The Children we Keep.

The children kept coming, one by one, Till the boys were five and thegirls were three, And the big brown house was alive with fun From the basement floor to the old roof tree. Like garden flowers the little ones grew, Nurtured and trained with the tenderest care; Warmed by love's sunshine, bathed in its dew, They blossomed into beauty, like roses rare.

But one of the boys grew weary one day.

And leaning his head on his mother's breast, He said, "I am tired and cannot play, Let me si awhile on your knee and rest."

She cradled him close in her fond embrace She hushed him to sleep with her sweetest

And rapturous love still lighted his face When his spirit had joined the heavenly

Then the elde-t girl, with her thoughtful eyes, Who stood where 'the brook and river meet," Stole softly away into Paradise Ere "the river" had reached her slender feet. While father's eyes on the grave are bent,

The mother looked upward beyond the skies; "Our treasures," she whispered, "were only Our darling: were angels in earth's disguise."

The years flew by and the children began With longing to think of the world outside; And as each in his turn became a man The boys proudly went from the father's side. The girls were women so gentle and fair, That lovers were speedy to woo and win ; And with orange blossoms in braided hair, The old home was left, new home to begin.

So, one by one, the children have gone-The boys were five and the girls were three; And the big brown house is gloomy and lone, With but two old folks for its company. They talk to each other about the past,
As they sit together at eventide,
And say, "All the children we keep at last Are the boy and girl who in childhood died."

By Mrs. Alexander.

And so dance succeeded dance, and he saw the indefatigable Sir Frederic whirling and unconventional." mound in a rapid waltz with the pale, quiet friend of the heiress, who looked just as for a moment, I will give up the scheme." unexcited as when she had been sitting

proceeded to search for the admired figure, do not give her a thought for myself. But itself. which he soon descried, but, alas! leaning there is something peculiar about that on the arm of a smooth-faced, accurately little quiet girl I was dancing with, and by got-up, white chokered young exquisite, of Jove! her name is Delvigne too, for somethe composite order—a mingling of Belgra- body spoke to her and your beauty ling trees which dot the Regent's Park, near wise with Marshall and Snelgrove's. But answered, and then Mrs. Coleman—yes, it the broad walk. It was now close on two oh! triumph! his eyes caught hers, and she was Mrs. Coleman—said rather stiffly, o'clock—what if she would not come! or silent. smiled a smile of such undoubted, pleased pointing to my little partner, 'I mean this came escorted by some duenna-like goverrecognition, that Neville was himself again. Miss Delvigne." So he waited with renewed patience until the scramble called by courtesy a quadrille Neville, thoughtfully. "By Jove! I shall light, active step approached; he turned wasover, when, advancing with an air of old be ready to cut my throat if my belle does acquaintanceship, he said, cooly-

"I am to take you into supper;"—a hansem—let us hail it." command she did not dispute; for, court-

"I do; forgive my audacity, but I feared to lose you."

Miss Delvigne's soft cheeks glowed, and her eyes suddenly sought Neville's with an earnest, questioning look.

gravely, replying unconsciously to the ques. Frederic, it's very seldom as I forget, and tioning glance; "but you asked me just I hope you'll look over it this time, sir, but

to resume the light tone of their first con- of it, and it quite escaped-" vorsation; for there was a tenderness in where, over the usual indigestible mixture about it; leave the room." of chicken, tongue, lobster-salad, ice, jelly, and mauvaise honte seemed to melt away

faded away from lip and eyes.

" Pray, give me some clew to your movements. I must see you again."

ing together, and now I suppose our roads You can hardly make any mistake, howin life will scarce cross again.'

