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A PRAYER.

BY JOHN IMBIE, TORONTO

Lowly and prostrate, Kneeling before Thee,

Craving the spirit of prayer;

Leave me not now in despair.

Hear Thou the sigh of my heart

Groping through darkness,

Pardon and peace now impart.

Gh! to be ransom'd by Thee;

Through Jesus, who died for me.

Bend Thou Thine ear to my cry;

For strength and for grace,

While running life's race-

OUR STORY.

A DESPISED ACCOM

PLISHMENT.

with his back to the fire and his coat tails

balanced in either hand. Miss Nelly Tor-

rance sat looking at him timidly from the

"So you are my Cousin Adrian's daugh-

whether the monster iron safe was full of

" And you want something to do?"

depths of a big arm-chair.

gold and silver pieces.

"Yes, please."

ter?" said he, after a long pause,

"Humpli!" said Mr. Brown.

Lead Thou me on till I die!

Saved from destruction

And power of the fall,

Humbly I ask Thee,

Jesus, my Saviour,

Wretched and lonely,

Seeking Thee only,

Father of mercies,

And God of all might,

Yet seeking the light,

Oh! to be nothing,

And Christ to be all,

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HALL.

Nelly glanced shyly up into his face, "But," she added, with some spirit, am not asking for charity. I am willing to Thanking them for past favors, I will endeavor to attend to customers promptly work for my bread!" and obligingly, and trust that they will one and all extend to us their patronage. canvas, or sew yellow sunflowers on green Tuse nothing but the best Roller Flour,

plush screens," satirically observed the old oyster. gentleman. "I don't call that work." Fresh Bread, Buns, &c., every day. "I shall be glad to undertake any sort of honest work by means of which I can Also Steam Bread, carn my own living." Cakes of all kinds,

"Humph !" again interjected Mr. Brow 'Can you cook ?" "Yes," Nelly answered.

" My cook went away this morning. haven't engaged any one in hel place. Yo may come this afternoon and see what you an do for me." Mr. Brown watched her out of the office

with a quizzical twinkle in the corner of his Biscuits and Confectionery of all kinds, Icing Sugar, Ginger Snaps, Boston Mixed "She won't come," he sand to himsel 'I've seen the last of my fine relation." And Nelly Torrance went home to a little Butter and Eggs taken in Exchange second-story room, the cheapest which the widow and her daughter could possibly find. Mrs. Adrian Torrance was dressed in black, a fair, delicate piece of human china, who had been like the lilies of the field in that she toiled not, neither did she spin, and Lucetta, the eldest daughter, was trying, unsuccessfully enough, to trim a black crape bonnet by the window. They had come up from the country at Lucetta's suggestion Ctovo Hennt to appeal, in their poverty, to this rich cousin of the dead father and husband, but

> tory results from the experiment. "These rich people are always miserly," aid Miss Lucetta. "And I've understood," said the gentle little widow, "that he was not pleased when

none of them anticipated any yery satisfac-

poor, dear Adrian married me instead of Miss Goldbags; the rich pawnbroker's daughter.'

"Well?" cried Mrs. Torrance, eagerly, as Nelly entered. "What does he say?" questioned Lucetta, dropping the fold of crape which she was vainly endeavoring to fasten into what the

ashion plate called an "oblong bow." "I have seen him," said Nelly, nutying her bonnet strings, "and I'm going to his ouse in Grandover Park this afternoon." "You don't meau," said Mrs. Torrance, with spasmodic catching of her breath,

that he is going to-adopt you ?" "Not in the least," said Nelly; "now, mamma, darling, don't jump at conclusions. I went to Cousin John. I told him I wanted something to do. He as ked me if I could cook. I was able to answer yes. Then he told me that his cook was gone and asked me if I would come to his house this afternoon and take her place."

"And you?" gasped Mrs. Torrance. "I said yes-of course." "Eleanor!" cried Lucetta "I am scandalized by your conduct! Yes, perfectly scandalized. You will do nothing of the

"Certainly not," said Mrs Torrance, developing strong hysterical symptoms. your Cousin Brown intends to insult us"-"But he doesn't intend to insult us, p eaded Nelly. "He intended the offer in all good faith, and I accepted it in the same "You surely do not mean to degrade

vourself," cried Lucetta, by turningook-for any man living. Men's Shirts and Drawers. "I don't see," argued Nelly, "that it is any more degrading to cook for Cousin John than it would be to embroider slippers for him, or read the newspaper aloud to Boys' Shirts and Drawers,

him of an evening." Children's Combination Sets

as a practical woman nowadays."

soned little figure came out of the diningroom beyond, and Nelly Torrance's voice uttered the words:

"Dinner is ready, Cousin John." The old man smiled, and Nelly wondered that she had not before noticed what a andsome man he was.

