#### The Quest.

There once was a restless boy Who dwelt in a home by the sea, Where the water danced for joy And the wind was glad and tree: But he said, "Good Mother, Oh! let me go; For the dullest place in the world, I know, Is this little brown house, This old brown house, Under the apple-tree.

" will travel east and west; The loveliest homes I'll see; and when I have found the best. Dear mother, I'll come for thee. I'll come for thee in a year and a day, And Joyfully then we'll haste away From this little brown house, This old brown house, Under the apple-tree."

So he traveled here and there, But never content was he. Though he saw in lands most fair The costliest homes there be. He something missed from the sea or sky, Till he turned again, with a wistful sigh, To the little brown house, The old brown house, Under the apple-tree.

Then the mother saw and smiled, White her heart grew glad and free. " Fast thou chosen a home, my child? Ah, where shall we dwell?' quoth she.

The leveliest home, and the dearest and best, Is a little brown house, An old brown house, Under an apple tree."

ST. NICHOLAS.

WINGED WARRIORS.

BY DAVID KEE.

bans and strangely fashioned armor—those any other person? dreaded Turkish soldiers the memory of | Nor is this at all an exceptional case. whose fierceness is still preserved in our With almost every possession is some saying that any man of savage temper is other person associated, and very likely to the hideous funeral. They know the Bell "a regular Turk."

with the din of battle, and Death was gaping hold for a minute to her tiny breast the to devour the village and and all within it, small bust of Flora, which ornamented a dred miles of her.

for the wounded, who were now being proof of the lessons of kindly remembrance brought in thick and fast.

But in the midst of all this uproar and agony and death the sun shone as brightly as ever, and the trees of the tiny garden rustled in the evening breezs, and around the twelve neat hives that stood ranged in a row the bees were humming blithely as they hovered among the flowers; and any one who had shut his ears to the frightful din below might have thought this spot the most peaceful in the whole world.

And now Lizzie, catching up a whole arm ful of bandages, hurried away into the courch, where she was soon so busy among the wounded men that she hardly noticed that the noise of the battle was growing louder, seeming to roll nearer and nearer every moment.

But auddenly a fearful cry from without mr de her look up, and through the nearest window she saw the Germans crowding wildly into the one small gate of the church ward wall, while behind them the dark Tarkish faces and show-white turbans were eddying like a flood among the houses. The Turks had taken the village, and were coming on to attack the church itself!

Luckily it could only be attacked on one side, for or the other the rock was so steep and slippery that no man alive could have scaled it. So the brave village bailiff though bleeding from several wounds, ranged his men along the side of the wall that faced the enemy, and encouraged them to stand firm and fight it out to the last. On came the Turks with hoarse yells of

triumph, and in a moment the whole space outside the church-yard wall was a sea of grim faces and flashing steel.

And now the swarming assailants made a third charge, which brought them right up to the foot of the wall that sheltered all who were left of the defenders; and while some nundered upon the gate with axes, others planted ladders against the wall or tried to clamber up it on each other's shoulders.

Another moment and all would have been over; but just then Lizzie, struck with bright idea (which came to her from an old story that she had heard one winter evening), darted back into her little garden, seized two of the beehives, one in each hand, and springing upon the low wall, hurled them among the swarming assailants. Two more instantly followed, and then other two, until the whole dezen hives had been flung down upon the heads

of the clambering Turks.

The bees, enraged to madness at being sent whirling through the air so unceremoniously, fell like furies upon the shaven heads and bare arms of the Turkish sold- and this morning he came and proposed to iers, and gave them such a pricking that me." the Saxon arrows which had been falling so thick among them seemed a mere nothing ranks was literally black with the infuriat. | house again for at least a week." ed insects, which kept stinging the more flercely the more the bewildered Turks tried to beat them off.

