A PANTASY.

BY W P. M.

That these who love once bloom as fower

'Tie told some where in Hastern story

On the same stem, and the glory

Of Eden's green and fragrant bowers

And that, though parted here by Fate, Yet when the glow of life has ended,

Each soul again shall find its mate,

And in one bloom again be blender

Where Fate can pe'er our lives divide

If this be true, how sweet the vision

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Thue I am eight-and-forty, And the merried est of men I've a wife that weighs me double I've three daughters, all with beaux I've a son with noble whickers.

Though a Squaretoes and a Baffer, Yet I've sanshine in my heart, Still, I'm fond of cakes and marides l'an appreciate a tart Just as though I were a ber,

And could hand her plums and apple From my depths of cordsroy She is tall, and growing taller She is vigorous of limb .

You should see her play at erschet With her tittle brother Jim !) She has eyes as blue as damaons the has pounds of suburn curis; She regrets the game of leap-frog

la prohibited to girle. Ladore my Neighbor Halls I corste her in to tea, And I let her aurse the baby,

Her delightful ways to see. Such a darling bud of woman Tel remote from any toonshave learnt from Neighbor Nelly

Wunt the girl's Doll-instinct mean () to any hop with the balls (He adores her more than f), How she choruses his crowing,

How she husbes ev ry cry Il . w she loves to put his dimples With her light firedager, deep How she boasts, as one in triumple When she's got him off to sleep!

We must part, my Neighbor Nelly, For the summers quickly fee. and the middle-aged sdmirer Wast, too a one, suppleasted be-Yes-as jealous as a mother, A suspicious, canker'd charles I look vaints for the setting

In he worthy such a pearl

From the New York Enickerbocker) A CHRISTMAS STORY:

JEDD PALLFRY FOUND IN THE COFFIN.

BY T B. ALDRICS

CHIMES OF MEMORY

MERRY Christmas ? Ah! but it used to be. It used to be, before the dramy mood of boyhood melted away like a silvery mi-t Merry, merry Curistmas, then ! The very words tinkied musically I can hear them trembling yet, in memory, like that faint jingling of sleigh bells which steals up from the street and to through the snow muffled case.

It was fine, then, to loiter in the crowded to be extremely conciliatory."

What's your name, bub?" streets, gazing in the shop windows-the El Do rados of 'funcy articles," the Australian lands visions I had of kind St. Nick, with his remdeer equipage on the house top, and his huge pack and carts that wouldn't go well, and dear old Hans Christian Anderson's story books, which never fained of being Arcadies of delight. Then at home, when the apples and nuts were disposed of, my grand aire, God love his white hairs, would take up ou his knee, and will about "Christ in the Manger," with such quent pro-

nunciation. moved to write a Christmas story for Ida Maye, and little Carrie, and tiny fingered Mab i, who are sleeping to the next room. I will put it in the most diminutive of the three mimic stock ings-it is all the poor author can give to the little dr any angels! Aut some of these days, when the weary pen is quite tired out, when there is nothing left of me but two or three volumes to some out of the way book case, their mother, - me Christmas eve maybap, will call the darlings to her side, and read the time worn, yellowed manuscript to them. And Ida Maye. will listen thoughtfully, with the long chon laches resting on her checks; au ! Carris's roguish eyes will laugh outright, though the story is a sad one, and Mabel will chap her little hands together ing open the door. like two white rose leaves!

