

Though the doom of swift decay Shocks the soul where life is strong, Though for trailer hearts the day Ling ers sad and over long-Sull the weight will find a leaven, Still the spoiler's hand is slow, While the future has its heaven, And the past is long ago.

MISCELLANY. THE LIGHTER BURDEN.

A pleasant family sitting-room. Time, evening. From the small bronzed chandelier haugs a drop light over a centre table covered with books. The warm air comes in through an öpön register, giving to the apartment-a genial sufficier temperature. The room is not large, Hor is the furniture costly. Everything is plain but good and comfortable. Three young children who have closed their evening game of romps, have just passed out with their mother-it is their bed time-and the father sits alone. A few minutes ago smiles lit up his face, caught from the children's gladness; but these smiles faded ; a cloud has dropped down over his countenance; he is gloomy and troubled.

Thus sat Mr. Catherwood, when his wife returned from the chamber where she had left lier children in the keeping of angels -Her heart was light; but a hand seemed laid upon her bosom the moment she came back into her husband's presence A feeling of care and anxiety oppressed lier. She looked earnestly at her husband, and saw that his brow was clouded.

"What troubles you ?" she asked. "I hope nothing has gone wrong ?"

"Everything is going wrong !" Mr. Catherwood answered. "How we are to make both ends meet, is more than I can tell.-Coal has gone up to twelve dollars a ton !" "To twelve dollars?"

"Yes; and everything else in proportion. Food, clothing, taxes, nearly all double what they were; and to-day I received notice that our rent would be raised from four to five hundred dollars"

Mrs. Catherwood drew a quick, sighing breath.

"To five hundred dollars !" she responded, the trouble in her face growing deeper.

"Yes; but if that were all," said her husband, "we might get along easily enough ----It is the advance in every item of personal broak us douga?

"Don't say break as down, Henry." Mrs. Catherwood's voice was choked.

"I do say break us down," he replied, with a tretful emphasis. "What is to hinder?" Everything breaks down when the burden goes beyond the strength." "We must begin to limit ourselves." said

Mrs. Catherwood. "We must lighten the than to break down."

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wood spoke with a gloomy impatience. "If world. jog left." , • • • , • • •

they paused with a timid air. He held out light-very light." his hands, and they came and sat down on the sofa, one on each side, and leaned their heads against him. There was something wrong in the house. Their mother was ill, suddenly and strangely. No tongue yet had uttered the fatal truth in their ears. They did not know that they were fatherless. But they felt the chill and shadow of impending

evil. Mr. Catherwood's heart grew faint and his eyes wet. He could not trust his voice to speak to the children ; but he put his arms around them. "Mamma's sick," said the little girl, look-

ing up at Mr. Catherwood with a sober face, as he drew her, with a tender, pitying im. our feasts. We do not want to get through whose toys one after another, are broken or pulse, to his side. "I'm very sorry," he answered her, soft-

"And I'm so sorry," responded the boy. But the doctor's couting, and ha'll make lier well," he added in a tone of confidence. Alas for the unhappy mother! Her's was a sickness beyond the skill of any mortal physician. Time only, with God's mercy and loving kindness, could heal the burt of withers in a day, has not a frailer hold on world than this, its uninterrupted and per- does not dignify the man; it is the man who noic fourteen! her-soul.--

Mr. Cätherwood did not reply, though he felt that the little troubled hearts beside him ations of men appear and vanish like the were waiting for some responsive assurance grass, and the countless multitude that from his lips.

Vague sorrows do not rest very heavily on the hearts of young children. The unconstious orphans, up later than their-usual hour, were, presently; soon isleep, leaning by the death devoted Greek, finds a deep against Mr. Catherwood. Illeir nurse came | response in every thoughtful soul. When in and took them away. How his heart yearned toward these children-suddenly Innes, still within the sphere of hin pro- plies :

tecting love; of his wife, still leaning against him as her stay in the world; of himself, safe from the peril of shot or sabre-stroke, and involuntarily he looked upward and said -"Thank God !"

The doctor came and stayed an hour with Mrs. Lester. Life moved again through her pulses, but unconsciousness continued. There was nothing that Mr. Catherwood the. could do for the family, so he returned home.

His wife came in soon afterwards ; the rela-

of another. "Oh. Henry ! Isn't this sad, sad !" And one others follow, and all the tonutains of Mrs. Catherwood laid her face upon the life are at length dried up; there is no secre-Mrs. Lester !" she added. "It will be bet- not; not that all affection is dead to the heart, on our side." The President gave him an every transaction in life, to be influenced by burden by throwing over all superfluities, ter for her if her eyes never open again but because there is not a test-drop in it, important lesson in theology by remarking and even some of our comforts. Better this to the light of this world. If it were not any more than there is moisture on the lip. Where is complete double double double of meaning in for her children, I could wish she might "I wish the war was over." Mr. Cathor. pass away and join her husband in the other

) was thinking of the complaints he had ut. plc.