There was no more thought of battle or a wall with his head covered with a perfect nose-bag of enraged bees, and every exposed inch of his body smarting as if pierced by a thousand red-hot needles? Away flew the enemy, and away flew the bees after them, while the yells of pain of the discomfitted Turks were answered by the upports containing the boonet in the air. "Goodness ter of the triumphant Saxgus, who might never heard of such a thing! A few days will laugh to see a whole Turkish army put will laugh to see a whole Turkish army put thousand red-hot needles? Away flew the to flight by the device of one little girl.

### Making a Will.

Every one cannot indulge in the sensation of making a will which disposes of millions. But every one can attain a degree of satisfaction to one's self by making a disposition of one's possessions. We accept it as a matter of course that the rich man and the rich woman shall bequeath his or her estate to certain heirs suggested by nature or choice, but the ordinary, everyday people in the world live along without much thought of a time when somebody else shall possess their all, be it much or little. Indeed, the very suggestion of making a will is regarded by very many sensible men as a harbinger of evil, a certain preparation for a dreaded time which is sure to bring it nearer. pecially is this true of self made men of a certain age, who have a like dread of moving into a new, fine house which they have built late in life and which they leave untenanted for as long a time as possible from a superstitious dread.

LISTING ONE'S BELONGINGS.

Yet theidea of waking one's will, if squarely faced, is rather a pleasant one. All of us, expecially all women, have certain possess. sea. ions which are valued for one reason or an ther, perhaps from association or fancy, perhaps for love of a giver or real intrinsic worth, and each is probably aware that some other body has an admiration for and would take naturally fall might set no value on it whatto be the last bit of work from the dear hands | ness, like the air above a swamp. which had been her support through a long The quiet little village of Holzmengen, in after the sudden death of this gentleman the five or six degrees north of the equator. Transylvania, was all in an uproar one wife informed the friend that she had straight. Very low the land lies before us; a thin dark bright summer afternoon long ago, for its | way gone and put this bequest in her will. | green line, suggesting marshiness, miasma, Saxon inhabitants were fighting for their Do you think there is no comfort, perhaps paludal odour; and always the nauseous lives against terrible odds, as they had only very occasional, but still a comfort, in lolour of the water deepens. fought many a time before. The whole thinking that it will become the possession Even this same ghastly flood washes the slope of the hill on the brow of which it of one who, too, watched with interest every great penal colony of Cayenne. There, when stood was one great crowd of wild looking | inch of plush glued on, every nail driven in, | a convict dies, the body is borne to the sea, men, with dark, fierce faces and white tur- and will value it in quite another way than and a great bell is tolled. And then is the

none other, as, for instance, some little And all this time, while the air was rent | child who always begged to be allowed to

and friendship? NOT AT ALL UNPLEASANT.

Is there no joy in making these little plans to please others, so that when the veil of darkness shuts you from their sight, -that no tender thoughts of how you had planned to remain in their thoughts should follow you on the unknown voyage to the mysterious beyond? While this, perhaps, is the strongest argument for persons who possess only trifling things to make a will there is another, too, which has a pleasant side. Few of us have the slightest idea of what we have; things accumulate so fast. In a good sized family of comfortable means there are enough things of value given at one Christmas season to warrant the making of a will. The listing of what one does possess is a pleasant occupation, full of surprises, and would fill many weary hours for elderly people, whose waning eyesight and general feebleness debars them from active interests and employments and leaves their lives but a quiet season of waiting.

Did you ever lose a friend and feel an irresistible longing for something that was hers? It might be that she had presented you with many things, but none could give you the satisfaction that would ensue if you had any old book or little picture she had loved and prized.

When one goes away from home it is usual to see that all which is left behind is properly cared for. Why, then, not follow In each State there is a set of electors opinion of mankind than the published Cleveland directly. accounts of the greed and disputes over an

How She Was Insulted.

grossly insuited. "What is the matter?" "Woll, just think of the impudnece of young Jinks. Yesterday I buried my husband

"You showed him the door?" "Of course I did, and gave him to underin comparison. Every man in the front stand that he was not to show his face in this

Why the Price of Beans Had Advanced. traject took three-quarters of an hour. Trade is a queer thing. The other day a assault ; for who could wield a sword or climb housekeeper approached the proprietor of a Queen, but gave up after a quarter of an vegetable stall.