All this may be But before I write, I will steal softly into the next room and look at their young faces Oh! glory is only half shrouded by the drooping eye lids, and those sweet faces light up the shadowy room as the tulips do some shady nook of the Summer words I shall be better for looking at them I will kneel at the bed side; perhaps I shall be weeping, for to morrow night, when the children dance round the Christmas tree, a little boy, with wonderful blue eyes, will not be there! and in all the presents hung upon the emerald branches, in among the red and blue candles. there will be none tound for " Charlie!" And when we think of "the little boy who died." our lips will quiver, though laugh and jest go round, and the music be as gay and wild as the melody of Shelley's Queen Mab

THE ANCIENT UNDERTAKER glanced nervously at the sombre row of coffins on each site of him, locked the shop door and stood in the street

It was Christmas eve, and the snow flakes, like tiny white birds from Paradise, were lighting on and twenty coffins are, of course, twenty times Tomitic. the chimney tops and roofs, and in the long streets uglier. of the city

t the city.
Every night at that same hour, eight o'dlock. key under the same mat, and stood in the same ing into the narrow any ang street which, to him, four, six, eight, ten, twelve, fourteen; sixteen, ended at his supper table

But this time be was not going home. The antique Mr Hans Spuyten Duyrel, whose death for he had no sooner located himself on one of his amiable relatives had been impatiently await the tall black stools, than be sunk into a profound ing for the last quarter of a century, had died slumber. His body swayed to and from a very unthat day; and old Jeid har been sent for to put decided manner At last it gave an extra curve, the habiliments of the grave on Mr Spuyten and Tomtit fell. He broke neither his slumber Dayvel's body, and two bright balf dollars on nor his neck-beroes never break their necks. I his eyes, the small change was afterward trans. believe The critics, however, sometimes do it him whatever, but continued to glare at the winferred to the pocket of the ancient undertaker for them I know an instance.

intimacy with the dead than dealings with the with one of his thin, brown hands grasping the with great colloquail powers, and was somewhat living. There was nothing in the whole world so leg of the stool, and one to in a collam-the at loss as to how he should open a conversation beautiful to him as a coffin—unless it was an first time, I think, that such a fact has been rewith the cocentric and unique individual before order for one. He had worked at his trade all corded of any body, though we often hear of him. In this dilemma, the words has had another hours of the night: he had made little coffins - people having "one foot in the grave." O such touching little coffins!—and fat ones, and But alim ones; and by the ghantly flickering of a sleep. lamp at midnight, he had laid the cold white dead in the varnished boxes without feeling one throh of symnathy in that old iron bound heart

of his Bu that Christmas eve he shuddered as he twists, and make the old man feel queer pains turned down the gas, and the long wooden tene and see strange sights ments, with their cover- off, seemed like so many estin lined gate ways leading to perdition. He race generally. They are the phantoms of evil

Tom lay dreaming of ships, and anshers, and does it."

Ar old Jedd Pallfry muttered this between the thin, bloodless lips, he flattened and without this gloomy shop suspiciously. He saw sociating and the velvet pall folded on the courger, and those two slim black stools which we all have seen in our homes, God pity us! But air be looked, his dim almond shaped eye grew addedly to order. A strip of the flooring had complete the perfuse of the rose of grass shot out of lits every direction; then it was dotted all over the yellow agad daises, and a rose bank will be single white bad, sprung up from the centre. In Pallfry's sight because so acute that he course the heart of the rose floating up in beauty of the border and the skeleton of a tree; them the shadow, then the skeleton of a tree; the might—sight when he looked agals being the shadow, then the skeleton of a tree; the mound. And he saw the mother sumshine form, and a willow trailed its gray least the course the mound. And he saw the mother sumshine form a conser!

Jedd rabbed his eyes, the rell he might—sight form, and a willow trailed its gray least the door by men the skeleton of a tree; the might—sight form, and a willow trailed its gray least the door least the tree of floating upon the place, and heart the robins single ling—singing in his shop!

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ing—singing in his shop!

