

Too weary for laughter or song: The sports of the daylight are over, And evening is creeping along; The snow-fields are white in the moonlight, The winds of the winter are chill, But under the sheltering roof-tree The fire shinetb ruddy and still.

You sit by the fire, little children, Your cheeks they are ruddy and warm But out in the cold of the Is thany a shiteflug form; There are mothers that wander for sheltet, And babes that are pining for bread; O, thank the dear Lord, little children. From whose tender hand you are fed.

Don't Spare the Seed. A young farmer had his field nicely plow-

next measured a rod, and calculated how

culated the seed in a half-gill, in a pint, a

he was satisfied that people usually sow four

dear, and if he could save three-fourths of

So, he sowed his peck of seed-"sowing

his seed, it would be worth the while.

the republican model of government, as ex-

hibited in our institutions, and solemnly in-

the seed. He first measured the field, and

vokes every citizen of our favored land to driving waves sweep over him and take the aid in perpetuating our own free institubreath away-that, indeed, is the one fight of the Christian life, compared with which all else is easy. It is easy to be generous and tolerant and benevolent, when we are

fast to that as a man holds on to a rock with

a desperate grip when the salt surf and the

and tolerant and benevolent, when we are and at last reformed; and a long time after, sure of the heart of God, and when the lit- when he too had 'found Jesus,' he dated his A young farmer had his field nicely plow-ed and harrowed, and was about to put in tions are more than made up to us by the heard his ghild praying that Sabbath more. his child praying that Sabbath

ted until the sucker got off at a landing near

So little Jane rode to church, and was rehis home. As he stepped ashore, he caught ceived in membership, and she went home sight of the Virginian on the upper deck, with a light heart, for the Christian people and hailed him at once withwhom she met promised to pray for her and "I say, old Virginny, remember-two fat

her father. Things began to brighten in shoats for the fust feller you find belonging that poor home now; the father was kinder to the second Virginia family !"

A Dutch Advertisement.

Rundaway or shtolen, or shtraid-mine

Come look in my eyes, little children, And tell me, through all the long day, Have you thought of the Father above us, Who guarded from evil your way? He hearsth the cry of the sparrow, And careth for great and for small. In life and in death, little children, His love is the truest of all.

Now go to your rest, little children. And over your innocent sleep, Unseen by your vision the angels Their watch thro' the dathficks shall keep. Then pray that the Shepherd, who guideth The lambs that He loveth so well. May lead you in life's rosy morning, Beside the still waters to dwell.

MISCHILANY.

"The benevolent man loves mankind : the courteous man respects them. He who loves question shot ld be judicially settled that no men will be loved by them; he who respects | State has the right of its own will to remen will be respected by them."

"If I am treated rudely, let me examine turb me?"

Who by dishonoring himself can render others honorable ? Holy men do not necessarisome are exiled, others remain at home. The franchise in the several States; it is equally object of all perfect men is to be pure, free clear that good faith requires the security of from stain, and this alone."

in fear of death. every moment feels its tortures. I will die but once."

till he has graduated in a high school of a true woman's heart.

Sweet words fly like honeybees from the Hower-lips of a lovely woman, penetrate the heart, as with the shaft of love, and then fill the puncture with honey.

The foundation of good old age is laid in Infancy. A joyous smile adds an hour to bne's life; a heartfelt laugh, a day; a grin; bhe moment.

A small tear relieves a great sortow.

mutual affection and support. Every patriot must wish for a general amnesty at the earliest epoch consistent with the public good. For this great end there is need of concurrence of all opinions, and spirit of a mutual conciliation. The amendment to the constitution being adopted, it would remain for the States whose powers have been so long in abevance to resume their places in the two branches of the national legislature, and thereby complete the work of restoration. 'Here,' says the President, 'it is for you fellow-citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives, to judge each for yourselves, of the election returns and the qualifications of your own members.'

change in regard to slavery. The next step, which the President says he has taken to

restore the constitutional relations of the

States has been an invitation to them to par-

ticipate in the high office of amending the Constitution. The adoption of the proposed

amendment reunites us beyond all power of

disruption. It will efface the sad memory

of the past, and bind us more than ever to

The President refers to the unwillingness of the Chief Justice to hold a term of the United States Circuit Court in Richmond. "until Congress shall have an opportunity to consider and act on the whole subject. He hopes that Congress will make an early provision for the resumption of all its judicial functions. Persons charged with treason should have fair and impartial trials in the highest civil tribunals of the country. The truth should be affirmed, that treason is a crime, and traitors should be punished,

and the offense made infamous, and that the nounce its place in the Union.

