







Miscellaneous.

THE FARMER TURNED SOLDIER.

My father was a farmer good, With corn and beef in plenty; I mowed and hoed, and held the plow, And lived for one-and-twenty.

For I had quite a martial turn, And scorned the loving cattle; I burned to wear the uniform, Hear drums and see the battle.

CHILDREN.

BY MRS. HARRIET BECHER STOWE.

"A little child shall lead them."

One cold market morning, I looked into a milliner's shop, and there I saw a hale, hearty, well-browned young fellow from the country, with his long cart whip, and a lion shag coat, holding up some little matter, and turning it on his great fist.

"But, really, Mary," said the young man, "isn't three dollars very high?"

Mary very prudently said nothing, but taking the little bonnet, tied it on to his little head, and held up the baby.

"Ah!" thought I, "a little child shall lead them!" Another day, as I was passing a carriage factory along one of our back streets, I saw a young mechanic at work on a wheel.

Then comes the instant change—flashing smiles and tears, as the good comes back all in a rush, and you are overwhelmed with protestations, promises, and kisses!

"If I had a child," says the precise man, "you should see."

He does have a child, and his child tears up his papers, tumbles over his things, and pulls his nose, like all other children, and what has the precise man to say for himself?

Poor little children! they bring and teach us, human beings, more good than they can get in return.

The hardened heart of the worldly man is unlocked by the guileless tones and simple caresses of his son—but he repays it in time, by imparting to his boy all the crooked tricks, and hard ways, and callous maxims, which have undone himself.

Go to the jail—to the penitentiary, and find there the wretch most sullen, brutal and hardened. Then look at your infant son. Such as he is to you, such to some mother was this man.

There was a time when the Divine One stood on earth, and little children sought to draw near to him. But harsh human beings stood between him and them, forbidding their approach.

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not," is still the voice of the Son of God, but the cold world still closes around and forbids.

Would thou know, O parent, what is that faith which unlocks heaven? Go not to wrangling polemics, or creeds and forms of theology, but draw to thy bosom thy little one, and read in that clear, trusting eye, the lesson of eternal life.

IMMENSE ESTABLISHMENT.

In our extracts from the English papers we were struck with the description of the town of Crewe, in Cheshire, England, which owes its origin to the Grand Junction Railway Company, having been constructed chiefly for the accommodation of the men employed in their immense works, and it is an admirable proof of what may be effected by enlightened liberality.

The works themselves are immense, covering something like five acres of ground. The number employed is nearly 1000, and their wages amount to upwards of £1000 weekly.

The workmen are not paid by the week or day, but according to the labor they have performed. Six is the hour for assembling, and if a man be five minutes behind the time, he cannot be admitted until after breakfast, that is at half past eight; if he be absent then he cannot be admitted till one.

There is a surgeon kept in the Company's employ, who is paid in the following way; each boy receiving 10s a week and upwards, is taxed 1d per week; if receiving under 10s one-half penny; each married man without a family, three half-pence; each single man one penny; each married man with family, one penny for himself and a half-penny for each member of his household.

A COOLER TO VANITY.

Christopher North rebukes inordinate self-esteem in young orators by telling a story something like the following:— A certain young clergyman, who was by no means disposed to underrate the power of his eloquence, having been invited to preach in a neighboring parish, complied.

The Vermont Boy.—We were gratified last week with a visit from Truman H. Safford, Jr., the young mathematician from Royalton, Vt.

He is of small size, with slender limbs, of a highly nervous temperament, with a somewhat large and strongly marked head, a large, deep, liquid hazel eye, the brilliancy of which when he is engaged in mathematical calculations is indescribable.

Effects of Opium on the Mind.—A lady, who knew nothing experimentally of opium, once told us that she "could tell when Mr. Coleridge had taken too much opium, by his shining countenance."

Colonization.—The Richmond Religious Herald of July 2, contains three letters from a colonist at Monrovia, by the name of Abraham Blackford.

short term of years. But in what way did that operate upon his exertions as a writer? We are of opinion that it killed Coleridge as a poet. "The harp of Quantock," was silenced forever by the torment of opium.

Influence of the Seasons.—A French writer states, that the number of deaths in winter is greater than in summer, in the proportion of three to two.

A Scene in Broadway.—Passing down to our office yesterday morning, nearly opposite Niblo's our attention was attracted by the egress from the front door of a neat, but plain, two-story house, of an old gentleman, bent and decrepid, borne up on either side by a man whose vocation it probably was to perform this service.

Spectral Illusions.—An officer in the Duke of Marlborough's army named Prondergast, mentioned to many of his friends that he should die on a particular day.

How to Procure a Bell.—The owners of a new meeting house in the town of Appleton, Maine, last fall addressed a letter to Samuel Appleton, Esq., of Boston, begging him to give them a bell, 1st, because the town was named in honor of his father; and 2d, because he could afford the gift without inconvenience to himself or his family.

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as both are printed just as written, they exhibit his improvement in orthography, composition, &c. He has been married out there, and says Liberia, is just "the very country for the colored man." Those who will work will prosper there, and a lazy man will not prosper anywhere.

The Rule of Street Walking.—The Springfield Republican calls attention to the following rules, which should be strictly observed in all populous places:— "Let it be understood by all, that every gentleman and every lady is expected to pass on the right hand.

Water for Sheep.—Water is not deemed so absolutely necessary for sheep as for other animals since their instinct leads them to graze early in the morning, when the dew is on, and again for a while in the evening, when the temperature of the season is warmest.

Electricity.—A correspondent of the Morning Journal states his opinion that the simultaneous and instantaneous ignition of gas lamps in cities and towns by means of electricity, will ere long be substituted for the present slow and irregular method.

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