There is grief in the palace, And mourning and woe; All, save little Alice, Their serrow do show. Her fair cheeks are tearless; Her blue eves are clear : And trusting and fearless,

She stands by the bier. Her voice is unbroken, As, lifting her head, She turns to the living, From one that is dead : " Dear mother, you told us That God was on high. And his arms would enfold us Whenever we die.

" And, father, I heard you Tell uncle, last night, Your child was an angel. In raiment of white: Then why all this weeping, This sorrow and pain? Our Willie is sleeping,

To waken again.' With the voice of a prophet, The look of a seer. Her words of rebuking

Enchain'd every ear; The sobs came no longer, The eyes knew a balm, The parents were stronger. The children were calm.

'Neath the shade of the willow, They laid him to rest, The sod for his pillow. A rose on his breast; And they learn'd from his going, One lesson of worth-There are angels in heaven,

And angels on earth.

Literary Hotices.

HISTORY OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JAMES MADISON. By William C. Rives. Vol. 1., pp. 660. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Pitts-burgh: John S. Davison. 1859.

Mr. Madison was no ordinary man. He lived as the most momentous period of his country's history, took a leading part in the most important movements, and occupied the highest place in the nation's gift.

documents, many of which have never before twelve years old, and Andrew, who was only been published. Hence, not only is new in seven; her own age being about midway formation communicated, but many current between theirs. errors, which have long ago obtained general dradence, had been corrected. Owing to the or a true one?" nart Mr. Madison took in public affairs, his biography, to be complete, must necessarily contain much contemporaneous history; and in this department of his work, as well as in every one as something I could make up; perhaps you will not think it interesting" this first volume.

He shows, most conclusively, that the American revolution was not a rebellion, and that to the last moment practicable, the leaders maintained all true. I was a soboolmaster once, and loyalty to the British crown. They ceased to be twenty years ago this Winter I was teaching loyal only when to continue any longer so would a large school in Michigan. As I was have been to forfeit their character as Englishmen. passing around the school room; one, morn-The position occupied by Virginia in the great ing, I saw a notch that had been newly cut

disquased. It is supposed by many that the uprising against British usurpation in that colony had a plied. purely Democratic origin, and was at first vehearistocracy. But this history establishes the or the seats? fact that the largest landholders in the province

were the most zealous and the most sacrificing among the patriots. Mr. Madison was the champion of religious freedom in Virginia, and was successful in his troubled. efforts. Previous to this, Episcopacy was the

State religion of the "Old Dominion." In this life of Mr. Madison, we have a fuller history of the old Congress of the Confederation, ing borrowed one at home, and the temptaduring the four years he was a member of that tion to try it on the new dask before him body, than can be found in any other single had proved too much for him. But his

publication. This embraces the most important frankness in confessing, his fault, and con-period of the War of the Revolution, and those demoting himself, tadded to his general good deeply interesting passages in our political and character, made me wish, if possible, to diplomatic annals, which have hitherto received avoid punishing him. Yet how could I comparatively little illustration. ment of facts, great candor toward all the and I was anxious to leave it in good order illustrious men with whom the subject of his at the send of the term. I I turned the mat-

history acted, and a thorough acquaintance with ter over a moment in my mind, and then the controversies, discussions, and events con- said to him: nected with the early history of American Independence. We look with interest for the next history. The publishers, Mesers Little, Brown & Co., have done their part well, as they do with all their publications.

THE CRUSADES AND THE CRUSADERS By John G. Edgar, author of "Boyhood of Great Men,"
"Wars of the Roses," etc With Eight Illustrations by Julian Portch. Pp 380, 16mo. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. New York: Sheldon & Co. Pittsburgh: John S. Davison. 1860. This is a remarkably readable, book for boys, by one directly a layoute from his previous

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the history of the world. The author has done his work well, and his book will be read with unflagging interest to the end. It cannot fail to be successful.

SEVER YEARS, and Other Tales. By Julia Kavanagh, author of "Nathalie," "Adele,"
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For the Poung.

The Ingenuous Boy. "Tell us a story, father, this evening,

Mary made this request in behalf of her-The author has based this history upon original self "and two brothers Heory, who was

"Well, what shall it be, a-made up story, "O, a true one, if you please: we like

those the best." But if I tell you a true story, it may "I know we shall; we always do."

"Well, then, as you have chosen a true story, I will give you one that I know was struggle; and the effects of the unrighteous policy in the desk, just before William C. I of Lord Dunmore, are very clearly and ably pointed to it, and asked :

" William, do you know who did that ?" " Yes, sir, I did it," he very frankly re-"Did you not know that it was against

mently opposed by what was stignistized as the the rules of the school to whittle the desks " Yes, sir.