Lester had fain'ted on receiving the intelli- of things. But it was all wrong, weak, un- toilette is finished; when suddenly the house gence and was still insensible. Two chil. grateful; and it shall cease. For what the is thrown into consternation by her violent dren, a boy and a girl, one six and the other good God sends I will be thankful; and the indisposition ; and before morning the young eight years of age, came with noiseless steps | evil he permits, I will try to bear with suit- | girl sleeps in her shroud. The anguished into the parlor. On seeing Mr. Catherwood able patience. At present, my burden is woman groans out, "Ye have taken away my

Shadow of Death.

We have rarely met with anything more beautiful than the following which we find in an exchange paper:

"All that live must die. Passing through Nature to Eternity

Men seldom think of the great event of death until the dark shadow falls across their own path, hiding forever from their eyes the are sons, whose god is the wine-cup ; and hivfaces of loved ones whose living smile was the sunlight of their existence. Death is the great antagonism of life, and the cold thought of the tomb, is the skeleton at all the dark talley although its passage may lead to paradise; and with Charles Lamb, we do not wish to lie down in the mouldy same as if it had never burst between our grave, even with kings and princes for our fingers. When our dearly loved children are bed fellows. But the fint of nature is inex- taken from us, our torn heart strings hasten orable. There is no appeal or reprieve from | to twing about their children, forgetting the the great law that, dooms us all to dust. We little fest that have also trod the dark valesi; and the fairest flower that blooms and may never die in us, shall we find in another life than the mightiest monarch that has ev- fect fruition.

er shook the earth by his footsteps. Generswarms the world to-morrow disappear like the foot prints on the shore.

In the beautiful drama of Ion, the instinct of immortality, so eloquently uttered | cincati Gazette suys : about to yield his young existence as a sacrifice to his betrothed, Clemanthe asks if oft fatherless. He thought of his own lit- they shall not meet again, to which he re- can war he raised a company of men, and dis-

> the hills that look eternal; of the flowing streams that flow forever; of the stars umong whose fields of azure my raised spirit hath walked in glory. All, were dump .----But while I gaze upon their living face. I

felt there's something in the love which mantels through its beauty that canuot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Cleman-

WHY THE DYING NEVER WEEP .- The prison, as the best place for one unable to and household expenditure that is going to tives and friends of Mrs. Lester having arri- reason why the dying never weep is because ved and taken her place in the chamber of the manufactories of life have stopped torevthe still issensible widow. Her eyes were er; the human system has run down for ever; red with weeping for the sorrow of another every gland of the system has ceased its fune- in the army and out of it also, indulgo in the - her face pale with pain for the suffering tions. In almost all diseases the liver is the tempting bowl.

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idol and what have I left?" and she feels that life for her has nothing left but a dreary waiting for its close.

Then there are the great army of parents. whose heart-strings are wrung with pity at the little eyes which may never see, the little cars which may never hear, the little feet which may never skip or run, and the mute tongue which may never syllable the sweet

words-"Father," "Mother." Then there ing daughters, whose own mothers had rath-

er look upon their dead faces. These heart-wrenchings and disappointments are the legion ! And yet, like children taken from them, we still reach out our hands for the glided bubble of hope, all the

A Poet Sent to Prison.

Geo. W Cutter, author of "The Song of the Steam" and "E Pluribus Unum," has been sent to the city prison, at Cincinnati; for six months, for intemperature. The Cin-

Mr. Cutter is a lawyer by profession, and at times has enjoyed some distinction at the bar; was once a member of the Legislature of Indiana ; at the breaking out of the Mezitinguished himself as a soldier. He has pub-I have asked that dreadful question of lished two volumes of poems of more than ordinary merit, but for a number of years has written nothing that has been published.

Since his return from Mexico he has been addicted to intemperance, at times giving way to beastly grunkenness. Under such conduct he long ago sacrificed his legal patronage and lost his only reliable means of support. And now, sad we are to say it, he is almost hopelessly a vagrant, and the other day was senteneed to six months in the city.

control his passion for strong drink. Let young mer be warned in time. To such a fato are many of those hastening who,

GOOD AGAIN .- A company of preachers recently called on President Lincolu, one of whom casually said he "trusted the Lord in There is considerable depth of meaning in

It is better to call things by their right the difference between the two phrases. We names, than to coin counterfeit ones that, are on Old Abe's side as to that dootrine, wood spoke with a globiny impartence. It Mr. Catherwood made no response. He they may pass more current with the peo- and "the elergy" had the good sense to acknowledge his error.

are in yonder mountain?"

