartless separation to suppress her feelings, lest they should afford amuse a disnosition to rally her upon her melancholy looks came to Briar Hill a floating rumor, that he was paying court to a young lady, residing in the town where ever, she recovered her good spirits, and was again, at the college was established. Mr. Richmond wrote, immediately, to a friend in the place for information. asionally into gloom. For some months Edward's let and, in answer, learned that his nephew had indeed, for some time past, been very attentive to a lady several years older than himself, to whom, as was reported his friend Elliott had once plighted his troth; that they were generally believed to be engaged, and that if not they certainly ought to be. I shall not attempt to picture the renewed agony of Alice at this anno To the world her pale cheek and melancholy air alone betrayed what she labored to conceal; but to her mother were confined her inmost breathings of hopeless grief, with child-like freedom and affectionate trust. That mother, though her own heart was very sorrow ful, dare not give way to feeling; for hers was the solemn duty of binding up the broken heart, and healing the crushed spirit; of awakening new hopes, and

renewing fond desires in her daughter's breast. "Mr. Richmond, on receiving this information, was at a loss what course to take, and deferred for some days, during which his professional business was unusually pressing, all action on the subject. He then dened first to write to his nephew; but his letter had not yet been mailed, when he received intelligence second day, stood by the bed-side of the deluded boy, after his uncle's arrival, he was pronounced convalescent, though his recovery advanced by very slow de- father would have preferred a private boardingvisit again. Of Elliott he said little, but refused to see that his nephew regarded this pretended friend as the sense of the terms. He had been brought up very dif- to his wife, or Alice, giving account of Edward's sit-

"Edward's disease was not cradicated: it had only mounted to his cheek, which comforted Alice, appeargrew strong mough to walk with her again among the while her parents watched over him as one doomed to r, she, as if partaking of his own feelings - his deceits ing flicker of the light of life a token of recovery. Edward, himself, was the first to be undeceived, and to give her a warning which she heeded of his fate.-Alas! the green sod now covers his grave, which you half a century.

"Alice sends her love. She is quite well, and I try to reconcile her again to the world. So entirely minds at ease, by revealing my true object.

farmer, before mentioned, who still retained his place.

"Mr. Richmond is not at home just now: he has and myself, were huddling in boisterous merriment." strong emotion, but for her devoted filial love. Once, be back for a week or ten days," said my host.

And, yet, why should we forebode evil, while she is well, and, in a good degree, happy? Ah, my dear friend, you cannot realize all a parent's solicitude for a daughter, and an only child."

"In thus communicating to you something of Alice Richmond's history, I have been insensibly led into details, supplied by her mother's correspondent much greater length, than I at first intended. Perhaps I may say, that, with more time at my disposal, I should have written a shorter letter. But, if at all interested she'll look at." in the above account, you will not thank me for a wiredrawn conclusion, however good the advice, or warm the expressions of regard which it might contain. So. ood-by, from Your affectionate aunt,

ANNE STEVENSON

"P. S. Write to me sometimes-I would say often, f not afraid that you would consider it a task, rather than a pleasure, to correspond with a person of my let me hear of your success."

The reader may easily imagine, that this letter, with s characteristically womanish post-scriptum, though of such formidable length, covering three sheets, in fine, close text, was read from beginning to end with deep interest. With the self-confidence of a boy of nincteen, I felt quite sure of making an impression upon the seared heart of Alice; and, for the remainde of the journey, which the end of the next day brought to a conclusion, she was continually flitting before me, in day dreams or visions of the night.

" CHAPTER II.

