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Six happy years, like a little queen, "Our baby" has sat on her throne, But to-day, for the first time, she has got To face the world-alone. 'Good-bye, mamma," she smiling said, But my eyes were dim with tears, And I kissed the innocent little face, And thought of coming years.

She must learn the lesson we all ha learned,

The manifold lessons of life; Learn them, perchance, with toil and tears, Through years of struggle and strife. But bravely she starts on the weary road Where so many faint and fall, And I pray, "God shelter the fearless sou That dwells in that casket frail."

Gone is my baby-and nevermore Will my lost one come back to me; Never again will my baby be The same as she used to be: Out in the world have the little feet gone Father, protect her, I pray! She left her babyhood far behind When slie went to school to-day!

OUR STORY.

MY NEIGHBOR.

BY ANNIE CORRIGILL.

How many of them are there, Lou? asked Pet, knocking my favorite geranium off the flower-stand. Pet was always knocking over something, and I picked up

the fragments as a matter of course. "Only three," answered Lou. "A palelderly gentleman, who looked like an i valid; a lady, who might be old or your handsome or ugly, for she was so closel veiled that I could not see her face; and young gentleman."

sked Pet, with innocent curiosity. " Ahem !" coughed Lou,

"What does that mean, Lou?" smiled " If our next door neighbors are sociable Pet will be getting into difficulty." Pet gave Lou a withering look and swe out of the room, leaving Lou and I to

uss the subject alone. We were three sisters, daughters of the village lawyer, and belles of much importance in our little social circle. Pet, the youngest (whose proper name was Evelyn), was pleased fo call auburn, a retrousse nose, the opposite gender. She was always falling in love or getting out of it; making or

Pet and I knew she did not mean half what she said; only she had an odd ambition to be thought cynical and altogether devoid of

As for me-Aldine-I was Miss Thayer, and I flatter myself that I sustained my dignity very well. Being engaged to my father's young partner, Tom Lester, I took less interest than my sisters in the young gentleman whose advent in our village society was to be, according to Lou, so disastrous to Pet. But, of course, after the prevailing topic of conversation among us for a month had been the future occupants of "Vine Cottage," I was interested to know who and what they were, now that they had come. The cottage had been unoccupied for almost a year, and we were all | broke '?"

not be as "nice" as the last. Their "goods" had arrived some days | swered before, and we were all impatient for the coming of the family. Ret and I were away when they came, and only Lou saw them, so we at once assailed her to tell us all about them, with the result above recorded.

at the Vine cottage we saw nothing of our new neighbors. Then papa called there, made the acquaintance of the gentlemen. came home and told us all about them, and that he should approve of our calling upon the young lady, for she was not only young but very pretty, papa said. Their name was Pembroke. Mr. Pembroke, was a. widower and an invalid, and had leased the cottage on account of the quiet and retirement of our village. His son and daughter were both present when papa called, and he me as 'his daughter';" but what did you liked them exceedingly. He thought, from take George for ?" appearances, that the Pembrokes were

wealthy. Miss Pembroke had said she would be formal call. We were received with the claimed : greatest courtesy and cordiality by Miss . "Only to think you did not know he was Pembroke, who introduced us to her father and entertained us in a charming manner. She was about my age twenty-two-and

in a quiet, invisible way, of course, perceptible only to us, who had seen the beginning and ending of so many of Pet's affairs.

And certainly, from that day forth, would not have given much for the student's prospects of marrying my sister. George Peinbroke was the very particular style of man that Pet most admired, being dark- the letters to Lou. and stately, like the fine princes she was always dreaming of; and his manner was enough to fascinate any susceptible damsel

-so proud and chivalrous, yet so delicately polite and deferential. But for Tom, perhaps, I might have been fascinated, too. Our acquaintance progressed. We became quite intimate with Adele, and 'Pet | the author. "Full of beauties!" exclaimed determinedly set her cap at Mr. George. He was not as readily entangled as most of her unfortunate victims. He flirted with whole. He was very polite to me, and | what price bread was published at; and

seemed to have quite an admiration for printer's boy, just returned from delivering Lou. They would talk about pictures and | a letter, declared that he found the place statuary and architecture (Lou had slightly artistic tastes), until I grew quite bored. He was always bringing new books for her to criticize (she was a bit literary, too), and altogether they were quite what you might call Platonic; for Lou never flirted like me, or had desperate love affairs, like Pet.

impertmently hinted that George Pembroke was flirting with both my sisters. What a stupid blockhead I was not to noticeall that I remembered after-when he went away

dry talk and literary criticisms-at least they were dry to me and Pet, who almost stretched her ridiculously little mouth into reasonable porportions with yawning. And after I remembered how long she always sat looking after him; when his name was mentioned she would look up

was the most popular of our trio, though then drop-her great turquoise eyes again both Lou and I were prettier than she. Pet with elaborate indolence and indifference. was terribly susceptible to the attraction of | I remembered all these things one day, but then I never dreamed of suspecting that Lou loved George Pembroke! One day he went away totown, and when he came back he brought a friend with him -a gay young fellow, with nothing particu-

some people (especially one person) pre- larly impressive about him, except his good humor, and introduced him to us as Mr. yellow curls and pink cheeks and white Clyne. We all liked him, and invited him fingers. She had a hateful, sarcastic way to come over with Adele and George, and spend the evening with us.