"Oh!" said he, "did you come, then?" "Oli! I always keep my engagements," said Nelly. Mr. Brown patted her hand as she helped him off with his overcoat, and he decided

to put up with any deficiencies in the cooking. But, to his infinite amazement, there was no deficiencies to overlook, He ate and relished and wondered by turns. "My dear," he said, at last, when the

dessert had been served, "all this is very nice. I'll concede that you are a tip-top housekeeper. But, of course, you ordered all this from Monerato's restaurant?" "But, of course, I didn't, Cousin Brown,"

said Nelly, decidedly. "I cooked it all "Did you prepare that trout sauce and

roil that pigeon?" "Yes, Cousin Brown." "And that giblet pie-was that yours?"

"Yes, and the giblet pie! Don't look so astonished, Cousin Brown," she said, laughing. "I may as well confess that I took a course of cooking lessons last summer. And I like it of all things, especially in a house hold like this, where one can command the very best materials."

Mr. Brown closed his eyes and made Old Mr. Brown stood in his private office hasty calculation. His life had been worried out of him," to use a mediocre expression, by capricious house-keepers inefficient cooks, and untrained servants. " My dear," he said, " I should like yo

to come here and live." "As cook, Cousin Brown?" "No-as my adopted daughter

"Yes," said Nelly, wondering what was house-keeper. I need somebody to take the n all those mysterious tin boxes, and. helm of my affairs. By George!" he added, as he remembered the flavor of the giblet pie, " I haven't eaten such a dinner in ten years."

"But my mother," Lesitated Eleanor

and my sister Lucetta?" "Let them come, too," said Mr. Brown So the Torrance family found a comfort able refuge for the soles of their feet, and "You mean that you would like to daub | Nelly's despised accomplishment proved the sword wherewith she opened the world's

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## Why Farmers Don't Succeed.

Among the many reasons why farmers do not succeed, says the Prince Edward Island Agriculturist, are the following: They are not active and industrious. They do not keep up with improveme They are wedded to old methods. They give no attention to details. They think small things not important. They take no pleasure in their work. They regard labor as a misfortune.

They are wasteful and imprudent. They let their gates sag and fall down. They will not make compost. They sell hav, grain and straw off the farm, instead of turning them into meat, cheese and butter, and increasing their sup-

ply of manure. They let their fowls roost in trees. They have no shelter for stock. They do not curry their horses. They leave their ploughs in the field.

They hang the harness in the dust. They put off greasing the waggon. They don't know that the best is cheapest. They have no method or system. They don't seek the experience of others. They read politics instead of agriculture

They see no good in a new thing. They never use paint on a farm. They have no time to do things well.

Marketing Poultry. When killed on the farm poultry shoul starved thirty-six hours before being killed. During this time they should remain pertectly quiet, and if possible, in the dark. At the end of this time, the food will all have been digested, and the bowels will be empty, or nearly so. Then, if they are hung up by the feet, bled by the mouth. and dry picked while warm, singed over an alcohol lamp flame, and laid on a table to cool, being formed rip nicely into shape, wrapped or wound with strips of muslin to keep them so while they cool; in twelve hours they may be packed, It is well to have clean oat-straw to line the boxes in which they are packed for shipment, and the boxes themselves should be light, strong and tight. Clean barrels are very good. The manner of packing depends upon the size of the box or barrel, and the character of the birds. It should be uniform and systematic, and always in distinct layers and very close. They must, of course, be thoroughly cold before they are packed .-

## American Agriculturist for December.

Butchering Upon the Farm, Every farmer should produce his own meat. It is a great mistake for him t breeders' Guide, a new and reliable work suppose that he can profitably buy any just issued. The book contains over four thing which he can produce. He should hundred pages, is printed on nice paper, not generally buy meat, or flour, butter, by no means a cheap-John affair, but a back to the old fashion, and a good one, valuable compilation of the writings of when the women of the family spent a part Youatt, Mills, Shinner and Clater, and is of their time in spinning wool or linen for Every farmer should be an expert butches

causes; symptoms and treatment are given in the West and South, good meat is a rear some stock, do not know how to slaughter and dress it. A farmer could often take home with him fifty dollars in cash, after an occasional visit to the village with a lot of good, well butchered meat, when he would otherwise sell the living animal at half the price .- American Agri-

### culturist for December.

A Very old Joke Revived. The Dublin Mail recently published the following communication from a correspondent: "I enclose a copy of an inscription in mediæval Latin from a stone disovered during the excavations now proceeding at Cork Hill, near which stood a church dedicated to a saint and missionar than one hundred bound books which are known to the chronicles by the name given away. Address Rural Home Co., Uncatus Ambulans. The inscription is as

> "I SABILLI-HŒRES' AGO FORTIBUS ES IN. ARO

NOSCES 'MARI THEBE TRUX 'Notis' innem . . . PES 'ANDUX.'" Upon this the Freeman's Journal observes that though not versed in antiquarian lore, it offers a translation which may suit all

purposes. Here it is: "I say, Billy, here's a go, Forty' busses in a row. No, says Mary, they be trucks. What is in 'em? Peas and Ducks.'