"How much are your string beans ?" she "Yes'm, but wheat's gone up."

A Tropical Night at Bea.

Night : steaming towards the equator, with Demerara for a goal. A terrific warm wind that compels the taking in of every awning and wind sail. Driving tepid rain. Blackness intense, broken only by the phospharescence of the see, which to-night displays extraordinary radiance.

Our wake is a great broad seething river of fire, whiter than strong moonlight; the glow is bright enough to read by. At its centre the trail is brightest; at the edge pales cloudily, curling like a smoke phosphorous. Great sharp lights burst up momentarily through it like meteors. Weirder, however, than this wake of strange light are the long slow fires that keep burning about us, at a distance, out in the dark. Nebulous incandescences arise, change form and pass; serpentine flames wriggle by, then there are long billowing crests of fire. These seem to be formed of millions of tiny sparks that light up all at the same time, glow brightly awhile, disappear, reappear and whirl away in a prolonged smouldering.

Morning: Steaming still south, through a vast blue day. Deep szure heaven, with bluish-white glow in the horizon; in dig the first and real husband had no desire to tea," as at breakfast.

Then again night, all luminous and very calm. The Southern cross burns whitely. We are nearing the enormous shallows of

the South American coast. .. Morning. The light of an orange-coloured good care of that particular thing, while the | sun illuminates, not a blue, but a greenishpersons to whom the disposal of it would | yellow, sickly sea-thick, foul, glassy smooth. We are in the shallows. The lineever. A case presents itself to view just now | caster keeps calling, hour after hour, "And of a little home made plush covered stand, a half four, sir !" . "Quarter less five, sir !" And he said, "Sweet Mother, from east to not very well finished, not much of an orna. There is little variation in his soundings - graveyard." mental addition to any room, yet of inest- always a quarter of a fathom or half a fathimable value to a widow, because it chanced om difference. The air has a sickly heavi-

> And a blue sky! The water green shows and happy married life. It chanced that olive and brownish tones alternately; the during the manufacture of this article a foam looks viscous and yellow; our wake is young friend was paying a visit to these ochre-coloured, very yellow and very shiny. people and enjoyed with them interest in, looking. It seems unnatural that a blue and diversion of, watching the table grow sky should hang over so hideous a waste of under the tinkerer's hands, and one day water; it seems to demand a gray blind sky, made the remark, thoughtlessly and careless. such gray and such green being the colours ly, "You must will this to me." Shortly of a fresh-water inundation. We are only

viscous, glaucous sea surface furrowed suddenly by fins innumerable, swart, sharp, triangular—the legions of the sharks rushing

### How Gortschakoff was Out-Witted.

A few years ago, says a London "Star" a little girl barely ten years old, with long bracket in "auntie's room, or a favorite writer, Count Andrassy told an interesting fair hair and eyes as blue and bright as the young cousin who always smoothed with story, which shows that age had dulled sky overhead, was at work in her little tender touch the rich folds of your best Prince Gortschakoff's faculties some time begarden just behind the village church as velvet gown, or the friend who studied fore his death. "The policy, as you know, quietly as if no enemy were within a hun- with you that history of sculpture in your of Russia at the Berlin Conference was to middle life and brought back an unex- secure a large Bulgaria," said Count And-But this was not so strange as it looked. pected glimpse of youth and school girl rassy, "but she was afraid openly to oppose Little Lizzie was the daughter of the sexton friendships to you both, or the boy who England and Austria. So a map was sent who had charge of the church, which, as the helped you plant in yon big jar and care to the Prince, with two lines drawn upon largest and safest building in the place, was for season after season that growing palm? it, one showing the size of the principality always used as a hospital in time of war; Who will have the same thoughts and such Russia desired, and the other marking the and the work upon which the little woman gratification in the ownership of these things area she would, if necessary, accept. Armed was so busy was the preparing of bandages as they? to whom can you give a stronger with this map, Prince Gortschakoff came down to the conference, and, with deplorable want of forethought, laid it open on the table. Before long the two lines caught the quick eye of Lord Beaconsfield," added Count Audrassy, his shaggy eyebrows twitching with amusement at the reminiscence, "and with your going may not be all an unbroken pain a nudge and a wink he pointed them out to me, the prince being in sublime ignorance of what was going on behind his back. I need hardly say I took the hint, and Russia had to be content with what she said she would accept, and not with what she would have liked to get. In this way the small Bulgaria was formed."