" Don't you shink the rule a good one?" "'Yes, sir. I suppose you must punish me, sir, he said, looking very much

" Now, William was about ten years old. and was one of my best scholars; a very bright and generally obedient boy. He did not own a pocket knife, but had that mornomparatively little illustration. avoid it without appearing partial to Wil-Mr. Rives manifests much care in the state-liam? The school house was a new one,

"' William, I can't bear to think of punishing you, for you are one of the best boys. volume, now in press, and believe that the entire But what can I do? If I let you go unpunwork will be a valuable addition to our national ished, how can I enforce the rule? And if that rule is disregarded, we shall have a sorry looking school house when Spring comes.

"'I know it will be so, sir, said he, looking more disconsolate. go, and still save the deaks?"

"'I don't thick there is, sir.'
"'You may lay aside your book and think about it for a while, and see if you cannot contrive some way, and I also will see if I cannot find one.'

"I turned away and engaged in other duties for some time, and then came back to "Well, William, have you thought of

Mino, sir altonnot see howayou of n'do anything else with me.

" Well, Lchave devised applans which may possibly succeed. The boys are now to take their recess; and if, while you are "William seemed very little encouraged

whether the boys would give such a pledge. I stated the plan in presence of them all, and then gave them their recess. As I afterward learned, William had not courage to ask any body for the pledge; but one of the elder boys gathered them all around him, and made a stump speech in William's belfalf. Boys, said he, we don't any of us want to see Will whipped, and we can prevent it by just giving our word and honor that we won't whittle the school house. Now, what you. Besides, we ought to have some pride in keeping the house decent, as well as the master. In giving this pledge, we only promise not to do what we ought not to do any way. If we don't give it, Will must be shutters, so as to admit a ray of light from whipped, and then if we cut the deaks we the same Bleest's trientmiss with the same the same to be same to admit a ray of light from

William came in with the cloud gone

William for breaking it." what do you think made them?" "I guess," said Mary, "it was because

hey thought more about the rule, and saw light are separated by the prism from those ow good and reasonable it was." "And I guess," said little Andrew, out that you didn't want to whip them." hem a pledge on their honor."

Agricultural.

Dearth of Food --- A Startling View. We published yesterday a remarkable let er from Liebig; the great German chemist addressed to Mechi, the famous English farner, upon that most momentous of all subdunary themes, the production of coorn. He salt, as do those which are accompanied with those that the comproducing power of the light. ivilized, cultivated countries of the globe. rapidly, becoming exhausted; that it is wings-to-guano othat the edecline has a not cen more rapid and more marked; but that

the existing apply of grano, if it continues to be congumed ab its present rate, will not to be consumed at its present rate, will not last more than twenty five or thirty cars at light which is used in the daguerrootype then utmost. He predicts secondingly, that and photograph processes. By more than unless war, or pestilence, or family or emione means, the force of this element can be gration, en masse, largely distribus the opulation of the older countries, they will d themselves, at no very distant day, if the existing system of cultivation be pur ued, in actual want of bread, and the Mal thusian theory will thus receive an early and certainly unlooked for exemplification.

These conclusions, thus massed together ire so startling that poven when they come rom an eminent scientific man, one finds some difficulty in accepting them. But a very cursory inspection of what is actually occurring within our ownsknowledge, both ere and in Europe, places, their general orrectness beyond a adoubt to Formmany ears before the repeal of the Corn laws, in 847. England was only enabled to keep up he supply of wheat for her own population y the existence of high protective duties, and consequently a high price of bread and low standard of living on the part of the nasses. As soon as the duties were removed,

which have been longest under cultivation undiscased by hypothesis, happy in his in here, and corn is cetasing to be a profitable ability to know the causes of things, preproduct through all the Eastern States. In ferring the things themselves. He lived New England, and New York, and Virginia, chiefly in the country, among pleasant seats as the process of exhaustion goes on, we by the fruit-tree swalls, and scenting the seek our bread further and further West apricots when they were warmed by the In Germany and Eastern Europe the same morning sanshine; or sheltering himself decline in scribity is also to be witnessed, under the orchard boughs at noon, when the

would certainly entail a descent to a much ower standard of living; and corresponding moral degradation. The formula on which all this gloomy foreboding is based, is a very simple one. most to be restored The ordinary barn ard manures, where they are used, partially suffice for this purpose; but only partially. dred, gives in its final result; total) barren. am afflicted, it makes me less afflicted. supply were inexhaustible. As it is not so,

cibig insists that we must fell back on the the rivers with it, and allowing it to run to God knows I have no time to spend in waste. The mechanical and engineering theological controversy. Now, my dear difficulties of such an enterprise are no friend, do not wrong with me, I cannot doubt great, but not too great for modern' science to overcome, if the farmers were nnce made sensible of the consequences of

perseverance in the existing mode of culti-The political aspects of this question are by no means the least interesting and important. The growth and prosperity of a nareatness is no longer in its own hands. same ruin as she suffered herself.—N. Y.

*Our farmers would say grain.

Miscellaneous.