Jedd looked and looked, but when the grass wind, and the grave begun to open, Jedd could Her life from that time was so full of suffering, look no longer, and he shut out the strange yet so womanly and true, that the angels might sight by placing two lank, bony hands over his sit and lister to a narrow of the suffering pall from him as if it had been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lank, bony hands over his sit and lister to a narrow of the suffering pall from him as if it had been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lank, bony hands over his sit and lister to a narrow of the suffering pall from him as if it had been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lank, bony hands over his sit and lister to a narrow of the suffering pall from him as if it had been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by placing two lanks been a pest, and tried sight by places are the sight by places and tried sight by places are the sight by places and tried sight by places are the sight by plac and the daisies grew tremulous, as in a sudden sight by placing two lank, bony hands over his

"Merry Christmas, Sir!" said a hesitating voice at his side

Jedd started "Merry Christmas, Sir!" repeated the voice

dolefully. It was a very shabbily dressed lad. He had on Now while shrouds were being made, and coffins a falt hat of no color whatever, a round about varnished, and the old world was turning on its jacket, and a pair of white duck trowsers, much axis, Nannette died too well ventilated for the season. His physique was as delicate as a girl's; and if it had not been fitting the lining to an infant's coffin, a grave

so dark, Jedd could have seen a face in which there was a strange mixture of the Madonna and and he heard the singing of birds. He knew the devil-the expression of boyhood and man | what it meant: He knew that somewhere-he hood contending, and a sad experience written all | could not tell where-there was another mound could not tell where—shere was another mound and, unseen, save by God's own eye, high up the ran up and down the bank for the space of three were a new steeple in the snow, and wind, and sleet, a hundred yards, in cager search for the ford, over it

shocking hat "If you please, Sir," said the boy pleadingly. " Hamph !"

And Jedd was about to bid him go his way, when it struck Jedd that after what he had seen, not even the love of his charming coffins could

"The last one, Sir?" saked bub, looking up.

ed to call me poor Tommy, and orphan Tom, and the child was not as happy as he might have been Nantuck—and they called Nantuck very often, tile sufficiency of both. Having indulged in four and made him work a good deal." And the boy years' experience in being whaled, he took it bivered with cold, as the keen north wind swept into his head to have a hand in the business himaround the corner with evident predatory designs self. "To be, or not to be," was a question in on his tattered jacket

Touched with these memories, and sitting once more, as it were, in happy sunrise of life. I am name filled his venerable nostrils with a "very mother, Amphitrite, he placed his name on the more, as it were, in happy sunrise of life. I am ancient and fish like smell" books of "the good ship Marie Theresa," and "Well. Tomtit, (I like that best, you know.)

> give you a shilling." "I don't know how much a shilling is," said . bless him! Tomtit, alias Nantuck, eagerly, "but I'll do it,

lovely coffine; they might fall on you and kill van. you know" Jedd never once looked towads, to street so charmed with the mad wrangling of the floor, you mustn't be frightened, you know by the shop windows, that he forgot his hunger

And Jedd shuddened. The undertaker summoned all his courage and back to him with interest, his hunger, and he

glanced into the room; but the mound with its grew disconsolate daisies, and the weeping willow, had vanished.

The city, with all

thing to steal, you know"

However, there was no alternative but to trust

Tomtit glanced over the apartment. There was only the ghost of a fire in a small Old Jedd Palifry turned down the gas a little, stove; all sorts of grotesque shadows peopled the lanced nervously at the sombre row of coffins room, and the dim blue light, which fell like an imitation of moonrise on the long, narrow houses to avoid the heedless throng, crossed over to the of the dead, made them look frightful. A comin

"Queer place," soliloquised Tomtit Every night at that same hour, eight o'clock, rather like it though "And the boy smiled a ter, that the shop girl gave him one, and her for ten years, the undertaker had turned down sickly smile. "He thought I'd be afraid. A glossy curls shook all over with delight at the the gas, locked the door, and placed the same man who has been on a whaling voyage-" here little thirteen year old drew himself up to his position for a moment by the wind in before turn. full beight-" ien't likely to be seared by two, have been fearfully hungry."

eighteen, twenty, empty boxes. I guess not." The child must have been exceedingly weary,

Now old Pallfry had made coffins ever since Tomtit lay at the foot of his perpendicular bed, his youth, and for thirty years really had more and there we will leave him leave him sleeping never blessed, or afflicted, as the case may be. But while I whisper in your our, let him

THE SKELETON.