Though at starting I had been the only occupant coach, it entered Larksborough with a full load o assengers, gradually collected by the way side accre-"outs," not including the driver. Being the young est of the party, and my looks, perhaps, being rather oyish and deprecatory, the latter singled me out as a proper victim of his forbearance; and I had the pleasure of seeing all my companions safely deposit of Edward's being scriously ill. Without an hour's ed at their respective stopping places, and of watch delay he set off from home, and, on the evening of the ing narrowly, as my father had enjoined, the gradual apportionment of the "plunder," lest by some misto whom he had been, and still felt, as a father. The take my own trunk might be induced to try a change disease was an acute inflammation of the chest, and the rather respectable looking inn-"Hotel"it was destruggle was one of life and death. But youth and a signated on the sign-in the outskirts of the towns constitution seemed to prevail, and; a few days. This had been selected as the place of my future abode for several inportant reasons. Though my grees. Distress of mind-seemed to retard the body's none such at all decent or comfortable was to be return to health. . Oh! how bitter was the anguish of found; and therefore, having only a choice of evils, that repentance. The poor boy could hardly wait un- he had fixed upon the inn aforesaid, because it was relieve his heavily burdened soul, by pouring forth, half a mile distant therefrom-was blazoned forth in in accents half-stifled by pangs of shame and remorse, golden letters of extra size, illustrated by a subjacent the tale of his treachery to Alice, and his bondage to representation of a capacious black bottle, inverted in ent of its customers. The coach me as hearty a welcome, as if the arrival of a new chief cause of his numerous errors. He wrote daily guest had been quite an unusual and unexpected pleasure. He was a man of small stature, but otherwise, seemed to belie the fanciful conceit of the inverted

course I fel in with the prevailing mode, without brandy, without displaying its other contents, particular inquiry into my host's militiary achieveeer company of militia, a post of honor which he had cold-water pledge says." esigned some years before, as he found himself growng too unwieldy for the active exercises of training. lays, and, withal, very fast exceeding the utmost limts of his well-stretched suit of regimentals.

On finding that I was likely to be a permaner uest, Captain Smith's attentions were redoubled, and before the supper which I had ordered was on the able, he had conducted me over the whole house, showing the different apartments, which, as he said, happened, very lückily for me, to be all-unoccupied and giving a full history of the former tenants of each not forgetting the encomiums which any of them commodations, or good cheer. After fixing upon a chamber, and concluding a plentiful meal, feeling at a loss for occupation or entertainment, I strolled into the bar-room, where a small company of the neigh bors was collected round the fire toher evening-discussing, rather boisterously, the merits of some candidate for office at the approaching election. Upon my entrance, the noise of dispute nd give you, in the words of Mrs. Richmond herself, of my purposes, further than as regarded taking up copied from a letter which I received only a few days my quarters at his house—were very curious to know ago, some idea of the present state of her daughter's, the object for which I came. I amused myself for some time in baffling their inquiries. The school committee of Larksborough, a few weeks previous think in better spirits than usual. To me she is the ly, had advertised for a person to fill the vacant ofsame affectionate; confiding child as ever, but grows fice of teacher in the public academy; and the supdaily more and more indifferent to the world around. position which seemed most prevalent was, that I in-She is occupied almost wholly with her books, while | tended to offer myself for that situation. In this surnot engaged in household duties, to which you know mise, I found matter for a half hour's entertainment, have trained her from a child, or in rambling over by means of vague answers and remarks, which alo company, and seems to dread the idea of ever again inquiries about the office, which seemed to confirm ningling in society, especially in that of the other sex. their opinion. At length, however, as I was desirous These feelings I have perhaps too far indulged: I must of asking sundry questions in my turn, I set their

picion of Edward atreachery had forced itself into her. I feel much anxiety about her, which is confined to my the name they call his place. Perhaps you can begin

"I dare say she would make a very agreeable teacher," I rejoined. "But you spoke of a daughter: what is her name ?"

"O that's Miss Alice, but I tell you you need'n be a speerin' after her. She's a dreadful shy girl, and it must be a devilish nice fellow that brings ther ence, to a to her bearings. But perhaps," continued he, surveying me from head to foot, "perhaps gou'll-do-forher! there isn't anybody in all Larksborough that

> -"No, there's Harry Browne," said another of the mpany, looking at a young farmer's son, who stood beside the fire-place, and had as yet taken no part in resation "Harry's been trying to catch the girl's eye this twelve months; but she no more looks at him, than if he never put on his Sunday-go-to-meetings at all."