And a very chatty, pleasant evening we had. After they were gone Pet declared she liked Mr. Clyne almost as well as

George Pembroke. "But did you ever see any one so irresistibly comical?" she asked. "Did you notice his calling Adele ' Mrs. Pembroke'?' "I don't see the special wit in that!

said Lou, scornfully. Neither did I, and I thought it rather odd, to say the least, that he should continue the joke the next time we met, and when I noticed that wherever we were he always addressed Adele and spoke of her s 'Mrs. Pembroke."

they were all at our house. "Mr. Clyne," said I, "why in the world do you always call Adele "Mrs. Pem-

Mr. Clyne gave me a surprised look, cast glance at Adele, colored slightly, and an-

"Why, Miss Thayer, I could not have the impertinence to address Mrs. Pembroke by her given name; that would be presuming on my intimacy with George." I looked as bewildered as I felt, and Pet

burst-out: "Do you mean to tell us that Adele is a married woman?"

Adele began to laugh, and cried out: "Why, girls, is that why you always called me Miss Pembroke Did you really think I was a maiden ?"

confounded! Why-how-" very natural, too. Paps only introduced

Pet grew very red and Lou very white. Adele fairly screamed, Mr. Clyne looked very glad to make our acquaintance, and, unutterably amused, and Mr. Pembroke accordingly, Pet, Lou and I made her a laughed prodigiously. At last Adele ex-

> my hasband! George, George, you unmitigated deception! I do believe you knew what they thought." Mr. Pembroke protested, on his honor,

"And do you know," continued Adele,

We were all looking at some bead-work | gayly, "I thought you and Miss Pet were which she had just finished, when a firm flirting rather audaciously, all things constep passed the window, a clear voice whis- sidered. I had half a mind to be jealous tled a few bars of "Martha," and Miss actually !" and I knew she meant it for all

> rose up in her superbly indolent way, and said she had really forgotten's very important engagement, and begged to be excused. And she quietly left the room, Ten minutes after I went upstairs after a photograph and found Lou lying in a dead swoon across the threshold of her room. She clutched two bits of paper in her hand, and when I removed them from her fingers I saw it was a card photograph torn in two +a photograph

That revealed the whole. I was fairly stunned, but I put the bits of paper in my pocket, got Lou to bed, and called the people. She was ill a long time, but no one ever suspected the truth; I never al. | are not achieved without loss. Hundreds. luded to it myself, until years after, when aye thousands of the energetic pioneers she confessed that she had not yet forgotten that evening, and never would. She never speaks of George Pembrokel and though still correspond with Adele-they are no now our next-door neighbors-I never show

LITERARY ANECDOTES.

A printer in Paris wrote a tragedy call 'Joshua," which he printed in the mo beautiful type, and gave a copy to the cele brated Bodoni, a brother printer at Parms "What do you think of my tragedy?" asked Bodoni. "Your characters are perfectextinisite-especially the capitals."

It is impossible to avoid the use of terms her, if that was what she wanted, but of art. An author, while discussing the through it all he seemed to be quite heart. corn law [question, was heard to inquire out at last, "but it was at the top of th house, and he had to open half a quire doors before he got to it." Louis XIV, was presented with an epi

taph on Moliere by an indifferent poet. would rather," said His Majesty, " that Moliere had brought me yours." Count Mazarin kept a complete collecti of all the libels written against him; amounted to forty-six quarto volumes.

Rivarol said of Buffon's son, who was very dolt, that he was the worst chapter o his father's Natural History.