### Flour Goes up.

A dispatch from Minneapolis says that Mr. Charles A. Pillsbury, the head of the largest milling firm in the world, had said : "We have had quite a little squall in prices, but that is nothing to the cyclone that is coming later on. My reason for this is the fact that there is not enough wheat in this country to supply our local demand for good flour, to say nothing of the foreign demand, which cuts no figure on present crop, as no matter how much they would offer for our flour our home trade must have it at higher prices."

The advance has been \$2, within two months. It is confidently predicted that it will reach \$10 a barrel.

### United States Elections.

the same natural instinct when leaving them) nominated by each party, the number of behind forever? To those who had jewels electors nominated varying according to and laces, plate and costly china, it seems as each State's representation in Congress. absolutely a wrong not to arrange for their The people vote for the whole set of Redisposal, just as is done in the case of money | publican, Democratic or prohibition electors and other estates. Heirs are merely human, as the case may be. These electors from all often very human, possessing the faults and | the States meet in what is called the Elecfrailties of their race as well as the virtues, toral College and cast their ballots for and be or she who can adjust his affairs in such | President and Vice-President. As the elecorder and with such simple directness that | tors are pledged beforehand the result is there are no wranglings over them is not always known before the college meets, its only a wise man but a public benefactor. action having become a mere form. The For nothing can give to the world a lower people will cast no ballot for Harrison or

Chicago has an old settler who remembers well the days when the postmaster carried all the mail in his hat. The first private Friend-"You seem to be excited, Mrs. letter box was made out of a boot with a part of the leg cut off. In those days, less Widow-"I am excited; I have been than 50 years ago, it cost 25 cents to send a et ter from New York to Chicago.

> At an examination for admission to the Free College, New York, seventy-eight per cent of the girls seeking admission passed a creditable examination, while only fortyeight per cent of the boy applicants were able to enter.

of the finest swimmers in the world. She recently swam across the Bay of St. Sebas. I'll follow suit. tien, followed for security by a boat. The Four ladies tried to swim along with the

Queen Victoria does not share the general

Two Husbands.

A rather sad case game before Justice Onimet, of the Superior Court, to-day for judgment. It is alleged that Pierre Labbe. of Quebec, and Adelaide Masse, of the same place, were united in marriage during the year 1863, but for some unexplained reason the husband left his native province and was not seen in this country until about four years ago. In the meantime it was stated sauces, &:., if put in when they begin to years ago. In the meanutine at been ship cook, as it does to swesten after the fruit is ward and testified that he had seen the unfortunate Quebecker washed overboard. The supposed widow mourned the loss of her husband until 1876, when she married one Henri P. Labelle, of Montreal. The couple appeared to live happily together for eight years, when in 1834, to the surprise of man and wife, on the part of the would-be intruders. husband No. 1 turned up and declared that he had never been dead at all. Being good Catholics, Labelle and his wife separated at tannin of tea interfers with the digestion of once, and Mgr. Fabre having declared that fresh meat, whilst Dr. J. W. Fraser has ob. the second marriage was null and void, the served that it does not interfere with the second husband asked that this decision be digestion of ham, tongue, and other cured ratified by the Civil courts. This was done, and dried flesh. Hence a slice of tongue in but the singular part of the business is that claim his wife, and although the ecclesiastical and civil law have given him back his wife, Labbe will have nothing more to do with her, and has again left for parts unknown. The widow in the meantime is stopping with her son.

