Poetry.

"Become as Little Children."

What murmuring spirit swept the chords That lie within my breast! One rich, sweet note, and then a pause Which all my heart oppressed!

It woke the notes of memory, Pointed to childhood's joys; Then sadly breathed "they all are passed; " Weep for the broken toys."

No more a trusting child I walked, Led by a father's hand. Or sported by my mother's side With that sweet sister band.

But thick and fast fell bitter tears O'er the returnless past-Its treasure-house all vacant now-Its flowers too bright to last.

"Become as little children," breathed A voice so sweet, so low, It stilled my weeping, and came o'er My heart, as fountain's flow

Comes o'er the sands of desert climes To the lone wanderer. That just before had looked for naught His dying hopes to stir.

No more his thoughts of weary way, Or burning simoom blast, The bliss the traveller bath known-All this to him is past. The cooling sweetness tells of home

Which fancy brings so near, It seems almost that he might thence A Father's welcome hear.

So standing here 'mid childhood's past; These words the fountain are;

And Faith, not Fancy's fitful voice

Gives me a Father's care.

For the Poung.

The Cabin Boy.

A little brown cottage stood all alone at the point of that long strip of ground which the villagers called "Land's End." Round three sides of this lonely dwelling the curling sea-waves dashed on a rocky strand, and often sent the salt spray into the window and door. An old fishingboat lay in front, and a potato patch at the back of the cottage, and these two possessions formed the entire fortune of the

inmates. And who were they? A poor widow, called Connor, and her only son, Jack, a boy about twelve years old. They lived here when Summer suns shone, or the quiet moon looked down and made a bright pathway of light across the calm waters and here they lived, too, when Winter winds howled, and the noise of the waves joined the wild music of the storm. All within that cottage was very poor. An earthen floor and an old-fashioned firestool, a chest, which served also as a table a cupboard in one corner and a fishing-net in another, a well-rigged ship in the window-seat and a few common pictures on the walls, were the only things to strike a stranger on entering; except, indeed, Jack happened to be at home, as he seldom was while daylight lasted, and then one could not help observing what a bright eye beamed under his sunburnt brow.

And an intelligent boy Jack was, though he had been very little at school, and had no lesson-book except the old well-worm Bible out of which his mother had taught him to read. But the ocean had been a sort of schoolmaster to him, and he knew more about winds and tides, shells and sea-weeds, fish and fowl, than most boys of his age. Since ever he could remember, his days were spent about that rough shore. The waves brought him drift-wood for the fire. and "wrack" for the potato garden, and supplied many a plentiful meal of fish.

But as Jack grew older he felt a great desire to see the world, and not only be able to earn his own bread, but perhaps to provide for his mother better than he could do by staying home. How long these wishes might have been forming themselves into realities, we cannot say had not a very unexpected event opened

up his path. One fine Summer afternoon, when Jack and his mother had just returned from selling a load of fish in the market town, an unlooked-for visitor arrived at their humble home in the form of a letter, with two post marks and a great red seal. It was soon opened, and the name, Tom White, at the end, told that it came from an old neighbor. who had done them many a good turn in former days, and was now boatswain of an East Indiaman. Like most sailors' letters, it began by expressing a wish that it might find the receiver in good health, and concluded with a great number of kind messages to all inquiring friends. But between both ends it managed to convey the information that a cabin-boy was wanted on board the "Sarah Anne," and that, if Jack applied he would have a chance of the berth. He urged him to lose no time in reaching a seaport, forty miles distant, adding that his mother need not trouble herself about an outfit, for he would see everything provided.