"Ah who wouldn't rather just look at such a girl as Alice Richmond, without her ever taking any no- tied over his cheek, whether from anger or some othtice; than have Jane Grove strain' her eyes out at er emotion I could not tell; but he turned away, and him, and marry her into the bargain ?" returned the was silent. young farmer, casting, a contemptuous look on the

The fair one alluded to in such a slighting man must have been the other's intended; for the blood rose to his cheek, and he seemed preparing for a treendous retort, when Captain Smith interposed. "Hold, Bill," said he; "that's what I call being

ersonal. I wont't have any quarrelling here. You now mine's a temperance house, and you mus'nt chave as if you'd been spreein'it out and out at the Black Bear.

"You need'nt go so far from home as, the Black Bear, Captain, for a regular built spree. All you've got to do is to open that cupboard : there's enough neck," said Bill, with a laugh in which the others I have called the apartment in which we sat a bar-

colasses jug, a bottle of vinegar, and two or three mpty decanters being their only furniture, But in ne corner was a small locker or closet, the suspicious ocality of which seemed almost to justify Bills's in-"O yes," said the host laughing, "quite enough"

out us all on the dead list, though it's only a few vinls ed him, and he seemed too much terrified even to of doctor's stuff. We have to lock it up to keep the speak a word to prevent the breaking of the peace; hildren from poisoning themselves.' "I wish you would give men dose of it, Captain,

aid Bill: "I've been ailin" these two weeks, and 'm not'very particular what sort I take."

"Now that I come to think of it," answered the Captain, "there's nothing there but a few drops of eppermint, a little camphor, and some of the patent hive-syrup. I'm afraid there isn't anything to suit your complaint—the cold water ague,'

"What will you lay me on that, Captain? I'll bet you there's some old cognao in that closet-a silver

"Done!" said the Captain. "Stake your money." Bill forthwith produced a shining silver dollar, at the sight of which mine host, somewhat dismayed, the eyes, which made him stagger back several paces. seemed willing to escape from the dilemma, in which All that followed could not easily be discerned, for of portly dimensions, and his full, rubicund face he found himself; but the rest of the company, with the combatants came to closer quarters, and blows fell sundry winks and nods at each other, cried out for thick on either side, while each, alternately advanced hottle; unless, indeed, the latter were considered fair play; and the stake-holder contended that, as and retreated over the floor, the spectators giving as the appropriate representative of all the bottles the sixpenny class of brandy if any of that liquor which he might have been supposed to have emptied. there were in the closet, must be considered as in his But, notwithstanding his easkiform appearance, he custody, he sould feel obliged to break open the door, was exceedingly alort and active, and bustled about to unless the key were instantly forthcoming. So the provide for my wants, with as great alacrity, as if I Captain was at length forced to the proof, and reluchad been some distinguished stranger. "Captain" I tandy he opened the locker, but only so far as to in- and nose of cachyand even the half-intoxicated by stanfound that he was called by his associates, and of troduce his hand, and draw out a decanter half-full of ders seemed to be growing compassionate. At this

"It's nothing more than I told you," said he nents. I afterwards learned, however, that his valor little doctor's stuff: we can't give any of it without had been proved chiefly in the command of a volun- 'the prescription of a respectable physician,' as the "O you won't do us in that kind of style," rejoined Bill. "Here, pay me my sixpenny glass. The doc-

tor allows me a little for niv stomach's sake." "Yes, yes," cried several voices - "yes, yes, Captain. Fair play !"

"You know, Captain, the wet season is just a comin' on; and, as an onnce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, we'll all take a drop, to keep off the dumb acue." said another.