"They must! they shall!" cried Neville impetuously. "But I dare not go to see selected to fill her place. I hope to be back

shrinking from the bare idea, yet laughing at the picture it conjured up. "Miss Redoubt would faint at the sight of you!" roused Neville could utter. "Then which of a rowing, are you?" "Well, then do you never go out alone?" " Never except --- " she paused, casting

her large dark eyes down, while a half mischievous smile played round her lips. "Except! Except when? I implore you, do tell me---

"I ought not-you know I ought not,"

audi the B .ng Neville's eager, pleading eyes, net. "But I do not want to marry any one It was wonderful how much their rela- feared to make prematurely. L'Elect away with some coquetry, and pull- at present."

bracelet-one of dark Delvigne."

contrived to catch the skin in closing the look glum, old fellow. But what do you with feminine instinct changed the conver- never repent it." start and shrink.

ened, with glowing cheeks.

vigne are inexorably summoned home.

Permit me --- " offered her his arm with a deprecating satisfaction." glance at his comrade. Miss Delvigne accepted it, murmured a soft "Good- a fellow to propose?" aked Neville thought- you?" said Neville, quite unmoved—with that's a good idea; but then we must night!" and passing from Neville's confused fully. vision, left him suddenly-deeply, passionately in love.

CHAPTER III.

As soon as Neville and his friend could manage it they escaped from the festivities of Saratoga Lodge.

It was a lovely night. "The young May moon" was beaming as though especially ess?" put in Sir Frederic, slyly. bespoken for the occasion, and the gentlemen, lighting their cigars, strolled along between the fragrant gardens which adorn

Sir Frederic was the first to speak-"What do you think of the venture now, Neville ?"

"Do you think I have any chance?" was her. the counter-question.

am more than half sorry I agreed to bestow | fail to profit by it." the heiress on you; she is a delightful creature, one's beau ideal of a girl, so frank

"Compton, if you regret your proposition "Now is my turn," thought Neville, and her as so completely your property that I lending beauty even to what had none in with sudden decision, and pausing abruptly.

not prove the right party. But there is a herself-fresh and bright as ever. Her

soon made his appearance, but with a ribbon, bouquets of wild roses and artistic crest fallen air.

"Did you see Mr. Foster when he called here to-day?" a-ked his master. "Yes, Sir Frederic."

"What did he want with me so particularly?" "I am a careless, rough fellow," he said | "Can't say, sir, but-I beg pardon, Sir think I can answer for myself that I am leave this note for you. Mr. Foster gave this specimen of mankind, so different from it to me the last time he came, sir, and I

Neville's accents that half frightened her. master, angrily. "It might have been of obscured by constantly pondering the ques-And then they reached the supper-room, the last importance: there, say no more

Neville had sat down dreamily in an more familiar—talking of feelings, and senti- looked on with a sort of lazy curiosity ginings, that for a moment her heart was which lieville never thought before. And as epistle; it was of some length, for a minute flushed quick over cheek and brow, and he marked the unmistakable sincerity, the or two elapsed, and then Sir Frederic mer. her heart beat vehemently. earnest simplicity that marked his com- rily laughed. Throwing himself on a sofa, tion gove Newille a sudden some of his come fellow, was not an amiable man. panion's tone, he felt more and more fascina- he held out the note to his friend, "Here's tion gave Neville a sudden sense of his own

"Are you shut up all day at that school?" French teacher at Miss Redoubt's school, he continued. "Do you never walk or of the same name as her own, and she ride, or go anywhere a fellow might see intends, in order to test you, to pass her off as the heiress and pretend herself to be . Miss Delvigne shook her head—the smile | the French girl. I overheard the proposition myself, as I entered their sitting. "Ah! Captain Neville, do not talk in endeavoring to give you warning, but fear I that way. We have had a pleasant even- shall not be able to see you before I start. ever, as my ward is much more distinguished and refined than the girl she has in a few days, when I shall, no doubt, find "Come and see me!" said his companion, all progressing as I could wish.