#### Dark Days Ahead.

Stranger (to Arizona citizen; -" Whats wrong in this town? It's as quiet as a

"A big calamity, pilgrim. Colonel Bilks is dead, and I don't see how we'll get along other ingredients, no turpentine. Clean

"Why? Was he necessary to the town?" "Necessary? Guess so, stranger. He paint, or oxide and oil, so that it will easily was the only man in these parts that could make a hangman's knot."

A Terrible Experience.

Lucy-" Maud, that was a terrible experence of yours !"

Alice—"Just think! You wake up and find the house on fire !"

fireman !" Emma-" In the presence of thousands of pectators ! Mina—"What did you have on?"

Maud (sadly)-" A wrapper and mybonnet. All-" Which bonnet?" Maud-" Last season's-untrimmed." All—" P-o-o r g-i-r-l !" Exit Maud, weeping.

A Lesson in Geography.

"Now, what is a lake? You will none of you make

In a question so easy as this a mistake. And quickly went up every hand, But never a youngster could certainly

Although verry sure he had studied it

Whether lakes were of water or land.

Alas and alas! That it should quickly pass To Pat, at the foot of the primary class.

He waited triumphant, demure. A lake, thin-is what you'd be askin' or A lake, is it! what in the wurld would it

But a hole in the tay kittle, sure?"

Why He was Arrested.

Where were you yesterday?" asked a of the rock-drilling machine, but in a highlytraveling man of one of the clarks. "I was very unfortunate yesterday," was the reply

"In what way?" "I was arrested."

" Arrested !"

"Yes. An officer said that I looked like a sailor-he thought I answered the description and he guessed he would run me in." "But what charge did he place against by tubing with a supply of air under pres-

"I couldn't say exactly, but as near as I by the operator, and a tool with a cylinder could make out they said I was arrested for of one inch internal diameter and working

didn't show up for an hour.

### Very Appropriate.

dealer, "I'm going to give an oyster supper back at the sculpture works of Mesira to a horseback party this evening. Send Farmer & Brindley. London, Eag, where me up something extra nice." "Yes, sir, we got some fine saddle rocks operated upon, although Mr. Maccoy does in this morning.

Not Proper for Mother to Read.

Mother-"Gertrude, why did you hide that yellow-covered book when I entered the It is already in considerable use in Americ's

ma, I do not consider it a proper book for | work. mothers to read."

## A Matter of Principle.

"Say, pa," said Willie after an exciting interview with his father in which the gestures were far more impressive than the language, "I thought you was a free trader." "That's what I am, but it hasn't got anything to do with this operation that I can

"Yes, sir; but I think you might live up to your principles anyhow." "What do you mean?"

"Why, what I mean is that it would have been about the right thing for you to do a little something towards removing the improve her habits. Children catch cross tacks from the shingles." And Willie slid away and avoided further difficulties.

### Following Suit.

Dudekin (who had just put on a new suit of clothes in the shop)—Wait a minute, I'll Queen Christine of Spain is said to be one | go over to the bank and get a check cashed. Tailor (going out with him)-Very well,

The Harper's Buzar fashion plates show very few concessions to eighteenth century or early nineteenth century styles. Baldwin and his halloon are drawing as opinion that the gift of an opal is likely to big crowds in London as the "Wild West' bring likely to the owner. She has pro- did. Baldwin has received an order from

steer d to any point of the company

BUIENTIFIO AND USEFUL

To protect the interior of a rifla barrie from rust, use vaseline. Give the gun-bore a good wash with hot water first, then dry,

Chemists say that it takes more than twice as much sugar to sweeten preserves,

A stopper for rats: Soak one or more newspapers, knead them into a pulp, dip the pulp into a suitable solution of oxalio acid. While wet, force the pulp into any crevice or hole made by mise or cats. Result disgusted retreat, with sore snonts and feet,