Lord William Paulet was said to be author of a pamphlet called " The Snake in the Grass." A gentleman abused in it sent him a challenge. Lord William protested his innocence, but the gentleman insisted upon a denial under his band, Lord Willam took up a pen and began, "This is to sartify that the book kalled The Snak--! Oh, my lord," said the gentleman, " I am satisfied; your lordship has already con-

vinced me you did not write the book." Malherbe liaving dined with the Bishop of Rouen, who was a duli preacher, was asked by him to adjourn from the table to the church, where he was then going preach. "Pardon me," said Malherbe, but I can sleep very well where I am." The Duke of Cumberland told Dr. Price

that he had read his pamphlet on the Naional Debt with much delight, and sat up so late to finish it that it had almost blinded him. "Rather strange," said the author, that it should have such an effect on your Royal Highness, for it has opened the eyes

of everybody else." Notwithstanding the prohibition of the Koran against paintings and images, the Sultan Mahomet II, had a fancy for the arts, and ordered Gentil Bellini, a Venetian artist, to paint a picture of the beheading of John the Baptisti When the picture was finished the Saltan found fault with the epresentation of the wounded part, and to mediately drew his scimitar and struck of leaving the presence, thinking he had caught "an ugly customer," set sail far Venice the

A Persian philosopher being asked what means he had acquired so much knowledge, answered: "By not being prevented by shame from asking questions when

was ignorant." Langhorne travelled to Chichester to visit the grave of Collins, his favorite poet. The sexton having shown him the grave Langhorne became very sentimental and deeply affected. "Ah !" said the sexton "you may well grieve for Mr. Collins, for

Some person reported to the amiable noet Tasso that a malicious enemy spoke ill of him to all the world. "Let him persevere," said Tasso; "his rancor gives me no pain. How much better is it that he should speak ill of me to all the world than that all the world should speak ill of me to

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announced, a person expressed some sur prise, which was answered by one in secret: "It is the only way to sell the

breath.

THE MILLER OF DEE. There dwelt a miller, hale and bold, Beside the river Dee; e worked and sang from morn till nigh No ark more blithe than he; and his the burden of his song ever used to be:

y nobody-no, not I nobody envies me." Thou'rt wrong, my friend," said good Hing Hal. "As wrong as wrong can be; or, could my heart be light as thine, I'd gladly change with thee; and fell me now, what makes thee sing

With voice so loud and free,

While I am sad though I'm the king,

Beside the river Dee?" The miller smiled and dropped his cap,
"I earn my bread," quoth he;
I love my wife, I love my friend, I love my children three: owe no penny I cannot pay ; I thank the river Dec That turns the mill that grinds the corn That feeds my babes and me."

Good friend, said Hal, and sighed the "Farewell, and happy be; But say no more, if thou dst be true, That no one envies thee; Thy mealy cap is worth my crown Thy mill my kingdom's fee.

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"Yes," said Jones, "I've travelled all ver the world. In fact, I may say I've "Met lots of people, I suppose, that

ou've talked with ?" said Smith. 'Yes, sir; couldn't begin to count 'em.' "Lots of old people?"

There's one man you never met. Who is he?" "The old gray-headed father who is half

is smart as his son. "No," replied Jones sadly, "I never met him; he doesn't exist. I know how it is

" And so do I." said Smith. And the two shook hands warmly and went up street together.

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had brown eyes and red hair, which she a little bit of an apology for a mouth, and quickly from her work or her book, and

breaking engagements. She was seventeen, and had been six times engaged ! Lou was the prettiest among us, though ferred my hazel eyes and dark braids to her of speaking, which made people forget her beauty when they heard her speak-though

sentiment - which she was not, by any

concerned lest our new neighbors should

For the first few days of their residence

very beautiful. A sweet, graceful, womanly girl, accomplished and refined, but withou the least affectation. Her father called her

Pembroke glanced at her father, and said, she laughed. Pet laughed and blushed. Just then Lou with a smile of pleasure: "George is coming." The step came into the hall, and present ly there entered the very handsomest young

man I over saw. He was not very tall, was elegant in figure and graceful in his movement; his features were perfectly regular, and his moustache perfection. Pet was smitten at first sight. Lou conveyed this information to me by means of a nudge which I well understood. When Mr. of George Pembroke! Pembroke introduced "My son George, young ladies," Pet was quite overcome, all

"Pet will break another engagement tomorrow," whispered Lou; for Pet's present engagement was to a young student of the Lou was middle-aged and still single. Then

" University."

That last was what I told somebody who

-and how Lou never said anything hateful to him, and how eagerly she listened to his

At last I spoke of it one evening, when

"O course," said I ; " and I am perfectly "Dear me," laughed Adele, in parox vsms of mirth, " it is so funny, and yetit is

"For your brother," faltered I, while

that he hadn't had the slightest inkling of

find a present help in Him Whose grace

show that his criticism was correct he imthe head of one of his slaves. Bellini, on

ne was an lionest man and a first-rate

removed, messages taken, carpets beat, and The fifth edition of a heavy work being

Speaking of the beneficial influence cheers on a player it was remarked that they give one courage. 'Aye," said Mrs. Siddons, "but what is better-they give one

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