Very sincerely yours, JOHN FOSTER'" "By Jove!" was all the thoroughly was which?" he went on, as Compton continued to laugh and re-read the letter. "Did your Miss Delvigne give you any

clew?" "No; she was rather silent, particularly he glanced tenderly into his companion's never bid Neville good by without telling him his orderly. At Udangue he killed a after she found I was not Captain Neville. eyes. I suppose she did not think it was neces. "Ah! you mean that Signor Carrara as the whim which made him seek her his assegai at Sir Garnet, who, failing to returned Miss Delvigne, embarrassed, but sary to do much in the talking line. On! would scold me. Yes, indeed he would; might at any moment either fade away or induce him to come to England, lent him to come to England, lent him yielding; then, brightening up a little—"I yes—the little, quiet, pale thing must be his minutes are very precious; but on the be replaced by a fresh fancy. It was this \$1000, with which he set up a small shop

Unaccustomed to such offices, he had a half-caste for a grandmother! Don't She fought bravely for self-control, and swindler. But if she will have me, she shall

"Oh! see her as soon and as often as I "Captain Noville!" cried the startled, to accompany her, I will merely bow. If they had walked some way. confused girl, shrinking back, half fright- not-and probably this friend of here will be when he heard Sir Frederic Compton call, feel very much inclined to run away with you walk all this way by yourself?" her. By the way is she a ward of Chan-"Neville, Miss Weston and Miss Del. cery? That would complicate matters." low that she thought she felt it beating in dian, and I trust when the old boy returns And then approaching the heiress, he he will find all things progressing to our

" How soon after a first meeting ought

proposed to any one, Neville?" "No, not marriage," said that gentleman gravely. "I feel as if I could ask Mary taken care of." (her name is Mary, she pronounces it

not suit. But it is absurd to talk in that but this was going too fast, and Marie How to open communications with some way. Look at the difference of the two began to wish him away—to have time to of the functionaries of Miss Redoubt's "the shady groves of the Evangelist," in girls—one had dependence stamped on her recover herself and think. whole bearing."

kindly. "I suppose she hasn't an easy said. life of it. 'Gad, I'd like to take care of "I can always manage one in this locality

"Fate forbids such things to be," returned | Neville. "You'll go in and win, I suppose. 'Gad! his mentor. But let us to bed; this is a you are in great luck! I say, old fellow, I capital hint of your grandfather's. I'll not

CHAPTER IV.

The anticipated Saturday rose clear and fair. It was an exquisite morning, worthy Signor Carrara's door with so distinguished "Nonsense! I was in jest. If Miss Del. of the month of May, with life and fra-

Neville after looking in all directions in vain, took refuge in a cigar, and placed himself under one of those islands of stripness! perhaps the awful Redoubt herself! "It is curious! Devilish queer!" repeated | As these uneasy thoughts perplexed him, a sharply round, and she was before him- Neville stood alone, the last wave of her cool looking muslin dress and scarf, so esying to her partner, she took Neville's inquiry was for his valet, and Simmons the quiet bonnet with its delicate white without some arrangement for a future mingling of black lace, was enchantingly becoming and "coquet;" and from the neat What a sweet frank creature! What a parasol to the dainty boots she was every

And Marie Delvigue was marvelously moved. She would have been scarce mortal, and certainly not an interesting morall she had hitherto known, had scarce left "I did not doubt you," she said, trying just put it into my pocket to make sure her dazzled eyessince they first met. He was the "ocean to the river of her thoughts,"

but it is a pleasant place to lounge in with a cigar on so lovely a morning."

"Is it? Well, I never found it out before. Let me carry this for you-music, I suproom this morning. This is an excellent pose. What a thick roll—you don't intend opportunity for you, and I lost no time in to sing it all to day? You'll be frightfully done up."

"Oh, no; I could sing more than is there without much fatigue. You see a good deal of it is the accompaniment."

"Is it really?" as if she had announced a wonderful fact. And when must you be with this singing fellow?"

"At half-past two." "Well, it is now only two-so you need not quicken your pace-you are not afraid

"A rowing!" repeated Mary, puzzled. "He would be a flinty sort of a fellow that her future to his guidance. could be down on your misdeeds!" And

tion of the blossoms from her bouquet, said "There is no doubt the two girls were ous Thursday evening. Then, he was the some hundreds, I fancy," said he to his

Bation.