Dr. Lauder Brunton has shown that the better than a cut of the best joint at a "high

A new use for skim milk has been recommended in an American paper. If one quart of hydraulic cement be mixed with a gallon of milk and stirred until it is the consistency of cream, it will make, we are told, a cheap and durable paint for farm-buildings, with or without the addition of color. The skim. milk must be sweet when the mixture is

The only protection for cast-iron water. tanks worthy of consideration is a paint made with red oxile of iron, or similar metallic pigment, and boiled linseed-oil. No the tank and scrape off old rust. Mix the spread with a brush. Give the tank one coat and let it dry thoroughly for several days; then put on another coat and let it dry several days, when the tank will be ready for use and should last many years without showing any rust.

A very valuable insulating material, described in the Chronique Industrielle, has just been produced. It is composed of one part Julia-" And carried down the ladder by asphaltum pitch and two parts burnt plaster by weight, the latter being pure gypsam raised to a high temperature and plunged in water. This mixture when hot is a homogeneous viscous paste, and can be applied by a brush or cast in moulds. It is ambercolored, and possesses the insulating properties of ebonite, and can be turned and pol ished. Its advantage is its endurance of great heat and moisture without injuring its insulating properties.

> For case-hardening large pieces of steel a box of cast or wrought iron should be provided large enough to hold one or two of the pieces, with sufficient room all around to pack well with the case-hardening materials, which may be leather scrap hoof-shavings, or horn-shavings, slightly burned and pulverised, which may be mixed with an equal quantity of pulverized charcoal. Pack the pieces to be case-hardened in the iron box so as not to touch each other or the box. Put an iron cover on the box and lute with clay. Heat gradually in a furnace to a full red, keep at an even temperature for from two to four hours, raise the heat to a cherry red during the last hour, then remove the cover and take out the pieces and plunge endwise vertically into water at shop temperature; two per cent. of hydrochloric acid in the water improves its tempering qualities and gives the metal an even gray colour.

An ingenious application of the principle advanced degree of perfection, has been made by Mr. James S. MacCoy, in conjunction with others in what is termed a pneumatic tool. This tool consists of a rapidly reciprocating piston, working within a small cylinder, and driving by impact through a cushion of compressed air the working chicel or other cutting device. The tool is held in the hand of the workman, and is connected sure. It is started and stopped instantly at an air pressure of forty pounds per square Then the traveling man went out and inch is driven at the rate of fifteen thousand strokes per minute. In fact so rapidly are the blows delivered that the noise of work. ing is simply a brzz; nor is that noise by any means excessive. A demonstration of "Timmins," said a gentleman to an oyster the powers of this tool was given some time both stone and wood were successfully not consider it so applicable to wood as to stone. The tool, which is readily handled, is made in various sizes, and is adapted for working in all kinds of stone and metal, and for caulking steam boilers and iron tanks. where it is recognised as a useful labour-Gertrude (with dignity)-" Because, mam- saving appliance, giving a high finish to

# Mothers, Speak Low.

I know some houses, well built and handsomely furnished, where it is not pleasant to be even a visitor. Sharp, angry tones resound through them from morning night, and the influence is as contagions as measles, and much more to be dreaded in a household. The children catch it, and it lasts for life, an incurable disease. A friend has such a neighbor within hearing of her house, when doors and windows are open, and even Poll Parrot has caught the tune and delights in screaming and scolding, until she has been sent into the country to tones quicker than parrots. When mother sets the example, you will scarcely hear a pleasant word among the children in their plays with each other. Yet the discipline of such a family is always weak and irregular. The children expect so much scolding before they do anything they are bid; while in many a home, where the low, firm tone of the mother, or a decided look of her steady eye, is law, they never think of disobedience, either in or out of her sight.

Natural Fears Husband (a bank cashier, slightly under the weather)-If I should be taken away from you, darling, would it really be a very Wife (sobbing)-Ch, dear, John Laope you haven't been fooling with the

going to swoon who had a faint supple

CHAPTER XIII.-THE WI OUR INDIAN FRIEN Man of strange race ! stern wild !