There is a curious skeleton in Jedd Palifry's beart, and every Christman eve it turns and and see strange sights
These skeletons are very common to the human

felt as if a thousand strong currents of air were deeds and malignant thoughts—mental africe the little spirits, from the land of Nowhere, that blowing him thward them! He could hardly keep that grow up in a single night, like tend-stools. from stepping into one; and it required all his stepping into one; and it required all his strength to reach the door and lock it. Jedd strength to reach the door and lock it. Jedd drow a long breath.

The wary, that you may not have one growing its spot them eyeling, and weighted and countries and coquettish along, that your become. It will show itself. This. More will and won't, and is so very like a warman! so And of all drow a long breath.

Elegan cannot drape been with all "likelills and been to wis, so enquisite and tree when the wir you!

"It's always so -every Christmas eve : she brocedes is Stewart's, her old Three-per-cent his,

a child who walked wearily beside her, and passed

Nannette went far away from the city, and in a little town by the sedgy sea shore taught her boy to pray

Year after year went by The world rolled on like a great wheel; men, and women, and children dropped off like flies, And then Jedd turned his eyes on the speaker. and Jed Pallfry's hammer was busy -- oh! so busy.

The night of her death, just as old Jedd was grew up at his feet-a willow and a rose bush, and how merrily the robbins sang about it! All this happened while the snow flakes were running

nimbly over the house tops like little white mice Every Christmas eve, at the same hour, Jedd sees this phantom mound with its sighing willowtree, and its lovely flowers, and its fairy birds, temnt him to turn on the gas again in his shop; flitting here and there like the fragments of a and to leave it burning until morning was a bit | broken rainbow! And at night he has a fearful of extravagance not to be thought of. It occurre dream. He fancies that four Fever fiends are ed to him to hire this promisenous wisher of tossing him in his best velvet pall. Yellow Jack, merry Christmases to sit in the shop till he should with his great jaundiced visage, Brain fever, have returned from the Spuyten Dayvel's, then shouting deliriously, Scarlet fever, with red hot he could turn on the gas and turn off the boy at ; even and putrid lips, and Typhoid, still and the same time So he changed his brusque man- + dreadful-he sees them all ! and they paw him ner, and inquired, in a tone which was intended with their disgusting hands, and kiss him on the mouth till poor old Jedd is near going mad with

agony and fear. ing the lad. "How many have you?"

Tom was not busy catching fish, he was catching stiffness in his knees gave out, and he supported something else. So between boating and beating himself against the counter Tomtit. But on board ship the sailors called me with more of one and less of the other, or a genthe boy's mind; and "not to be," beaten any "Nantuck?" said his interrogator, turning up more was his decision: so one fine morning, withhis pinched nose with disapprobation, as if the out as much as the cognizance of his beloved sailed out of port with a light heart, one suit of if you will keep shop for me an hour or so, I'll clothes, and a prospect of hard work, which is all the "rig out" a true sailor needs, Heaven

But Tom was too deliestely made for a whaling voyage, and after waisting three years of the "The key is under the mat. Unlock the door, golden part of his life, he found himself in our and don't touch anything. Don't jar those great city one night, without money, or friends. or a place to die in. He wandered from street the shop "If you see a grave in the middle of saleigh bells-a new music to him-and so dazzled and the web of difficulties which Time and Fate the busy monsters! were weaving for him. But "I don't see any grave," said Tomatit, throw- hunger under such circumstances, like a renewed note, only spares one for a little while It came