"Ah!" said Marie, her heart sinking so of fiery love letters." except to myself!" and she trembled.

"Perhaps," said Marie, laughing, while "Perhaps it would be as well," returned Marie) to-morrow! You see if I was rich, her heart sprang back with a flash of the stanch counsellor; "but I should like and she had not a penny, I would marry electric joy-then he did not care-it was all to have the matter finished, and you the same to him-"but you know it is away on your wedding expedition, "If she was really the French govern- nobody's business," she continued aloud. before my grandfather returns. It will be "That is a different matter and would half in jest, astonished at his own fluency; eyes when he hears the news."

on Thursdays and Saturdays," returned

"No, no; you must not!" she exclaimed hastily, " it would not do! it would not be right!" and she stopped suddenly, her cheek flushing, and feeling really anxious to get rid of him-for they were now almost at the entrance to Albany Street, and Marie felt she could not be seen at

" Must it be good by so soon?" he replied. " Yes."

"But why?" he was beginning, when with uncommon astuteness for a John Bull, he reflected that it might pain her to say she must not be seen with him, and he was

She held out her hand—a little, daintilygloved hand—and he took it in his, where it lay, lost to sight, but certainly "to memory dear," when a moment after, dress floated round the turn into Albany meeting, without some link being fastened in inch a woman to be loved—a lady to be indifferent to him! and thus added the merit of discrimination to her other charms.

A second interview in the same locality now if my friend Compton was true. I in my hurry going out I quite forgot to impression on her mind. To tell the truth, thered his projects but little, for Miss Delon the following Thursday was secured by Neville's watchfulness; it, however, furvigne was less at her ease, more timid, and apparently anxious to get rid of her admirer, even while she betrayed her growing "D——d careless of you," interrupted his and studies and exercises had alike been ling her by too sudden an advance, was left tion-" If, after all, 1 were to meet him in next step. Time was pressing, too, and to and trashy champagne, they get more and easy-chair during this short colloquy, and fulfilment of her resisted hopes and imapounds. How he chaffed under this comstave off present necessities he was obliged to let his friend lend him five hundred ments, and sympathy, and a dozen topics of while Compton perused his grandfather's still, and her cheek paled—then the color his strong, impatient temper, and proud unyielding nature; for Neville, though

Yet if their conversations had been reported very little that could be defined as love making would have been found therein. Nevertheless, day after day Neville | the only feller that's on your side."-Peck's parted from her with more and more of Sun. reluctance, and a constantly increasing conviction that he was gaining ground, though Marie was very shy, and liable to panics, and fits of coldness that, so far from allaying her lover's feverish impatience, added fuel to the fire. Sometimes, too, she had pensive, almost melancholy view with a Frenchman who saved his life moods, that nearly set him wild with an in Zululand. This man, Pierre Lettrez by "A blowing up!" explained Neville. heart, and implore her to trust herself and

am a goose—you will forget all about it. I the French teacher—she is a sweet girl, whole, I am a favorite with him—he is very ever-recurring doubt which gave an uncertainty to her manner, her maintien, that to her manner, her maintien, that "Very well; having made up your mind rather, and would like to meet her again." "I should think so," said Neville quietly, Neville did not understand, and by which called at his hotel and paid him back, with "Pshaw!—stuff!—you could not marry with another expressive look from his he was at times chilled and repulsed; still interest, the money lent. Sir Garnet was Delvigne, if it were only to try my a French teacher!" said his more worldly grave, gray eyes, which sunk into his she grew every day more dear, more necestance conpelled to accept repayment, so hearer's heart, and called the color to her sary, and in moments of excitement he eamestly did Lettrez plead, and could not