In relation to the question of extending into the cause, and if I cannot discover any the right of suffrage to the freedmen emansort of impropriety in my own conduct, I cipated by the war, and of necessity to the may disregard the rudeness, and consider free colored men in all the States of the Uhim who displays it as no better than a brute, nion, the President gives emphatic utter-and why should the conduct of a brute diswell known views and policy of referring it "Who, by a tortuous example, has ever to the several States. He says it may prove made men straightforward and sincere ?- that colored men will receive the kindliest usage from some of those on whom they have heretofore most closely depended. But ly resemble one another; some seek solitude while he has no doubt that now, after the and retirement; others exhibit themselves, close of the war, it is not competent for the and approach the neighborhood of authority; general government to extend the elective

> the freedmen to their liberty and their property, their right to labor and to claim the

When Cresar was advised by his friends to just return of their labor. Now that the be more cautious of the security of his per- monopoly of slave labor has been removed son, and not walk among the people without from the States nearest the Gulf of Mexiarms or any one to defend him, he always co, the influx of free labor will people those replied to the admonitions. "He that lives regions with a numerous and enterprising population which will vie with any in the A man is not qualified for his life duties freedom of commerce between the States is referred to, and the right of any State to tax

the transit between States denied The President refers to the reports of the different Secretaries. That of the Secretary of the Interior presents evidence of the successful operations of the homestead act, over one million and a half of sores having been entered the past fiscal year and occupied by industrious settlers. The business of the

sparingly," and at harvest-time the crop was not worth gathering. He was greatly disappointed. Where was the mistake? He felt sure he had calculated and measured right He then went to old Mr. Experience. a farmer of long standing and great success, and told him his troubles. 'I am sure I calculated right.' 'No, you didn't calculate right.' 'Why not?' 'Did you calculate for the poor seed . that

tions.

'Why, I never thought of that.'

'Did you calculate for some that would be buried too deep, or get into holes and not rush of darkness on our spirits, the hour of sprout ? 'Certainly not.'

'Did you calculate for a great deal that

rains fell, when it could take root?' 'I never thought of that either.' 'Did you calculate for what the wind would do?' blow off, or you would throw off from your

lot?' 'No sir.'

'Very well. You see how it is that you did not obtain a harvest. 'He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

The right application to parents, teachers, ministers and all Christians is obvious. 'The not so regardful of her nuptial obligaseed of life thrown upon the ten lepers from the haud of our Savior, took root in only one heart.'

Reader, did you ever notice immediately under the "marriage head," that the "obituary" notice followed, typical of the wedding of happiness and grief in this life .--Chants-and-songs, and glee-of merry ones to-day, will be broken by wails to-morrow, for the sod will be piled on the breast of some we thought not so near the grave .--We read who are married and wish them joy; a line below is the record of death, and we say, mournfully; peace to their ashes. Sorrow treads on the heels of joy; songe are hushed by the footfall of death. laughs are broken rudely, voices, no matter how musi-cal, are stilled in a moment.

There are two kinds of bores in the world -the rich and the poor. You can get rid Pension Bureau has largely increased, the of the latter by lending him five dollars, and Pension Bureau has largely increased, the of the inter by leading into any from him number of pensioners being now 85,986, re-duiring for their annual pay over \$8,000,000. that zmouot. Try it ob; it has never been theavy bodies move slowly.' The President says a grateful people will not known to tail.

certainty that our Father's love is ours .-found how many rods there were in it. He But when we lose sight of that, though but for a moment, the heart sours, and men seem many plants it would take to fill it. He cal- | for a moment, the heart bound; and wrongs are no longer worth the loving; and wrongs are culated the seed in a half-gill, in a pint, a quart, and in a bushel. The result was that he was essisted that meanly were line on the fogiven, and life itself drags on, a mere death in life. A man may doubt anything and everything, times the seed necessary. A peck was just and still be blessed, provided he only holds as good as a bushel. Now seed was very him like sea weed on life's ocean. So long as he reposes on the eternal faithfulness of God's Love, his spirit, at least, cannot drift.

"IT IS TINISHED!"

The way in which our Redeemer contemplated this life was altogether a peculiar one. He looked upon it, not as a place for rest or pleasure, but simply, solely, as a place of duty. He was here to do his father's will, not his own, and therefore he was enabled to say at last "The work thou gavest me to do""is finished."

We are ever taking leave of something that will not come back again. 'We let go a great deal of such in every bushel we with a pang, portion after portion of our ex-sow.' life to be here, yet when that hour comesthe winding up of all things, the last grand that awful, sudden wrench from all we have ever known or loved, the long farewell to sun, moon, stars, and light-what will then would lie on the top of the ground, and be finished? Will it be the butterfly exist-which the birds would pick up before the ence of pleasure—the mere life of sense, a life of uninterrupted sin and selfish gratifiaction, or will it be the work God gave us to

Cool Procedure.

many weeks ago, a man in good business and well known in the lower part of the city, became suspicious that the "partner of his joys, and the mother of his children," was tion as could be wished, and he straitway set himself to ferret out the case. Noticing that loving glances were exchanged between a boarder of the male persuasion and his partner aforesaid, he instituted a system of "picket" that brought matters to a crisis. for he soon had the satisfaction of proving his suspicion to have substantial foundation, by finding the boarder and the partner in the occupancy of the same couch.