What a change that letter produced inside the little brown cottage! Love and fear struggled for victory in the widow's heart, while hope made the future look so bright to Jack, that he could scarcely believe the offer was real, and read the letter over and over, to make sure it was written there. Long and late they sat by the drift wood fire that night; and as the widow talked the matter over with her son, she began to think that this proposal might be an answer to her prayers; so, telling Jack to go to bed, she promised to consult a friend, and tell him the result in the morning. Jack knew well who she meant, but

asked no questions. The returning dawn of a midsummer morning found the widow on her knees but she rose with a calmer heart, though with weeping eyes, and was able to say, as she bent over the bed where Jack slept, and wakened him with a kiss, "You may go, my boy, with a mother's blessing. But remember dear, wherever you go, God's eye is on you—in the light and in the dark. Do n't swear, nor drink, nor steal. Never forget, Jack, to pray, and read the blessed book, which I will tie up in your bundle. whether they laugh at you or not; and oh, my child, as you cannot be good or happy without heavenly help, cling to the Saviour put alla your trust in him. How could I face your father up there, if his own boy

sun had risen high above the hills, Jack to make it." was turning his back on his native village, accepted cabin-boy of the "Sarah Anne." how to get there.' Tom White had been looking for his arrival, for the vessel was to sail next day: but there was time enough to drop a line into the post, just to tell the widow how

Jack got on. For some weeks after leaving port the various duties better than could have been make it themselves." expected. All day long his hands were kept so busy that he had little time to think: but at night his thoughts often carried him back to the old brown cottage, and in his dreams he was always there. So far, things had gone smoothly enough. But one evening the ship was passing a foreign port, just as the sun was going down; heavy clouds hung round the sky, and the brisk gale which had been blowing all day rose into a storm that formed a crest of foam on the dark waves which thundered against the sides of the ship, and | into outer darkness." obliged the captain to give a hasty order

for "all hands to reef topsails." This had Jenny. scarcely been done when Jack saw at a "Yes, and so teacher said; but it only a kind of hissing sound. Something like an insult. smoke appeared above the surface, and gradually rose higher and higher, with a whirling motion until the angry clouds seemed to lap up the water with their black it to go before a king."

"And so it was," remarked Katie, who had been paying great attention to what was passing. "I dare say they were not fit to go before a king."

vessel without being broken. side, and hastily explained to him how for each of them to put on." these pillar-like water-spouts are raised by them round and round, finally lift them up in the middle and scatter them at the top. He added, that though water-spouts seldom last more than a few minutes, they are much dreaded by the seamen.

At that moment a flash of fire issued from one of the portholes of the vessel, followed by a peal like thunder. The captain having seen the danger, had ordered a cannon to be fired in the direction of the water-spouts, which burst with a terrible noise, and gave the sailors wet jackets, but did no further harm. The water-spouts were gone, but not the storm. All night the brave ship tossed and reeled; now sinking into a valley of waters, now riding the timbers creaked and groaned. The tremthat fearful night the sailor's strength was tried as he staggered along the wave-washed deck. But it seemed still worse to Jack sea, the howling winds, all made him afraid. As he lay for four hours swinging in his little hammock, his whole life passed before At daybreak the tempest was still fierce:
but it was something to have light; and
before noon the wind abated, the waves

Saviour has done, God will take it as if we
had done it ourselves.
So Jenny happily learned. She saw that

the helmsman's hand. you doing there, Jack?" shouted a rough Christ." voice at his ear; "reading the Bible, I declare;" and the rough voice went off into a rougher laugh. Jack closed the book, and blushed, as if he had been doing something wrong. Just then, however, his mother's advice came to his mind, like a soft whisper: "Read the blessed book, my boy, whether they laugh or not;" and he opened it once more. "This is God's book. Ned," said the cabin-boy, "which he wishes every one to read and obey; would you like to hear a little of it?" "Well, I don't say much against that, seeing I have nothing else to do," replied Ned, in a careless way. Jack began to read aloud, and soon had more than one listener, for most of the men who were not on duty dozed away the spare hours, and were glad of anything new to pass the time. Tom Waite had crept behind him unperceived, and brushed away a silent tear with his weather beaten