"Well, Bill, I'll pay you your glass; but de'il a bit of the 'cratur' sliall any of the rest of you have. Here, hold the tumbler."

iere, hold the tumbler." "Captain ?" said Bill, s the latter reached to him a glass of the usual exterior dimensions, but, funnel-shaped on the inside,-

"Why it wants boring out. Howsomever, fill it twice, and that 'll come to the same thing." Bill extended the glass, and the Captain began to pour out the sparkling liquor, as cautiously as if in posed to the sight of any one who might chance to enfact administering a dose of medicine. The key was still in the door, and he glanced at it for a moment abated, our well-meaning host-worthy prototype as if to measure the distance between it and one of the of Captain Truck-took that opportunity of intro- company, who appeared to be sidling up toward the company, who appeared to be sidling up toward the ducing me to all round; and after several hearty closet, still continuing, however to pour. Bill, watchwill find in a lone, neglected, rural church-yard, not shakes by the hand, I was admitted into the circle. ing his opportunity, clapped his thumb as a stopper very far from Mr. Richmond's dwelling, whether he. My companions, I found, were men in the middling over the mouth of the bottle, and grasping the neck, and Alice had often strayed, to commune with the classes of life-farmers and tradesmen, dressed in suddenly jerked it out of the Captain's hand, and redead of another age, and where he had desired to lie.

None before him had beginned there for near ed to general subjects, but I soon discovered that see ed to general subjects, but I soon discovered that se- The latter sprang half-across-the-floor-in-pursuit; alf a century.

veral of the company among whom mine host was but the click of the close took just then fell upon his not the least prominent—for, I had told him nothing minent-for, I had told him nothing ear, and looking back, he beheld, to his great dismay, the door standing wide open, and the inside array of decanters, well filled and labelled, fully displayed to view. For an instant he seemed underided, but speedily faced about, with a motion very to lick me into the bargain Pre borne it long much like the floundering of some huge fish in shallow water, and made for the locker, which he reached just as another decanter disappeared from the shelf. To make sure of what remained, he hastily closed the door, locked it and pocketted the key then, turning round, more deliberately surveyed the he adjacent fields and woods for exercise. She sees ways increased their doubt, and apparently anxious scene, as if planning the recapture of the spoil. In the middle of the floor stood the man who had seized and we walked together along the road, neither

the farthest corner, all the others, excepting the young lenge.

"That is unlucky," returned I. "Has he taken his Social that he was not likely to recover anything by forcible means, the Captain beat a parley, and at "O no; his wife and daughter are at Briar Hill -. length agreed to sell the contents of the first decanter, provided the second was restored to its place. This Rising hastily, she left her companion, with whom she own breast. Mr. Richmond's business cares are so your readin' with Mrs. Richmond. I shess she arrangement being concluded, glasses and a pitcher overwhelming, that I do not wish to add to the trouble knows enough about it, to teach you a little at first of water were called for, and all invited to partake. which he already feels on this dear girl's account .- like." And the Captain laughed heartily at his own Harry Browne and myself declined, and were, at first, excused; but as the glasses were filled up for the last time, Bill, who now felt the spirit-fire glowing in his veins, insisted that we should both drink. "Come, Harry," said he, "it'll brighten your ideas.

and no doubt, you'll say something smart at last-Come, and we'll drink a bumper to the health of your sweet-heart. Alice Richmond." "You'd better drink the health of somebody that

keeps such company as your's," returned the young ner sullculy. "Perhaps you can find one that you know quite as well as Miss Richmond, who would be glad to hear that a set of drunken loons had given

"Keep a civil tongue, Harry, or you and I will have to square accounts. You recollect how we settled the last time, up at Squire Comly's mill."

This allusion scenned to kindle feelings that before umbered in Harry's bosom. A burning flush man-

"There' you shall have it whether you will or not," continued Bill. And he flung the contents of the glass into his face.