The curiosities of the Sunbeam. Simple as a white ray of the sun's light be composed of at least three distinct ele. its very top. ments, and to possess many ourious and wonderful properties. The three elements new comer. of which we speak, are light, heat, and chemical force; and they may be separated from each other by means of a very simple instrument. Darken a room, and bore a small hole through one of the windowthe sun. Place's triangular prism of glass horizontally across the ray, with one edge down, so that the light may pass through it.

The ray will be bent upward, and will-strike dog, rowed into the river Seine, in Paris, the prism was interposed. It will-not, how and three him into the water. The prism was interposed. It will-not, how and three him into the water. The prism was interposed. It will-not, how and three him into the water. The poor and suffering and three him into the water. The poor and suffering and three him into the water. The poor and suffering and three him into the water. The poor and suffering and three him into the water. The poor and suffering and three him into the water. The poor rich stores of human happiness. From the Preface.

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eter down beyond the red ray, we find a point, where no light falls, where the there mometer receives more heat than it does anywhere within the light. The rays of

Another curious fact which has been obthat they loved you more when they found served, also proves that the light and heat of the sunbeam are distinct elements. If "I think, also," said Henry, "they felt | we suspend a thermemeter in the vicinity glad to have you trust them like men, as of a close stove, which emits heat but not you did when you asked William to get from light, the heat radiating from the stove will raise the mercury in the thermometer. But if we interpose a plate of transparent glass, none of these dark rays of heat pass through it; it is entirely opaque to them. If we now increase the temperature of the stove until it becomes red hot, the rays of heat begin to pass through the glass and paffect the thermometer; and if we raise the temperature to a white heat, the rays pass freely through the glass. If we vary the experiment, and use crystals of rock salt, instead of glass, we find that the dark rays of hear pass out freely through the

Some of the sidnemiste discovered. cen turies ago, that the chloride of silver, which is as white as snow, turns black on exposure to the light; and more recently it has been found "that a large" number of bodies are measured in the several parts of the spectrum, and it is found to be most powerful in the violet ray, and to extend entirely beyond the light. OIt is not visible to the eye; it does not affect the thermometer; and it is, therefore, neither light nor heat. It is easy, after thus dividing the sunbeam, to re-combine its parts, when the white ray will produce the several effects of light, of heat, and of chemical change, which are produced separately by its several elements. -Scientific American.

England Eighty Years Since. Leisure is gone gone where the spinning wheels are gone, and the pack horses, and the slow wagous; and the peddler who brought bargains to the door on sunny after. noons. Ingenious philosophers tell you, perhaps, that the great work of the steam engine is to create leisure for mankind. Do the farmers were unable to produce it at the not believe them; it only creates a vecuum instural market price; and had to give way for eager thought to rush in. Even idlebefore the competition of Russia and the ness is eager now eager for augustical United States, and betake themselves to cat prope to expersion trains care manufactured. prone to exquision trains, art museums, the raising and green crops. With these periodicals, literature, and exciting novels; they are thriving, as perhaps they never prone even to scientific theorizing and conthrove before, but the sumusl yield of home sory, peeps through microscopes. Old Leisgrown wheat has been enormously diminish ure was quite ; a different personage ; Le ed; and English bread is now mainly the product of the Eastern steppes and Western and was Tree from the periodicity of sense prairies, purchased by British manufactures. It is however, notorious that the same contemplative, rather stout old gentleman, xbaustion is now showing itself in the lands of excellent digestion; of quiet perceptions, the yield per acre is capidly diminishing, and and homesteads, and was fond of sauntering the cause being everywhere the same the Summer pears were failing. He knew continued extraction from the soil of the el- nothing of weekday services and thought ements of productiveness, without the small none the worse of the sermon if it, allowed est attempt at their restoration. Owing to him to sleep from the text to the blessing; the abundance of land with which we have liking the afternoon service best, because been so far blessed, our farmers have rarely the prayers were the shortest, and not taken the trouble to manure their fields. ashamed to say so; for the had an easy,

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relates the following as an illustration of the free, easy, good natured religion of the French: "Now," said a Frenchman, as we sat To render and keep soil productive, the elements which are withdrawd in the harvest is confess to you I am a Oatholic. I cross myself, I say my prayers, I go to mass and to confession, I teach my children to do so too. I do all this because my father did, They leave every year a deficiency, and this deficiency, multiplied by fifty or one hundred well, it makes me better; when I ness. Gusno would supply the need of the ... You are a Protestant, you say I am wrong the breads is not flesh, and the wine is not blood, but God can do all things. werage of towns. These great consumers | Will he make such a transformation of food, which modern civilization is What says his Word? I do not know, the creating and developing on such an enor priest does,"and he says the Bible teaches mous scale, must be made to keep up the this doctrine. It is not my business to exfertility of the surrounding country by dis smine; it is his, I pay him for it; it is charging their sewerage over the fields, enough for me to take ware of my family, instead of filling the harbors and choking and support the Church and the State. enough for mento take care of my family,

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