and, as the sacred words were read. This was only the beginning of a long course of Sunday readings, in which, though Jack had to bear many a joke and sneer, he persevered, as those only can who are resolved by God's grace to be good and do good. We are not to suppose, however, that every thing went quite smoothly with Jack from that day. Like the gallant ship herself, he had his trials—fierce temptations to sin, from without and within, and little falls, which always make way for greater ones. But he had taken the Bible for his chart, and looked to God, who has promised to bring those who trust him into the desired haven. And old ocean still taught the cabin-boy many a lesson. Its currents and tides, its calms and storms, its myriad forms of fish and flower, and shell and coral, plainly told him that one Hand had made them all: the same Hand, the Bible

added, which was nailed to the cross. Years have passed, Jack is a cabin-boy no longer, and takes care, now that he has become first mate, that his mother wants for nothing which can add to the comfort of her old age. She says that she expects to see him after his next voyage; ; but if they do not live to meet again, hopes to tell his sainted father in heaven that his boy is coming too .- Enylish Magazine.

The White Robe.

One Sunday when Jamie came home from Sabbath School, he told his sister that they had had a very nice address from a gentleman about a White Robe, and that he said, "Now, boys, if you wish to go to heaven you must have on this robe; you cannot get sweet warblers of the songster family—the

there without it." "Not get there without it!" said Jenny. "What did he mean? I thought you would n't be able to have it until you got

"No, Jenny, he told us we could not go in without having it on. And he said if any one managed to get inside the gate without having it on, which he didn't think

"You can't make it." replied Jamie. poor in everything except a brave heart smiling; but Jenny was in earnest—she small pox seems to die out altogether. The and a mother's love. One night was spent was very anxious about it. She felt a want specific inference is, that every child ought on the road, and the next found him tired, to be sure of going to heaven when she to be re-vaccinated on entering the fifteenth footsore, and a little sore-hearted too, the died, and she very much wished to know year.

> "Then how can I get it?" she asked. Mrs. Woodford, observing Jenny's anxiety, said,

the teacher said so." weather was fine, and the new cabin boy, us that Jesus has made the robe, and we case at the same time, and one out of every who was ready and obliging, performed his are to put it on; but he said many try to twenty-seven died of it—which, at the same "Very true; they do. But what did

"That seemed very hard," observed

short distance from the vessel an unexpected | seemed so ; it was the man's pride that made sight, which filled him with terror and sur- him refuse to put on the garment which the prise. The waves began to boil, and made King had provided. Teacher said it was

mouths, and sea and sky were united by a hollow, horn-shaped column. Another and said Jamie. "He said that perhaps they another appeared; and as the cloud to were beggars with ragged clothes, or travwhich they pointed was driven by the wind, ellers covered over with dust, and would they followed its movements toward the not be fit to go in, in the things they had on, to a wedding; and so, as the King want-Tom White stood by the cabin boy's ed them to be there, he had a garment ready

And thus the conversation continued. a whirlwind just as he had often seen the We should like to have given our readers Autumn breezes raise a whirl of dust and the whole of it, but cannot now. We leaves on the road at home, and, sweeping may, however, assure them that the teacher's address was of great use to Jenny, for it taught her that those who desire to go to scribed. One within seventeen miles of heaven must go in the dress which the King of kings has provided.

We are all sinners in the sight of God. and deserve to be shut out of his presence forever. He is angry with us, and would long ago have sent us to outer darkness for our sins, but Jesus Christ died that we and 320 in clover. The wheat averaged might be saved from going where there

All that we can do is in the sight of God no better than filthy rags, and it is only on account of what Christ has done that we can hope for heaven. But God has provided that in which we may appear before toppling wave like a sea-bird. The very him. Jesus has done what is right, and what God is pleased with; and if we trust bling helm quivered and started. During in what he has done, God says it shall be just as if we had done it ourselves. It is like putting on a clean robe to hide our own soiled dress; and so we are said to be clothed down below, when his time came for turn- with Christ's righteousness. If we do what floor. It is two hundred years since it was ing in. The pitchy darkness, the lashing God commands us, and trust in what he laid down in grass! The house is covered says, we put on this robe.

