A JUST RETRIBUTION.

It's whispered in the churches; It's shouted in the street; It's quaried at the races, Mid runh of horses' feet; Where'er one goes he hears it— The question is not new, In fact, it's quite a chestnut— "Is 't hot enough for you?"

May fends who first propound it, When summer days arrivo-Who daily, hourly sound it From twive o'clock to five-When dead and in perdition Be doomed to fry and stew, While those they've asked will ach themi "Is 't hot enough for you?" —Chicago Mail.

CASSIE'S PEEP-SHOW.



When very busy with the monthly bound of the policy of the monthly bound of the policy of the monthly bound of the policy of the policy ing very little at-bention to the golden-haired darling, the only one of twe children who had sur-vived infancy. To say that the child at 4 years of age ruled the entire bounshold of the rich merchant, whose proudest title was that of "pap" from her baby lips would be to give no exagerated statement of her rule. And the chief slave of all was pretty Mrs. Lockwood, a pet of society, the idol of her husband, but the devoted. servant of all Cassle's caprices. So when Miss Cassle wanted a peop-show, the protitest of pasteboard boxes vare selected from the store of mamma's reasures, and all the nursery was nat-sacked for bright little trinkets to make the show.

Then some new paper dolls were do-manded in the imperative mood, present tense, and the nursery governess weat out to purchase them, leaving Cases revelling in unchecked possession of the mediage bothe, the selessors, and a sheet of little colored pictures. The nursery governess was Miss Agné-Churchill, the daughter of an old frien of Mrs. Lockwood's, suddenly plunged rom affluence to poverty by wildowhood Aggie, being only I7, was more than gind to undertake the task of training Cassie in the intricate path from A B C to twic-two are cour, with the privilege of con-tinuing her own music and German bes-sons, to fit her to teach mere advanced public when she had added a few more years to her own experience, unless-Now, nobody ever heard Agnes say that one word ending the last sentence. But when if came to her heart, unbidden, it was followed by a vision of a tall, manly figure, a grave, but tender face, and a pair of soft, brown eyes that ever rested enderly upon little Agnes. And figures, ace, and eyees, all belonged to Dudley Lockwood, the brother of her em-ployer, uncle to tyrannical little assie. Agnes had known him from child; and when her father's dy-ing hand clasped hers he had said "Agnee. Little one, Dudley Loves you. But he is past 30, you but 17, and I berged him to wait till you were older when is event a during the sill work of the brother of the brother on her and husband to my little virt." And thinking this, the futher died, not frowing that the failure of the bank were end love him, he will be a fond, faith-in lover and husband to my little virt. But he respected the girl's sorrow for even a dwide the girl's sorrow for even a dwide the girl's sorrow for even and the whene soft he business out fried then, sorring a little work the workes of the dead for er to be older before she became a wite, and he was fond, in careless, brotherly fashin, of his brother's wite, pretty forma Lockwood, but he often thought mar soling, that it was easy to see sh-the broad, noble nature that was their fra

idol. She was still busy with her bills, money and housekeeping book, when Agnes came in from her errand, with the paper dolls in her hand. Cassie had bestowen muchage liberally on the silk facings of her mother's cashmere wrapper, on the carpet and her own dress, and was hat asleep upon the floor. "Dear me!" Mrs. Lockwood said.

he foor. the floor. 4" Mrs. Lockwood said, her work by the entrance of s, "do see what a mess the del. What did you give her roused fo the gover child has

temptation to remind the irri-that she had herself put the o Cassie's hands; but Agnes It was a tated lady only replied

"I am sorry she has done so much mis-chief, See, Cassle, here are the dolls." Cassle half opened her sleepy eyes, and Mrs. Lockwood lifted her from the

"Certainly I dony it," and the toars among with passionate sobs, for she was little more than a child even yet. "I would not steal if I was starving!" "The money is gone. No one else has been in the room." "I'k now nothing of it." Tu they searched for it—under the bable, among the papers, in the tubble Agaes had gathered up, in the table drawers, even, with hot cheeks and the nursery governess. Then, with Mrs. Lockwood firm in her accusation, but promising secreey. Agness went to her home. "Her mother was as angry as her elf, mether as yet looking at the loss of sit-uation, the peeuniary trouble, as se-riously as at the base falsehood of the acusation. "They had mitted a little though that."

relation, as perturning perturning the lase failschood of the accusation.
They had quioted a little, though their pale faces told the story of their recent agitation when Dudley Lookwood called.
Straightforward and frank, as it was his nature to be in all things, he asked:
"What is the trouble between you and Mrs. Lockwood, Miss Agnes?"
And Agnes, white now as ashes, but calm, told the story. In her heart she gave Dudley pure, true love, and selection as she spece, over the shamo-ful story. But he, after one long look of utter amazement, and, flerely:
"I always sald she had none of the Lockwood character. To suspect you of-Why, Agnes! Agnet! she must be mad."