Nature's free-born, untamed

of dissolving in snow, broug

haw. A thaw in the middle

most disagreeable change the

The clouds of the preceding

rined. After several weeks o bracing, frosty weather, with phere and cloudless sky, you as ing surprised at the change in tire ; and, upon looking cut o hehold the woods obscured by -not so dense as an English I but more black and loweringens shrouded in a uniform leaden-coloured clouds, deep livid indigo at the edge of the snow, no longer hard and g become soft and spongy, and into a wet and insidiously-yiel every step. From the roof p continuous stream of water, and of the trees, collecting the m recking atmosphere, shower earth from every dripping twig less and uncomfortable aspect of out never fails to produce a effect upon the minds of those casts such a damp upon the s appears to destroy for a time a joyment. Many persons (and the number) are made aware of of a thunderstorm by an inte weight about the head; and numbers of Canadians complain always made them tecl bilious and greatly depressed their ani I had a great desire to visit tion, but when I looked out upo waste, I gave up the idea, a

The prospect from the wir sister's log hut was not very p The small lake in front, which a pretty object in summer, nov an extensive field covered with med in from the rest of the wer of sombre pine woods. round the house was very sma just reclaimed from the wilders greater part of it covered w brushwood, to be burnt the firs spring. The charred and black on the few acres that had been

myself with hoping for a bette

morrow; but many morrows ca

before a frost again hardened t

ciently for me to make the atte

ing the preceding year were ev picturesque; and I concluded, disgusted, from the prospect bef there was very little beauty to the backwoods. But I came to during a Canadian thaw, be it i when one is wont to view every jaundiced eyes. Moodie had only been able to a six acres of his government gra-Upper Katchawanook Lake, whi terpreted, means in Erglish, the Waterfalls," a very poetical mea most Indian names have. He ever, secured a clergy reserve of t acres adjoining; and he afterwar ed a fine lot, which likewise form

the same block, one hundred acres This was an enormously high pr land; but the prospect of opening and Otonabee for the navigation boats and other small craft, was iod a favorite speculation, and it bility, and the great advantages ed from it, were so widely believed raise the value of the wild lands remote waters to an enormous settlers in the vicinity were eage

lots, at any sacrifice, along their Our government grant was up shore, and Moodie had chosen for of his log house a bank that slope from the edge of the water, until to the dignity of a hill. Along this ridge, the forest road ran, a down the hill, our humble hom nearly completed, stood, surroun eternal forest. A few trees had b in its immediate vicinity just a allow the workmen to proceed, vent the fall of any tree injuring the or the danger of its taking fire

process of burning the fallow. A neighbour had undertaken t rude dwelling by contract, and it ready for us by the first week year. The want of boards to m visions in the apartments alone him from fulfilling his contract. lately been procured, and the ho be ready for our reception in the week. Our trunks and baggage been conveyed thither by Mr. Dspite of my sister's kindness and I longed to find myself once mor

a home of my own. The day after my arrival, I wa surprised by a visit from Monag Moodie had once more taken in vice. The poor fellow was deli his nurse-child, as he always Matie, had not forgotten him, the most lively satisfaction at the her dark friend.

Early every morning, Moodie

the house; and the first fine day undertook to escort me through t inspect it. The proposal was jo cepted; and although I felt rather found myself with only my fem ion in the vast forest, I kept n myself, lest I should be laughed The snow had been so greatly by the late thaw, that it had been into a coating of ice, which affor gerone and slippery footing. My had resided for nearly twelve mo woods, was provided for her wal dian moocasins, which rendered independent: but I stumbled at the sun shone brightly, the air w avigorating, and, in spite of the and my foolish fears, I gr my first walk in the woods. cheerful, hopeful disposition Bhe drew such a lively a summer residenc began to feel greatly descriptions, and to rejoi be her near neig

my husband woul investment of the price in the steam boat stock