TAKEN AT HIS WORD.

good thing for all concerned, and the quicker it takes place the better."

Reader, who do you think said that?

"What a monster!" do you cry. Nay; he was a church member. He

caused his unchristian language. You may judge by the language he tunate boy.

You judge correctly, and the boy was what you naturally imagine him to be. The father was getting his reward now for having so neglected his duty in the training of his son. But he could not bear, with any sort of patience, the wayward conduct of his son, and so raged and railed at him that everything in Edgar which was bad became a thousandfold worse. The mother—as mothers will-clung in love and patient pity to her boy, and her soul was in agony to witness the violent scenes between him and his father.

She talked faithfully to both; but neither would hear. The father declared I the boy to be reprobate and worthless, and the son raid, desperately, that his father hated him, and that this conviction embittered and poisoned his heart so that it was impossible for him to be good. "Even for your sake, mother," he sebbed. "for which I often do try to do better."

The night after the words with which our sketch is commenced were uttered, Edgar was late home. When he came it was to announce that he had enlisted. and was to march at noon the next day

The mother worked and wept all that night! At the right time next day her boy's knapsack was ready. He went without seeing his father. The troops passed the door of his home. Edgar's pale and despairing face was lifted to the every particular adapted to the wants of the pale, drenched face that looked down, business public. searching for him in the ranks, from his mother's window.

"God protect my poor boy," her white lips murmured.

Edgar knew what those tears were, though he could not hear them. He kissed his hands to his mother, and tried to smile on her, but the woe in his great dark eyes would not be thus veiled, even for one moment. He bowed his head and passed on.

The troubler, the bone of contention the "calamity" was gone out of the home of poor Edgar. The father looked gloomy but said not a word of regret. He never scemed to reflect that his son had not come unbidden into life, nor that it is a crime in any man to evoke a life that he does not try his best to render good and happy. He should have blamed himself BLANKSfar more than he did Edgar for all the faults of the latter. But that he never did. He thought children ought to come up all right, no matter how they were treated, and he was ready to destroy those MEMORANDUMS, that did not turn out well.

Reasonable, sensible; but many men are so. It is one of God's unfathomable mysteries, why he permits such to become fathers. O, poor, ill-fated babes ! that are born into the families of such fathers. But God will surely make allowance, when the judgment sets, for the children who were never trained up in the way kept on hand, or immediately procured wherein they ought to go. We will an when desired. chor our souls on this hope. But Edgar.

Well, his company was one of the first Well, his company was one of the first Pens and Inks. Also, of Wall-Papers, Drawthat was called into action. He was a ing Materials, Water Colors, &c. brave boy. Hungry and thirsty and with face and feet blistered from the wind and the dreadful forced march, he walked or rather ran on the battle field and with his comrades raised the wild shout that is said to have startled all that heard it. in exchange for Books, &c. They cast off their coats, and piled upon the earth everything that could interfere with the freedom of their motions, and then forward they rushed into the bloods

Edgar's mother sat at home thinking of her boy. Mothers can imagine how she felt. The tolegraph reported that a battle was lost; that our men had fled; that everything was going wrong with the FRUING-PANS, SAP-PANS, and CAUID-Northern Army.

"O! if Edgar would but run all the "O! if Edgar would but run all the such as PLOWS, SCRAPERS, CULTIVA-way home!" thought the mother's heart. TORS, CORN-SHELLERS, HORSE-RAKES "I would not say that, if he were but fit DOG-POWERS, &c. to die," she added. "For my country, I could yield my son's life; but oh! I cannot bear to venture his immortal soul."

third upon the list of killed. His body Store on Main Street opposite the Old Court was brought home, and when it lay House, Coudersport. Aug. 1, 1359.—50 straightened for the grave, with the red mark just under the edge of the brown, Trw Warness Synn waving locks, with the dark lashes laying heavily on the white cheeks, with the the surrounding community that he has beautiful features set in eternal rest, and the strong young limbs, that had done S. Mann, where he is prepared to do good service for their country, helpless and cold, his father stood beside his cof- on the shortest notice. fin and looked upon him, and tears (was there not reason for them?) dropped also kept constantly on hand. These collars slowly from the stern man's eyes. What are a superior article, and need but a trial to his thoughts were none knew; but he insure their success. was taken at his word. His wish was granted. Will any father be warned by this?

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