Some people imagine that if they do some good works, and become very attentive to thousand bushels of wheat and twelve him in review. Young as he was, it had religious duties, they will deserve to go to not been all it should have been. Indeed, heaven; but this can never be. Unless conscience spoke out so loud as to be heard | we do everything that God's law requires above the raging storm, and his mother's of us, we cannot please God, or go to heavlast words, "Cling to the Saviour, put your en. This we can never do; but Christ has trust in him," were heartily turned into a done it for us; and if we believe all that prayer that he might be enabled to do so. God says about it, and trust in what our

sank into a regular swell, the sails were she could never please God of herself; but thorough-bred horses in his stables. Beonce more unfurled, and the rudder obeyed | because Christ had pleased him, she went to | sides Claremont, Mr. Allen owned three her heavenly Father in Jesus' name, and It was Sunday, and seemed to have asked him to accept her for his sake. And 25,000 acres. In 1860 he had 5,109 acres brought a Sabbath calm along with it. He | thus, if we are found in heaven, it will be who once walked the waters had said again, not on account of what we have done, but and 4,500 acres of corn, producing 135, Peace, be still." So Jack thought as he of what Christ has done; or, as God's 000 bushels. sat in the corner of the cabin in a quiet Book declares, "not having on our own moment, and read the story. "What are righteousness, but the righteousness of

May we all be clothed in that beautiful white robe!

Miscellaneous.

There is a chapter in the Natural History of Animals that has hardly been touched upon as yet, and that will be especially interesting with reference to families. The voices of animals have a family character not to be mistaken. All the Canidæ bark and howl; the fox, the wolf, the dog have the same kind of utterance, though on a somewhat different pitch. All the bears growl, from the white bear of the Arctic snows, to the small black bear of the Andes. All the cats miau, from our quiet fireside companion to the lions, and tigers, and pan-thers of the forest jungle. This last may seem a strange assertion; but to any one who has listened critically to their sounds, and analyzed their voices, the roar of the lion is but a gigantic miau, bearing about the same proportion to that of a cat, as its stately and majestic form does to the smaller, softer, more peaceable aspect of a cat. Yet, notwithstanding the difference in their size, who can look at the lion, whether in his more sleepy mood, as he lies curled up in the corner of his cage, or in his fiercer of ducks quack? Does not every member of the crow family caw, whether it be the jackdaw, the jay, the magnie, the rook, in some green rookery of the old world or the crow of our woods, with its long, melancholy caw, that seems to make the silence and solitude deeper? Compare all the properties:

group.—Agassiz. Small Pox.

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an almost perfect preventive of small pox diet it is almost sovereign for dyspepsia until the age of puberty (say fifteen), but and indigestion. Fifth, that it should be constantly used for daily food; either

given—so with this parting. Before the got the white robe, and I do n't know how cacious until twenty-five, when the system | cooked, raw, or in any form of catsup, it is | CHURCH MUSIC BOOKS. becomes less susceptible to the disease up to thirty-five, when the predisposition to

> To show the preventive power of vaccination statistics prove that before vaccination, or even inoculation, was practiced or known in Boston, to wit, 1721 (the year of its first "Through Jesus Christ; I have no doubt trial in England by Lady Mary Wortley Monteague on her own daughter), one-half "Yes, mother," said Jamie. "He told the entire population lay sick with the disrate, would kill over thirty thousand persons in New-York city alone-while the he say the robe was?" asked Mrs. Wood- total deaths from all causes in a single year was less than twenty-three thousand. In "He said it was called the robe of Christ's 1792, forty-six per cent.—forty-six persons righteousness, and that we must put it on out of every hundred, in Boston, had small by faith. And then he told us about the pox at the same time. But a few years man who went to the wedding-feast without later, when vaccination was generally pracputting on the garment that the King had ticed, many city physicians did not see a provided for every one who came. He said single case, of small pox in a period of that the King would not allow him to sit twenty months, and during a period of down to the feast, but told his servants to twenty-eight years less than three persons bind him hand and foot, and to cast him a year died of small pox in Boston. Hall's Journal of Health.

Agricultural.

An Old Virginia Estate.