Lockwoold character To suspect you of-Why, Agnes! Agned! she must be mad!" It was good to hear the trathful ring of his voice, to see his great frank eyes fixed upon her with such perfect trust and love. But Agnes only said, mourn-fully: "The money is gone!" "What of that? If fifty times \$50 were gone, uiterly, entirely, it would not excuse her for such a monstrous ac-cusation. Mirs. Churchill, you know the hope I have cherished; you know your husband's approval of it. Give me per-mission to speak to Agnes. I was con-tent to wait while she was happy and where I could often see her. But now-" "You must wait till I am no longer suspected," interrupted Agnes. "I know, too, Mr. Lockwood-for my father told me-the honor you have paid me; but I will not let you be carried away by your pity and indignation." And, though he pleaded his love, and Agnes, raised above maidenly shyness by the crisis in her life, confessed her own affection, she was firm. Not until he was leaving them, wowing to clear up the painful mystery, did Agnes ask: "Did Cassie fred for me?" "She is sick, feverish, and complains of sore throat." "Is uppose so. Tom was going for a doctor," A now have tow firm and he was gong

of sore threat." "She did take cold, then, sleeping on the floor?" "I suppose so. Tom was going for a doctor." A few last words and he was gone, leaving two sore hearts far lighter for his cordial sympathy and tender love. Somehow it would all comeiright, Agnes feit convinced, when she nestled down beside her mother, saying: "Cassie will miss me at bed time. Mrs. Lockwood has no genius for story-telling, and Cassie must have stories told her till she falls asleep." Two days pussed, and there was no message or call from Dudley Lockwood, though Agnes felt no doubt about the giver of a basket of freshly-cut flowers left without card or word at the door. But on the third day he came. "Have you had scarlet fever?" he asked. "Oh, yes. Has Cassie searlet fever?" "Yes, and she is dangerously ill, calling continually for Aggie. Mrs. Lockwood then the here with this message: Tell Agnes that the doctor says the irritation and fever are greatly increased by Cas-sis's constantly fretting for her, and beg her, for the child's sake, to come to us. Will you go?" "I will go." Very gravely, fully appreciating the un-pleasant task before her, the awkward-nessof meeting Mrs. Lockwood with that mysterious loss still unexplained, Agnes answered. But when the child, the little golden-haired darling she loved, greeted her with giad eyes, whispering over and over, "Aggie! Don't go away, Aggi.! she was glad she had not denied the baoy wish. "Encle Dudley stay, too," Cassie said.

she was ginu she need a wish. "Uncle Dudley stay, too," Cassie said. "and my mamma. Aggie, where is my pretty peep-show?" she said, presently, reminded by Aggie's coming of her last "In the nursery closet. Shall I get i

"In the nursery closes," for you?" "No, you will stay away again. Uncle Dudley will get it." "A green pasteboard box, with a round hole in one end," Agnes explained. And Dudley, as much a slave as any of the a to the little one's caprices, went for the mean-show.

peep-show. He came back very pale and very

grave. "Lorna," he said, quietly, unheeding Cassie's outstretched hand, "will you look in where I did at this round hole?" "Pshaw!" Mrs. Lockwood said, impa-tionity; but she took the box and

looked in. Pasted and well plastered down with nuclage at the other end of the box, di-rectly where she looked, was a \$50 bid, the pictured side exposed: "The lost note! Oh, Agnes !can you ever forgive me!" she eried, dropping the box into Cassie's enger hands. "Aynes will put in the paper dolls." And Agnes took the hand Mrs. Lock-wood stretched across the bed, and said, "I am glad it is found."

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angry. "Agnes," she said severely, "I kne you were very anxious about your mot-er's last month's rent, but I never thous! you would be tempted to steal to pay it. The girl sprang to her feet, the crim son blood flooding face and throat. "How dare you!" she cried, an-stopped for want of words to express he indignation.

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indignation. "It is quite useless to fly into a rage." said the little lady coldly. "I fift all the month's money for household bills upe the table not ten minutes ago, and there is a \$50 note gone. No one has been in the room but you. But I will not be hard with you. You are very young, and pov-erty is new to you. Give me the note and I will never mention the matter; only I cannot keep you here." "I would not stay," the poor girl cried, fairly choking with rage and shame---"I would not stay where I had been

"I would not stay where I had been called a thief! I know nothing of the "You deny that you have it?"

"Tam glad it is found." "You will stay with Cassie?" "If you wish." But Dudley only permitted the stay until the little one was quite well again, when a new governess had tobe found. For Miss Churchill had to return ho no to assist her mother in the preparation of a simple trousseau, her last economy, for as Dudley Lockwood's wife she coar, mands sufficient health to use \$50 bills if she wishes, for pretty picture play-, things.-N. Y. Ledger.

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