Seasonable Duties of Farmers. Those who have families of children should interest themselves in the district school, and see that it is well taught and sustained. No farmer who is a parent can afford to neglect his auty in this matter, and should manifest a lively interest in the school where his own and neighbors' children receive their rudingentary, if not principal education. Able school trustees and commissioners, with capable and efficient teachers, are important requisites, and it is the incumbent duty of every parent to aid in securing these desirable auxiliaries to public and home education. To this end, attend the school meeting, vote for the best men for school trustees, and aid in making liberal provision for a first-class' school in your district.

#### "China, Delf and Crockery."

A lady proud of her rank and title was the system, renovate the debilitated one day descanting on the superiority of strengthen the stomach, increase the apscheme for preventing profanity on the part | nobility over the rest of mankind to a | petite, invigorate the nerves, and reinstate of persons using telephones, whose feelings large company of visitors. Said she, "I, the weak to an ardour of feeling never beare shaken up by delay in receiving replies. | think we may very well compare the three fore experienced. The sale of these Pills strument, in order that the subscribers may | monality, to the three kinds of tea-drinking | convincing the most sceptical that there is man, "to bring the lattle dear." The fel- who suffer from any disorder, internal or cided that the action of the company was heard by all the company, "Crockery! restored to health after other remedies had bring down little china!"

#### THE RICH MAN'S LAMENT want no ease, I want no wealth.

I want not dignity nor health;
I want not children, want not wife,
Want not the valued things of life.
Whate'er 1 crave I straight have plenty!
Of viands rare, enough for twenty!
Of fish, flesh, fowl, the best are mine;
In drink, the rarest lot of wine Yet, I've a want, a great one, quite, I want - an extra appetite.

#### 'Madman's" Legacy.

"Sire!" exclaimed a man in the homely garb of a mechanic to Richelieu, Prime Minister of France, as he was entering his palace; "Sire, I have made a discovery which shall make rich and great the na-"tion which shall develop it. Sire, will

"you give me an audience?" Richelien, constantly importuned, finally ordered the "madman" imprisoned. Even in jail he did not desist from declaring his "delusion," which one day attracted the attention of a British nobleman, who heard De Cause's story and developed his dis-

covery of steam power! All great discoveries are at first derided. Seven years ago a man yet under mildle age, enriched by a business which covered the continent, found himself suddenly stricken down. When his physicians said recovery was impossible, he used a new discovery, which, like all advances in science, had been opposed bitter y by the the. schoolmen. Nevertheless, it cured him, and out of gratitude therefor he consecrated a part of his wealth to the spreading of its merits before the world. Such in brief is the history of Warner's safe cure, which has won, according to the testimony of eminent persons, the most deserved reputation ever accorded to any known compound. and which is finally winning on its merits alone the approval of the most conservative practitioners. Its fame now belts the globe .- The Herald.

Value of Observation. The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher tells us hat he never saw anybody do anything without watching to see how it was done. as there was no knowing but that some time he might have to do it himself. This habit of observation once served him in

I was going (he says) across a prairie when my horse began to limp. Luckily I came across a blacksmith's shop, but the smith was not at home. I asked the woman of the house if she would allow me to start a fire and make the shoe. She said I might if I knew how. So I started the fire and heated the shoe red-hot, and turned it to fit my horse's foot, and pared the hoofs, and turned the points of the hails out cunningly, as I had seen the blacks mith do, so that, in driving into the hoof, they should not get into the quick, and I shod the horse. At the next place I reached I' went straight to a smith and told him to put the shoe on properly. He looked at the horse's foot and paid me the greatest compliment I ever received in my life. He told me if I put on that shoe I had better follow blacksmithing all my life. Now I never should have known how to do that

## if I had not looked on and seen others do it.

Mistletoe for Kissing Purposes. No English lady considers her home lecorations for Christmas complete, until little sprig of mistletoe, no matter how small, is hung over one of the doors on the inside of the house. Upon this day, if gentleman discovers a lady standing under

the mistletoe, he has a right to kiss her. If this ancient and honored custom becomes as popular in America as it has been for centuries in Europe, it will be largely due to the Emporia (Fla.) Gazette, which, by the way, is published in Volusia County, Florida, which is famous for its summery winters and orange groves; for this journal has prepared; packages of mistletoe (a parasite and a native of Florida) which it will send to any address upon receipt of five 2 cent stamps to cover postage, &c. The Gazette has published a "Florida Catechism," that gives full and accurate information upon all subjects of interest to tourists or settlers, which it will mail, to any applicant, with a sample copy of its

#### paper, upon receipt of two 2 cent stamps. A Bimanous Artist.

Among the many anecdotes of Sir Edwin Landseer contained in a biography, is one about the famous artist's amazing mastery of hand. At a large party in London the conversation turned on dexterity and facility in feats of skill with the hand. A lady remarked-" Well, there's one thing nobody has ever done, and that is to draw two things at once." "Olf, I can do that," said Landseer. "Lend me two pencils and I will show you!" The pencils were given him, a piece of paper laid on the table, and Sir Edwin drew, simultaneously and without hesitation, with one hand; the profile of a stag's head and all its antlers complete, and with the other hand the perfect profile of a horse's head. Both drawings were said to be full of life and energy, and the drawing of the left hand not inferior to the one made with the right.

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