The city, with all its strange newness, was for-"Dev'lish strange," he muttered. "It was gotten in turn. The snow chilled him, and the but they are newly from Heaven, their tiny there." Then, facing his elerk pro tem., "You happy children buying toys in the grand shops, won't steel anything, because there isn't any and the merry sleighs darting through the street like swallows, gave him an acute sense of loneli-The hoy looked wearily around him, and ness. There were no mother and sisters to put seemed to think that the tomptation wasn't very gay presents in his stocking Indeed, if there had been, they might have bought the stocking in his arms—something wrapped in a pall. A But he might take a lid, though," thought too, for never a one had Tom on those cold little

him. Somehow or other, and God wills it so, pastry and confections, and his hunger grew madthe most suspicious are sometimes obliged to place dening. He turned from the heaped delicacies, confidence in a fellow-mortal. Not you and I, fearing that he might be tempted to thrust his gentle reader, we would do it willingly, for it is hand through the thick plate glass and help himgood to believe in humanity. Among other things, self. He turned away in gastronomic agony, did the old man of three score years had not learned Tomtit, and hearing the children cry "Merry Christmas!" wondered what it was, and where it

> Poor Tom, I have been looking for it these five Nantuck passed rapidly up Broadway, and then

western part of the town. Fate led him, for Fate is an ugly looking thing any way one can fix it, deigns even to shape the lives of such estrays as longingly at a waiter of fresh tarts on the count

ravenous way he devoured it. "Poor fellow," said the girl, sobering, "he must

He was ratherish, and he anihilated two tarts with enthusiasm. led into Sixth avenue, he beheld an old man looking in an undertaker's window, as if he were weary of life, and a desire to accost him and beg

shelter, or directions for finding it, overcame his pride, which was but a remnant of its former self. He approached the man, who took no notice of dow with a wildness that almost startled Tom from his design. Now our humble hero was a thousand times that night, broke musically

over his line : "Merry Christmas, Sir !" Then it was that Jodd Pallfrey turned and looked at him, and said :

· "Humph." POOR TOM'S A-COLD.

We left Tomtit Soored, literally, at Chapter II. The hours went by like shadows, and he still far under the charmed influence of sleep. Sleep, Tom lay dreaming of ships, and anchors, and

colder than the snowy tracery which grew like to warm his hands by the jet of gas which burn the western heavens, from the horizon almost to ed azure, and yellow, and all colors But it only the senith, a horseman, in a green hunting frock, aggravated his coldness.

The idea of freezing to death took hold of Tom and out of this grew a strange act. His eyes fell on a coffin which he thought would hold him comfortably It nearly exhausted his strength dark, gloomy forest, which then stretched over to lay the silk padded box on the floor This a vast track of country in the northwestern porbesitation, and once more made a coverlid of the steed over the mosal, level ground, through a

heavy pall. . dreaming of dreary oceans and lonely isles, and branches made twinght of noonday, and dark "fairy lands forlorn," of cross bones and eyeless ness of twilight, he mous reacted the banks of a skulls, church yards and epitaphs, and God knows dark, deep river, known as the Maumer, or Ma saw a very little fellow surmounted by a very heaven and a new earth for some body that night ghostly finger pointed to the cabilistic figure which he did not find. Then he looked up and

> LIFTING THE PALL. Jedd Pallfry was detained at the Spuyten Duyvel's longer than he had anticipated-two hours longer; and the clock struck twelve as he whirled round the corner, and brought himself up against the wind in front of his shop. The long tails of his threadbare overcoat were flying by the dismal howl of the prowling wolf, or the all ways, and he looked like a great hideous owl When Jedd threw open the door, he started teen minutes more he gained an opening, and lost in the night frew rein at the door of an humble log hat, through whose crevices a faint light glimmered

back There, in the middle of the shop, just where the spectral grave sprang up yearly, lay a pallcovered coffin, the gas going out, and the boy gone! The place seemed chilly and damp, like a vault, and Jedd shivered so, that the snow Nanuette's child was adopted by a fisherman's flakes flew from him in every direction, like