Here mine host who had drunk nothing, but stood aloof watching with greatanxiety the progress of affairs, attempted to interfere: but quick as lightning Harry resented the insult. A single blow sent Bill Davis reeling from his scat; and both he and the chair neasured their length upon the floor. But, in an instant, he rose to his feet again, nearly sobered by the neussion, and there stood Harry patiently waitingthe attack; his pale face with rage; his hair still driping brandy and water; and his eyes smarting with the hot liquor, and suffused with tears. Bill confronted his antagonist for a moment, in motionless surprise here to put us every one on the dead list, shot in the at his hardihood . He was a stout, square-built man, of middle height, about twenty-five years of age, and, as. I afterwards found, the bully of the neighborhood. His elenched fist, looking like a sledge-hammer, seemoom, and it had the usual fixtures of such a -place; ed as if it might crush, by sheer weight, such an oppout the shelves behind the bar were nearly empty; a nent as Harry Bowne; who, nevertheless, though apparently little older than myself, and of a slight, but well shaped frame, quailed not in the least, as their eves met in defiance; The Captain made a motion,

as if to step between the combatants; but a significant

look from Davis, which plainly intimated that he would not in that way be balked of his revenge, arrestwhile the rest of the company, just drunk enough to be ripe for sport of any kind, cheered them on to the fight. The Captain had presence of mind enough left, however, to put the empty decanter in a place of safety, and to lock the outer door, least any new comer should witness the scene of disorder. All this passed in a moment, and I trembled to see Bill's fist raised and driven with tremendous force, though without much precision, full at his boyish opponent's head. Harry avoided the stroke, and I instantly perceived that he had the most pugilistic skill, and that the other, from mentarily, less fit to do battle; for, before he could recover himself, he received a blow directly between way, or pressing forward, at every movement. But saw that whenever Bill drew himself back for a full exertion of his strength, Harry always managed to dodge the stroke, or to break its force with his arm. Blood began to stream; plentifully, from the mouth juncture, Harry, losing in the heat of the conflict somewhat of his presence of mind, suffered himself to be cornered, and found Davis pressing upon him without the possibility of his retreat. The latter also perceived his advantage, and concentrating all his remaining

force for a single effort, aimed a fearful blow at his antagonist, which threatened almost to annihilate him, Harry saw the imminent danger of his situation, and just as every one expected to see him crushed, dropped lightly on one knee, and the blow fell upon a closet door, just back of where his head had been, splintering the pannel from top to bottom, and making sad havoe among the plates and dishes piled up within. Bill was, himself, almost stunned by the violence of the shock; his hand was nearly disabled, and he reeled backward. Quick as thought his agile foo was again upon him; a single well directed stroke sufficed to complete his discomfiture, and he rolled heavily upon the floor, overpowered, perhaps, by his own vioent exertions, and the stupifying effects of liquor, rather than by the force of his antagonist.

As he had not strength to rise, and mine host did not wish to leave him upon the bar-room floor, exter, he was removed to another apartment, still sufficiently in his senses, to mutter imprecations upon Harry's head, and to vow revenge. The latter after finding that no great harm was done, and receiving in silence the congratulations of the spectators, who all had wished him the victory from admiration of his courage, quietly retired from the inn; and, a moment after, when I had perceived his exit, and followed. I found him washing the blood from his face and hands at the nump before the door.

"I hope you are not much hurt," said I, with an in-

"O no; very little. I should nt have come off so well though, or perhaps Bill Davis either, if he had'nt been too drunk to fight. But I wo'nt allow any body o impose on me in that sort of sayle, unless they choose enough."

Having flaished washing, and wiped his face and bands with his handkerchief, he bid me good night and walked slowly off. It was a clear moon-light evening. and desiring to form a better, acquaintance, with the young farmer, I proposed accompanying him a short distance, for the sake of the fresh air, He agreed the bottle, holding it up exultingly to view; while, in speaking for some minutes. At length he broke si-

"Yes," said he, bitterly, and as if some painful resoul, that one would almost think her incapable of any gone to aftend a court thirty miles off, and will not around Bill, who had just commenced after taking a Bill thinks every body is fraid of him, and so he likes "smaller" himself, to serve out the liquor to them. to play the bully. You heard him speak of settling age.