Like a sensible man as he was and is, he said nothing, but only thought the more --Quietly he sold out his business and property, and, without indulging in any animad-versions on the conduct of the wife, he yesterday informed her that he had concluded that his company had become irksome to her, and that _____ could better solace her drooping spirit, and should leave them together, and then took his departure for parts unknown. This is about the quietest dissolution of partnership that we have ever been called upon to chronicle.

A young man being joked on the slow

ing .- Messenger.

An Awkward Mistake.

A farmer who had bought a calf from a and place it in his stable, which he accordthe farmer's family for some time, the organ man entered the farm-house, and asked the farmer if he could give him a night's lodg-

ing. The farmer replied that he could give ble, which was done. Now, the butcher, expecting the calf would remain in til morning, and the farmer and this guest were in the night awakened by a fearful yelling from er found, to his surprise, the butcher of whom he had bought the calf in the grasp of the bear, which was hugging him tremendously, for he could not bite, being muzzled. The farmer instantly understood the state of the case, and briefly mentioned the circumstance to the owner of Bruin who to punish the butcher for his intended theft, called out to the bear. "Hug him, Tommy;" which the bear did in real earnest, the butcher roaring most hideously the whole time. After they thought he had suffered enough, they set him free, and the butcher slunk off

glad to escape with his life, while the farm-The Peoria (III.) Democrat, says, not cr and his guest returned to their beds.

> The State of Georgia sacrificed more than half her wealth in the vain effort to disslve the Union. When the war on the Government was begun, the lands, houses, slaves, merchandise, stocks and other possessions of the people of Georgia aggregated a value of over eight hundred and forty millions of dollars, while now the entire property of the State is not worth quite four hundred and nineteen millions of dollars. The heaviest single item of loss to the Georgians was in the emancipation of their four hundred and eighty-six thousand slaves, valued at about one hundred and ninety-four and a half millions of dollars.

A negro baby was born in Petersburg, Va., the other day, with the exact imprea-sion of a two cent U. S. revenue stamp on his forehead.-Litchfield Enquirer.

The mother must have been chased by a government tax collector.-New Haven Register.

Reckon he caught her. Tuolumns Couriar.

Why is a tooth drawn like a thing forgotten? It is out of the head.

When is wine like a pig's tooth ? When 'tis in a hogs-head.

pig plack horse, about fourteen or fifteer hands und six inches high. He ish got four plack legs, two pefore und is plack all over his body except his face, und dat is plack too. He drots und runs und ganters butcher desired him to drive it to his farm and paces valks hish feet und legs all go one after another. He ish got two ears upon ingly did. Now it happened that very day that a man with a grinding organ and danc-that a man with a grinding organ and dancfast to that conviction. Let all drift from ing bear, passing by that way, began their und toder is upon the side of his head, antics in front of the farm. After amusing und ven you go on de plind side he vont see you. Ven he eate much his pelly is pig und he ish get a long dale wat hangs down pehint, but I cut him short todder day und now it ish not as long as it was pefore .--the man lodging, but he was at a loss where to put the bear. After musing a little he determined to bring the calf inside the house | fore He holts, ish scairt he shumps about fore. He holts, ish scairt he shumps about for that night. and place the bear in the sta- like nothing in to worlt. He will ride mit a saddle, or a chase or a cart, or go by himself, mitout noboby but a pag on his, back, mit a little poy on it. He ish not very old uud ven he valks or runs, his head comes the out-building. Both got up, and taking first und his tail shtays pehint; only ven he a lantern, entered the stable, when the farmturns round and gits mad, until then his tail comes first.

Whoever shall pring him pack shalt pay five tollars reward and ask no question; and if he pring pack de tief as stole him, he shall pay twenty-five tollars reward.

HANT JACOB VANDERLITZEMKROUTYNE.

Sound as young Timber.

Once on a time, not long ago, a good heart-ed man and his long-tongued, style talking wife attended a social party. Almost every three minutes his wife would check her husband thus:

'Now, William, don't talk so loud!'

'Come, William, don't leau back in the shair that way!"

'Now, William. don't get noisy over there! "Say, William, let the girls alone and sit by me!

At last forbearance ceased to be a virtue and the husband, who was really pitied by all in the room, arose and said-

'I beg pardon of the company; but as my wife insists on being boss all the time it is right she should have these!"

And he deliberately took off his pants. handed them to her, and sat down in his boots and drawers.

The campany was astonished: the woman burst into tears; the happy couple soon went home; but neither of them wore pants.

How the affair was settled we cannot tell. but the last time we saw William, he had the pants on. We are inclined to think she will not boss in company in a hurry .-- Holmes County Farmer

'Now gentleman,' said Sheridan to his guests, as the ladies left the room, 'let us understand each other. Are we to drink like men or beasts ?'

Somewhat indignant, the guests replied : like men, of course '

Then we are going to get jolly drunk for the brutes never drink more than they want.'