Now one of those changes came over Jedd Pallfry which happen to us all at times, and for which philosophy's self cannot account. With reso. and exclamations of pleasure broke from two of lute and fearless steps he approached the coffin the four persons present. and lifted the pall. The light, which seemed to brighten up a little, fell aslant on Tom sleeping strong, hard featured, muscular man, of middle The strange young face, shaded by tangled curls | age-a small, pale, sharp teatured, thin lipped of nut brown hair, and lacking the soft influence coman of forty-a long, lank, awkward youth of his closed eyes, was almost wild in its beauth of twenty, with pocked face, flaxen hair, light The parting lips seemed ready to speak, but they blue eyes, and freekled skin-and a paump, fair, moved not; the eye lids twitched, but were not lifted; and he lay a double picture-Life and teen Death!

Jedd started, but not with fear. He felt something trembling, throbbing, warming in his boo night?" said the elderly female who had opened som. It was only his heart melting! The fet ters like reeds, and the love which had lain in a trance for a dozen years, rose up within him, and would be heard! His heart knew the little stranger in the coffin, and he bent over him with a tenderness that belongs to a woman. "Nappette!" he said softly, oh! so wonderful

v like Vannette" The boy opened his eyes and looked about him confusedly. He attempted to rise, but his strength had succumbed to cold and hunger; and he sank back with a ghastly smile.
"I'm so very hungry, Sir!"

"Only speak to me!" cried Jedd, hoarse with emotion;"" only say if you are Nannette's child!" "Nannette. Nannette," said the boy dreamily.

'Is some one calling my mother?" The old man said not a word at this, but knelt down by the coffin and wept

The clock struck one as Jedd Pallfry passed through the blinding sleet with something heavy drowsy policeman, ensconced in a door; way out

was more than knee deep-but Jedd, heeding neither, struggled on with his burden. Then a brilliant coal fire threw a lurid and pleasant glow over Jedd's sitting room. The elderly house keeper-completely dressed, with the exception of a night cap which she had forgotten to remove-burried to and fro in "a state of mind," collecting more jugs of hot water than would be required to warm the feet of all her Majesty's subjects in the Crimes. Close by the grate, in a Daniel Lambert of an easy chair, sat the unconscious Tom, with Jedd soothing one of his hands and gazing anxiously in his face So an hour went by, and then the child's eyes unclosed; and Jedd Pallfry took him in his arms. and the old man's whole heart was a praver-a prayer to him who "tempers the wind to the

shorn lamb!" When I have said that terrible dreams and strange visions never haunted Jedd Pallfry in his jurisdiction into the hands of the Brimsh, after that night, I have said all So is my story

The snow has ceased falling, and through my window I can see the crisp stars twinkle like bits of chrysolite. The city bells are ringing a requiem for the dying midnight of the dying year. lilver voices from dixxy turret are calling to each other mournfully, dolefully. A chill and a fore-boding hang over all! And now the bells clang

> "Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The fiving cloud, the freaty light: The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die. "Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring out the grief that snaps the mind, Ring in the nobler modes of life, Ring in redress to all mankind.

*Ring out a slowly dylog enuse, And ancient forms of party strife Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws. "Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out my moarsful rhymes, And ring the ruler minetrel in. "Ring out false pride in place and blood,

Ring civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, "Ring out old shapes of foul disease.

Ring out the narrowing last of gold
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace. "Ring in the valuat men and free, The larger heart the kindler hand

Which Fancy sometimes weaves for me, That then, amid those bowers elysian, My lovely flower mate will be, And thit how oft, when time and distance Perchance, may part thee from my side, Will I regime for that existence

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THE REFUGEES: AN INDIAN TALE OF 1812.

