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TO MY MOTHER.

Dear mother, when upon thy knee,
A happy, joyful child was I,
Thy smile would'er my coming greet,

THE OLD HOUSE.

BY ALICE CARNEY.

My little birds, with backs as brown
As sand, and throats as white as frost—
I've searched the summer up and down

THAT AWFUL UGLY HORSE; OR, SAM VARNEY'S ADVENTURE.

Sam Varney was a Green Mountain boy.
He had worked as a hired man on different farms, and had laid up some money.

plan. His acquaintance, Tom Standish by name, was afraid he would not be able to carry it out, but promised to lend all the assistance in his power. He had just shipped in a vessel bound for Jamaica, and more hands were wanted. He introduced him to the captain, who made no objection to shipping a green hand.

ANNIE LAURIE.

This lovely song, admired the world over for the beautiful simplicity of its words, its easy, flowing and expressive melody, has lately received an additional impetus to its popularity by the following incident said to have occurred in Maryland.

A small select party had assembled in a pleasant parlor, and were gayly chatting and laughing, when a tall young man entered whose peculiar face and air instantly arrested attention.

As he proceeded from line to line, and verse to verse, there was no more jesting among the company—all was hushed as if by the silence of death.

When finishing the last verse he made a slight pause, gazed with a searching longing expression about the room and gasped forth:
And for bonny Annie Laurie,
I'd lay me down and die.

Charles, the love-betrayed, was dead.
SEVEN GHOSTS FORESHADOWED.—When Gen. Sherman's army occupied Savannah the citizens pleaded starvation and asked to be fed.

Of all the actions of a man's life, his marriage does the least concern other people; yet of all the actions of a man's life it is the most meddled with by other people.

A TERRIBLE DUEL.

A few years since, as a New England gentleman whose name we shall call Brown, was passing a few days in one of our Western cities, he had the misfortune unintentionally to offend the susceptible honor of a tall military colonel, who was one of his fellow boarders.

The blows of the cowhide, which had hitherto descended upon the Yankee's head and shoulders, now began to fall more weakly and wildly, and it became evident that the assailant, half stunned, choked, and blinded, was getting the worst of it.

By this time the colonel was irremediably defeated, and his opponent seized a huge plum pudding steaming hot, and holding it above his head with both hands, seemed to bury him beneath it, he quailed in terror, and throwing down his cowhide, turned about and made a rush for the door.

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We expect and hope and pray for a crown of glory, but we need not expect it without labor. God has scattered Christian duties, like grains of gold, all through the sands of life, and we must pick up from the dust of the earth, one by one, the grains of gold from which to mould our own immortal diadems.

The Sentence of Death Pronounced Against Jesus Christ.

The following is a copy of the most memorable judicial sentence which has ever been pronounced in the annals of the world—namely, that of death against the Saviour with the remarks which the journal 'Le Droit' has collected, and the knowledge of which must be interesting in the highest degree to every Christian.

Sentence pronounced by Pontius Pilate, intendant of the province of Lower Galilee, that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer death by the cross.

1. Jesus is a misleader.
2. He has excited the people to sedition.
3. He is an enemy to the laws.
4. He calls himself the Son of God.
5. He calls himself falsely the King of Israel.

The sentence is engraved on a plate of brass in the Hebrew language, and on its sides are the following words: "A similar plate has been sent to each tribe." It was discovered in the year 1290, in the city of Aquila, in the Kingdom of Naples.

Buying Gold makes one a Rebel.

There is instruction and example in the following incident narrated to us by a Pennsylvania friend.

"I know dat, but I want to make some money on de rise of gold. Beoples say it is going up, and I tink I may make a thousand dollars."

"Yes, but wouldn't you say right off, 'dis hower will put gold up—pad for de Union cause, tam pad, but it is goot for my ten thousand?' Don't you see, Schultz, that in buying gold you instantly make the interests of the rebels your interests—that you bribe yourself to wish them to succeed, and to wish your countrymen to fall? And if these unholy desires, Schultz, don't define a rebel there is no language to define one.

Cruelty of Charleston Rebels.

A Charleston, S. C. letter writer says: According to the description given, the most inhuman and outrageous acts of cruelty were committed by the rebels when they evacuated. Women and children who had snatched from the flames a few bags of meal of corn, or an apronful of rice, were pursued by the cavalry and cut down with sabres! The rebels were exasperated to the nature of fiends when they approached a man who showed the least desire to share the fate of the city.

AN INCIDENT.—An affecting scene is described as having taken place at a crossing in Chatham street, New York, one day not long since, where a couple of little girls were sweeping a path through the mud and holding out their dirty palms for the compensating pence.

"Richmond," says the Examiner, "has never before seen days like these, and possibly worse are to come." There is raised already the cry for bread. Six thousand persons are dependent, it is said, on the charity of the Government, whose household heads have come within our lines.

MORALITY.—Most men are not so dead to moral principles but that they feel a spontaneous glow of admiration for the man who does right because it is right, no matter if he does make less money by it.

THE BRAVE BOY.—The youth that has the moral courage to say I will not do it, because it is wrong, is brave enough for a general. If he can, even though taunted, rebuke his fellows for evil acts, he is truly brave. Such a character always moulds the elements of mind around him, carrying almost unlimited sway, and is respected by even the worst of his playmates.