Dominion W tone, and speaking quickly—

The Bossons Holl his blossons from her bought I was playing into each other's hands," resumed humble, confused suitor, almost tremblingly friend, as they sat at dinner a few weeks watchful for every crumb of favor; now, after Mrs. Coleman's party; "for since I whither flowers sent by a man to a woman informed by the treachery of a speaking baye entered into this scheme, it seems to constitute a man to a woman baye entered into this scheme, it seems to constitute a man to a woman baye entered into this scheme, it seems to constitute a man to a woman baye entered into this scheme, it seems to constitute a man to a woman baye entered into this scheme, it seems to constitute a man to a woman baye entered into this scheme. The Boal lessen at Signor Carrara's own question; "for my partner thought I was informed by the treachery of a speaking have entered into this scheme, it seems to constitute a promise of marriage. \$4,000,000. Twhere may that be?" asked found her mistake, cross-examined me besieged, he was more in love than ever, anything else; and as I do really love the lian the Conqueror was crowned in Westyour temper, etc. Oh, yes! it is clear a mastership of the position that lent a battle. I want her—I am determined to by 1 Kings, 4 Queens and 2 Protectors of It remained thany Street."

just back from Eug somewhere in St. John's enough; and I am confoundedly glad your sort of assured tenderness to his manner, have her; but then my first move must be the Commonwealth. One King, William Cetewayo, the sableay lies across the Regent's old governor has given us a hint, for it which nevertheless was profoundly respectto get hold of her money when she is my lill, reigned in conjunction with his wife black books; and I would not like to marry So it is ever!—in the struggle between will distrust my motives. Poor little soul! urging that the alliance wille, gazing into the a foreign nobody. I do not care for money, man and woman there is a perpetual ebb She played the governess trick very but I like race, though if I ever met a girl and flow-a constant balance-one cannot transparently-was all in a tremble, and said Miss Delvigne, that could turn a man's head, and make descend without elevating the other. Marie evidently expected I would politely say him forgo his resolution, that girl is Miss felt this, though she could net explain it; good morning, and leave her. Ah, Cromp.
"Well, every man to his taste! And, nated, because Neville involuntarily every she say I make them to her eyes when the said and make felt this, though she could net explain it; good morning, and leave her. Ah, Cromp. latter a director of the Bank of Montal and womanlike, was all the more fasciton, what a light came into her eyes when have put forward a scheme for a relway to have put forward a scheme f

"No, of course not; and you must never "I have hurt you -I have hurt you!" he can. She goes to Albany Street every exclaimed as one of those ragged, dirty, heiress till you have been married a good "What a dreadful looking man!" she let her find out that you knew she was the exclaimed, in despair; and following an Thursday and Saturday for a music-lesson, sullen types of humanity, which too often long while, and then get over it the best irresistible impulse, pressed his lips pas- and the day after to morrow I'll waylay come "between the wind and our nobility" way you can. I really see no other line her in the Park. If she has any old screw in this luxurious city, passed them after open for you-I mean as regards her. After all, your debts are a mere trifle com-"Yes," said Neville; "an ugly customer pared to her fortune. However, don't with her—I will feel my way. She is a charm- for you to meet alone; by the way—though grow sentimental. What shall we do next? "Forgive me!" Neville was beginning, ing creature. Heiress or no heiress, I should I am deucedly glad of it—why do they let I think you had better, at the present stage, shell the fortress with a few rounds

"No; my grandfather is her only guar. | the soles of her feet. "You think I am some. | thing well, Compton. I do not mind writbody! You mistake me for my friend! I am | ing straightforward, asking her to be my but the French teacher—nobody at all, wife, and telling her I am a poor devil in debt and difficulty-suggesting that we a kindly sort of smile in his eyes-you reconnoitre the premises, and see how we "Can't tell! Suppose it depends. Never could not see much of it or his lips, for could get a letter conveyed. We must be like Esau, he was a "hairy man"-"but careful. If Saturday is tolerably fine, I that is no reason why you are not to be shall endeavor to see her once more before I open the battery."

"Will you let it be mine?" asked Neville, a treat to see the old gentleman open his

establishment was now the difficulty; and "You have plenty to do, I suppose; you even if this could be done there was a great "Yes, poor little soul," said Compton cannot smoke cigars here every day," she reluctance to compromise Miss Delvigue in the eyes of any servant.

