







Miscellaneous.

THE FATHER IS COMING.

BY MARY HOWITT.

The clock is on the stroke of six, The father's work is done;

Sweep up the hearth and mend the fire, And put the kettle on!

The wild night-wind is blowing cold, 'Tis dreary crossing o'er the world.

He's crossing o'er the world space, He's stronger than the storm;

He does not feel the cold, not he, His heart is so warm;

For father's heart is stout and true As ever human bosom knew!

He makes all toil, all hardship, light— Would all men were the same,

So ready to be pleased, so kind, So very slow to blame!

—Polks need not be unkind, austere, For love hath reader will than fear!

—Stay, do not close the shutters, child, For far along the lane,

The little window looks, and he Can see it shining plain;

—Ye heard him say he loves to mark The cheerful freight through the dark.

And we'll do all that father likes! His wishes are so few—

Would they were more! that every hour Some wish of his I knew!

I'm sure it makes a happy day When I can please him any way!

—I know he's coming by this sign That baby's almost wild;

See how he laughs, and crows, and stares, Heaven bless the merry child!

His father's self in face and limb, And father's heart is strong in him!

Hark! hark! I hear his footsteps now— He's through the garden gate;

Run little Bess and open the door, And do not let him wait!

Shout, baby, shout, and clap thy hands, For father at the threshold stands.

THE BURNING OF MOSCOW.

BY J. T. HEADLEY.

At length Moscow, with its domes, and towers, and palaces, appeared in sight; and Napoleon, who had joined the advanced guard, gazed long and thoughtfully on that goal of his wishes.

Murat went forward and entered the gates with his splendid cavalry; but as he passed through the streets, he was struck by the solitude that surrounded him. Nothing was heard but the heavy tramp of his squadron as he passed along, for a deserted and abandoned city was the meagre prize for which such unparalleled efforts had been made.

The bright moon rose over the mighty city, tipping with silver the domes of more than two hundred churches, and pouring a flood of light over a thousand palaces, and the dwellings of three hundred thousand inhabitants.

The burning of Moscow. Mortier, as governor of the city, immediately issued his orders and was putting forth every exertion, when at daylight Napoleon hastened to him.

In the morning, Mortier, by great exertions, was enabled to subdue the fire. But the next night, Sept. 15th, at midnight, the sentinels on watch upon the lofty Kremlin, saw below them the flames bursting through the houses and palaces, and the cry of "fire!" passed through the city.

How to make an unproductive tree bear. A lady of our acquaintance, took us into her garden a few days ago, where we were shown an apple tree which she informed us had been planted for ten or more years, but had never until last year borne any fruit.

city, it was one broad flame, waving to and fro in the blast. The wind had increased to a perfect hurricane, and shifted from quarter to quarter as if on purpose to swell the sea of fire and extinguish the last hope.

But at length the shout, "The Kremlin is on fire!" was heard above the roar of the conflagration, and Napoleon reluctantly consented to leave.

Slaves in China.—The Chinese deal largely in slaves, not from Africa, but purchased from the families of their own countrymen.

Romantic incident.—A letter from Madrid, under date August 11, says: "A rather romantic incident occurred in the escape of 286 soldiers, compromised in the Gallican Insurrection, which is not unworthy of being noticed.

A Sturgeon in harness.—The following from the New York Evening Post goes ahead of any thing that we have read lately.

Practices in the English Groceries.—An ex-grocer, of London, lets out some secrets of the craft, in a series of letters in the Boston Traveller.

Draining and ditching.—This is possibly one of the best seasons of the year for carrying on these operations, and we would therefore advise the owners of land to avail themselves of its occurrence to relieve any fields they may have in a wet condition naturally, of their surplus of water.

Good Night.—The sound is full of sweetness and tenderness. Why dost thou yet linger, departing one? Dost thou wish for another, and yet another goodnight? Is that word so grateful to thee?

The number of new works published in the Russian Empire, during the last year, 1845, amounts to 851, of which 795 are originals and 66 translations.

PRESEVATION OF APPLES.—Apples intended to be preserved for winter and spring use, should remain upon the trees until quite ripe, which usually takes place about the coming of the first heavy frost.

Two gardeners, who were neighbors, had their crops of early peas killed by the frost. One of them came to condole with the other.

It is represented in some of the temperance papers, that certain church members are averse to the introduction of temperance principles, lest it should split the church.

We sometimes hear of buying titles of nobility in the Old World—sometimes of buying a wife—but not until now of buying off from being shot in a duel.

The report of a surveying commissioner in Maine, sometime since, mentioned the following names of places in that State: Sobocmook, Passamegamic, Depskanegan, Parkwalamas, Abawljacamegas, Nawswavdahunkerumas, Amagemaramus, Rapagenas, and Chesuncook.

It is estimated that 100,000 drunkards have become total abstainers since 1840. Of these, many thousands have become Christians, and are now in the way to heaven.

A student in Western Reserve College, who has been there in various stages of education for the last nine years, has supported himself by grafting, inoculating, and otherwise introducing choice fruits, and has, in fact, revolutionized and luxuriated all the town around.

The prisoners in the Charlestown prison have unanimously adopted the following pledge: "We, the inmates of the Massachusetts State Prison, do hereby solemnly promise, in the name of God, and by his help, to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks to the end of life."

Music is sweetest when heard over the rivers, where the echo thereof is best rebounded by the waters. Praise for pensiveness, thanks for tears, and blessing God over the floods of affliction, make the most melodious music in the ear of heaven.

The path of duty leads to the heaven of peace and light, let the way be ever so thorny. Go only steadily on, weary pilgrim, go, go, and thou shalt reach the promised land.

VARIETY.

No well-bred person will be insolent to his inferiors. On the other hand, he will observe a scrupulous tenderness of manner towards them—a care of word and action, that shall lighten the burden of humility which they must necessarily feel, as much as possible.

Madam Regnier was once reprimanded by her husband in company. She was too loquacious, and he checked her by saying, "Silence, madam, you are a fool!"

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