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CHAPTER I. THE MESSENGER. As the setting sun of the 20th of August, 1812, threw a broad sheet of burnished gold over with a rifle resting on the pommel of his saddle, and tightly grasped with one hand, while the other held the reins of his panting and foam covored beast, dashed swiftly through the great

being done, he settled himself into it without tion of the State of Onio Guiding his gallant denne growth of ash, elm, oak, beech, cotton-Then Tomtit fell asleep again and commenced wood and poplar trees, whose thickly matted what! Just then a brasen lipped sentinel in a mi of the lakes. Here hereined his travel worn. neighboring belfry solemnly told out the hour, beast to a halt, threw himself from his back, and down the dark stream, over which the shadows of night were fast settling, and remounting his horse, rode him into the water, and swam him across to the opposite shore. On reaching the right bank of the river, he again urged his wea ry beast forward through a gloomy wood-where night had already spreadher Piutonian pail, and a solemn, awful silence brooded; disturbed only

> ing beast, and tightly grasping his rifle, he dismounted quickly, and tapped lightly on the slab "Who's there?" demanded a voice from with with the intonation peculiar to the

hideous screech of the ominious owl-and in fif

Throwing the reins upon the neck of his droop

New England. "Eden Stanforth," was the reply of the horse men. Almost instantly the door was thrown open,

brown haired, hazel eyed, comely maiden of nine-"Why, Eden Stanforth, be you back already? Who on earth thought of seeing you here tothe door, which she still held with one hand, while with the other she took the hand of the young

horseman. For young he was and handsome, possessing a fine, manly form in the full flush and vigor of of early manhood, with an open, frank, honest, intelligent, countenance, an eye clear, bright and expressive, and with waving ocks, rolling back from a broad, high; smooth forehead, and clustering around healthy hued cheeks and tem-

"I hoped to surprise you, auut?" he said quickly, as he pushed in and closed the door; "for had failed in doing so, I fear you would soon have received a surprise of a more terrible nature." "Mercy on us! what's happened?" cried the

aunt in alarm, while the others held their breath to listen to the reply.
"First," said Edea Stanforth, "do you know that war has been declared between our country and Great Britain?"

"No!" exclaimed the uncle of the young mes

senger, starting up from his seat: "Is such the of the storm, hailed him, and the drifted spow fact "Such is the fact," pursued Eden hurriedly; war was formally proclaimed by our government against Great Britain on the eighteenth of last June-though it is said that when the imbecile, reacherous, and cowardly old Hull marched through here, on the last of the same month, be lid not know it."

> lisrespectful terms of General Hull?" inquired the brother of the young man's father. "Would that my words were daggers, to let out his heart's blood!" cried Eden, fiercely .--"Oh! woe the day that such a man was appoint

"Eden, what do you mean, by speaking in such

ed to command such a gallant band as he basely betrayed and sacrificed." "Eden, speak! explain!" demanded the nacwho was a man of a few words. "He has surrendered Detroit, his army, and

all the forts, garrisons, and military stores with-

without so much as permitting a single blow to be struck in our defence." "You don't tell me so!" exclaimed the uider Stanforth, turning slightly pale, and involunta-

rily clevebing his band. "Mercy on us!" cried Mrs. Stanforth, elasping ber hands in alarm: "what'll this do to us. Eden?"

"Put us to flight, aunt, to save our lives! cried the young man, excitedly "The horde of Indians, collected under the leadership of Tecumseh, having now no check at the North, will soon be upon these defenceless borders, to slaughter, pillage and burn, and lay waste the countryeven now I fear they are on their way hither "This is indeed startling news!" said the un cle, musingly; "war declared and Hull surrendered! Eden, you haen't made any mistake?"

"No, uncle-no mistake-for even I was one of the parties surrendered " "You, Eden-you."

"Yes, uncle." "Tell me all about it as quick as you can!" said the uncle.

"I must be very brief, then, uncle," replied Eden, "for I have not yet been home. Here Peleg," he continued, turning to the young man before mentioned, who, with blanched features, open mouth, dilated eyes, and trembling limbs, stood listening to every word, and looking from one to the other, in terror: "here, run over to our house, and tell the news, and set them at making preparations to leave at once—say I will