"That depends upon circumstruces. If the baskets are as large as the mountain, one | will hold it; if half as large, two; if a quarter, four; and so on."

cd. "Now tell me how much the king is

worth?"

"Well your majesty, the king of Heaven and Earth was sold for thirty pieces of silver, and I conclude you are worth one piece."

This was so witty an escape, that the king laughed and went on :

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ing with the professor, whereas it is only favorite slave girl. his servant."

"Well done," said the king, "you shall have your reward, and your master shall not aca, N. Y. had an idea recently that women less his head."

THOUGHTS .- Consider whence thou comest, whither thou goest, and before whom twelve women could be found who would thou art to stand. Study well; speak little; | sew all day without speaking. Fifteen candido much; receive all men with a chearful dates presented themselves and mirabile diccountenance. Cast not stones into the woll tu fourteen of them succeeded in keeping flourish and fade like the leaves of the for- ley." Surely by this love-yearning, which which has quenched your thirst. No man quiet. They were sorely tompted by vari is so destitute as the ignorant man. Rank ous lookers on, but only one yielded. Hedignifies rank A man may be known by

three things; by his conduct in money maiters; by his behavior at table ; by his demeanor when angry Accustom thy fongue to say, I know knothing. Consider three thinks when tempted to sin : There is an eye that sees thee; there is an car that hears thee; all thine actions are recorded in a book. Pass not judgement on thy fellow till thou hast been in the same predicament ; say not of matters that are incomprehensible, that thou canst comprehend them; neither say, when I shall have leisure I will study, lest thou may never have leisure.

NEGLECTED DUTY -No man has any right to manage his affairs in such a way that his sudden death would bring burdens and losscs on other people. There may be rare cases where a man really cannot help entauglements or where, from inexperience or lack of judgement, he has brought his affairs into

such a state that the interest of others depend upon his life; but he should make all possible haste to extricate himself from such a position Honor and honesty demand that

he should so conduct his business that his death should cause no one to be wronged.---And as to dying although all men every- ted from the mine-of- Californis,where believe that all other men will surchy

die, yet they unite in thinking that they themselves are excentions to this rule ; or at least they act as if they thought so; this is law. radically wrong. It is overy man's duty in important lesson in theology by remarking the fact that as any day, or at any hour he way die. 🔅

> Good digestion is among the first requisites to a happy life. : Do not weep over that which you caanor

prevent. ·- .

ed directions as to the 'locale,' started for the spot. Arrived there, he met the old gentleman, and inquired about the '. n mile. 'Well, yes' the old fellow said; 'he'd got sich a critter; 'mi'ty big 'un; but he guess od he'd have to charge him about a shilling The king had to be satisfied and proceed- for lookin' at him.' The stranger looked : t the old man for a minute or so; pulled out the desired coin, handed it to him, and started to go off. 'Hold on,' says the other; don't you want to see the hog ?' 'No,' said the stranger : 'I have seen as big a hog as I want to see !' and off he went.

Jeff. Davis, it is reported, has a son in the Federal service-on one of the Mississippi "Now once more, tell me what I am think- River guiboats. But, then, his son has a black skin, and inherited his loyalty from "You are now thinking that you are talk- his mother, who was the rebel I resident's

> A MODERN WONDER .- Ezra Cornell, of Ithcould do more with their needles if they did less with their tongues and he promised \$50 to the Soldiers, Aid Society of the village if

> The person who is all the time confessing his great sins, is either a great sinner or a great hypocrite.

You can form a very correct estimate of character from the style of a fellow's hat and the way he wears it.

Every step downward, in the road of infamy renders the decent the easier.

It is easier to stop a leak in a bucket at first, than to repair it after the current of water has worn the bottom away.

The fellow who stole a pin, for the sake of stealing it, was eventually shut up in prison for robbing a bank.

Never get trusted because you think an easier time for payment will come. Pay as you go.

Many regard themselves as pateros, and are-fretful-that-amid-the-world-they makeso many poor "fits."

A piece of pure gold is worth just-as much,dug from your own door yard, as it impor-

A good knowledge of the laws of health. will make you better able to keep the civil

It is better to be proud of our pride than vain of our vanity.

A thoroughly bouest man will not lie ven to his dog or in any way betray the brute's confidence.

Tallow candles sell for a dollar each in Dixie. .