A correspondent of the New-York Even ing Post favors that journal with some recollections of a visit to some estates on the James River two years ago. He proceeded down the river from Richmond to Claremont a distance of eighty miles. The river most of the way averages from one to two miles wide, and is beautifully wooded with very thick foliage; a good many willows and oaks, hollies thirty or forty feet high, and myrtles such as we at the North grow in our greenhouses. The banks of the river rarely if ever rise higher than forty or sixty feet, and are generally much lower.

There are many old houses and large es tates on the river, several of which are de-Richmond consists of 4,253 acres. This farm is exceedingly productive. There were 975 acres in wheat, 1,000 in corn, and the balance in oats, clover, grass, etc. Another estate comprises 3,000 acres 500 of which were in wheat, 300 in corn, 25 bushels, and the corn 50 bushels to the

At Westover and Brandon, there are also some magnificent estates. The latter consists of 13,000 acres. The house is approached from the river through a broad grass vista, fifteen feet in width and a quarter of a mile long—beautifully smooth and well-kept, and thickly planted on either side with hollies, the evergreen magnolias and fringe trees; this vista or alley leading out to a regular, almost square lawn of six acres, as level and smooth as a with ivy.

This farm in 1860 produced eighteen Next we arrive at Claremont—owned by Mr. Allen, a young man of twenty-nine. It consists of 17,000 acres; 1,700 of which

were in wheat and 2,000 in corn. There is a deer-park of 7,000 acres enclosed by a paling seven feet high, and in which were several hundred deer. These Mr. Allen hunted with a pack of hounds twice week during the season. He had fifteen other estates, the whole comprising over of wheat, producing over 125,000 bushels

The writer says: "The courtesy and hospitality with which we were entertained here and on the other estates, was well worthy of the ancient renown of Virginia in times gone by, never probably to return?

Beauty of English Farms. A writer says: Of the picturesque beau-

ty of English farms, it is hardly possible to speak in terms too glowing. At a distance they present the appearance of innumerable parks.

As you roam over a particular farm you are struck with the number, size and variety of the trees. The elm some specimens of which we nurse and guard with so much care on our Common, grows in its native soil to a surpassing magnitude, and is covered with a foliage of exceeding luxuriance. The walnut, whose fruit we import, is also a tree of immense size. We remember

one in a prickyard at Bury St. Edmunds amid the foliage of which a large house might be entirely hid in leafy June. This particular tree is said to be one of the largest trees in Europe.

The magnificent horse-chestnut is found everywhere, of wide-spread and towering dimensions. When you first see it in ful foliage, laden to the uppermost twig with its rich conical clusters of blossoms, you are filled with astonishment and admira-

How to Test the Quality of Wool. A Texas paper says: Take a lock of wool moments of hunger or of rage, without being reminded of a cat? And this is not from the sheep's back and place it upon an merely the resemblance of one carniverous inch rule. If you can count from thirty to animal to another; for no one was ever re- thirty-three of the spirals or folds in the minded of a dog or a wolf by a lion. space of an inch, it equals in quality the Again, all the horses and donkeys neigh; finest Electoral or Saxony wool grown. for the bray of the donkey is only a harsh- Of course, when the number of spirals to er neigh; pitched on a different key, it is the inch diminishes, the quality of the wool true, but a sound of the same character; as becomes relatively inferior. Many tests the donkey himself is but a clumsy and have been tried, but this is considered the dwarfish horse. All the cows low, from the simplest and best. Cotswold wool and buffalo roaming the prairie, the musk ox of some other inferior wools do not measure the Arctic ice fields, or the jack of Asia, to nine spirals to the inch. With this test the cattle feeding in our pastures. Among every farmer has in his possession a know the birds, this similarity of voice in familedge which will enable him to form a corlies is still more marked. We need only rect judgment of the quality of all kinds of recall the harsh and noisy parrots, so simi- wool. There are some coarse wools which lar in the respective respective

The Tomato as Food. Dr. Bennett, a professor of some celebri ty, considers the tomato an invaluable arti-

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