(To be continued.)

\$10,000 Damages for a Rat Bite.

The Rev. George W. Baker and his wife, Mrs. Caroline H. Baker, have instituted suit against Mr. W. A. Huff, proprietor of the Markham House, for \$10,000 as damages for several bites from a rat which Mrs. Baker received while a guest of the Markham, in June last. In the petition, which is filed by Mr. Baker, he sets up that he is a Baptist minister, and is engaged in the sale of books of a religious character, and at the time of the injury for which he seeks damages his wife was selling a book, every subscription to which received from a dollar and a half to two dollars in commissions; that her average monthly earnings were \$200 up to the time she was bitten by the rat, and that without that injury she would have continued to earn that amount. In the month of June Mrs. Baker, in the prosecution of her work, came to Atlanta and became the guest of the Markham, of which hotel Mr. Huff is the proprietor. She was assigned to a room on the second floor, which she describes as one of the highestpriced rooms in the house. At night she retired after extinguishing the light, when suddenly she felt the cover on the bed move. She reached out her left hand, when her arm was seized by a large rat, which she says was so infuriated that before she could take the hand away she was bitten in eight places. The wounds became inflamed, and the arm became badly swollen, and erysipelas set in. The arm appeared as if it would mortify, and it seemed that Mrs. Baker would lose it, and perhaps her life. Mr. Baker recites the trouble, expense and pain which have been caused to himself and wife, and puts the damages at \$10,000, \$600 of which is set down as an actual loss, as what would have been his wife's earnings for three months, and \$500 as an expense for medical attention. Mr. Baker says that Mr. Huff should have kept his bedsfree from vermin. - Atlanta Constitution.

The Court's Mistake.

Judge Davis used to tell some admirable popular among his comrades as a fine we chance particularly to remember. One ted by this truest type of womanhood he had a romantic dodge, Neville," he said, "read man as he was, because the fibre of Delvigne seldom left the house without a conveying to jurors in his charges to them his own opinions with regard to the merits Delvigne seldom left the house without of the case. In one case he had done so "Read yourself," said Neville, drowled with less delicate by any of the governesses or young ladies the jury hung out for hours without coming under the genial influence of her frank obediently. "I am a good deal annoyed at than in woman's finer organization. It Again the music summoned the loiterers. pectedly to leave for Paris this evening; he raised his hat, and throwing away his her at her case for the manner putting learned from him that one juror was hang-Again the music summoned the loiterers. pectedly to leave for Paris this evening; her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her ease for the moment, yet not her at her ease for the moment, yet not her ease for the moment, yet not her eleven. He sent blinding her to the indiscretion of which for the jury at once, and stating to the Delvigne, has a favorite companion, the the day, Miss Delvigne. It was much allowing herself to contract a certain the case ought to be decided, said he degree of familiarity with a man of whose understood one juror was standing out antecedents she was so ignorant. She against the other eleven. He proceeded to knew she ought not to let him assume a rebuke the juror sharply. The obstinate sort of light to meet her, and yet it soon juror was a nervous little man, and as soon came to be a sacrifice too great for her as the judge was done he rose and said :

" Judge, may I say a word?" "Yes, sir," said the indignant judge, what have you to say?" "Well, what I wanted to say is, I am

Sir Garnet's Thanksgiving.

Sir Garnet Wolseley will be pleased to learn from the French journals that while he was in Paris the other day on his way name, had enlisted as a volunteer in the English army on the Cape, and Sir Garnet, could scarce keep back the declaration he even induce him to accept an invitation to

andone Queen, Mary Tudor, associatedhe husland, Philip of Spain, with her Government.

from her arm, and "Well, every man to his taste! And, nated, because Neville involuntarily exer-she saw I was undisturbed by her announce. Hulson Bay. They are asking he Govcised a sort of power by his very composure. By Jove, I feel like a regular ernment for a land grant.